



SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN

DELTA CONSERVANCY

A California State Agency

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

July 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Remote Access Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions**
3. **Public Comment** (New Business)
4. **Board Elections** (Action Item)
5. **Consent Calendar** (Action Item)
 - Approval of May 26, 2021 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items (Attachment)
6. **Executive Officer's Report**, Campbell Ingram
 - Program Update (Attachment)
 - Nutria Eradication Program Update (Attachment)
 - Budget and Expenditure Report (Attachment)
7. **Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update**, Aaron Haiman (Attachment)
8. **Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Update**, Robyn Krock (Attachment)
9. **Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design**, Robyn Krock (Attachment) (Action Item)
10. **San Francisco Estuary Partnership, Estuary Blueprint Update Overview**, Darcie Luce (Attachment)
11. **Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan Development for 2022-2027**, Debra Kustic (Attachment)
12. **Delta Stewardship Council Update**, Amanda Bohl
13. **Delta Protection Commission Update**, Erik Vink
14. **Delta Conveyance Update**, Carrie Buckman

15. **EcoRestore Update**, Charlotte Biggs

16. **Potential Agenda Items for the October 27, 2021 Board Meeting**, Campbell Ingram (Attachment)

17. **Public Comment**

18. **ADJOURN**

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<http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/delta-conservancy-board>.
- Attachments and additional information are on the Delta Conservancy's website at:
<http://www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov>.
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- Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes but may be more or less at the discretion of the Board Chair.
- The Board may consider the agenda items listed above in a different order at the Delta Conservancy Board meeting, pursuant to the determination of the Board Chair. All items appearing on this agenda, whether or not listed expressly for action, may be deliberated upon and subject to action at the discretion of the Delta Conservancy Board.

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May 26, 2021 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order on Zoom at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Karen Mitchoff.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions

Roll call was taken and agenda items were heard by the Board in the order indicated below.

Board Members Present:

- Karen Mitchoff
- Leo Winternitz
- Katherine Miller
- Mitch Mashburn
- Don Nottoli
- Bryan Cash
- Sally Lukenbill
- Dolly Sandoval
- Sandi Matsumoto

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Timothy Grayson

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Jim Waters
- Natasha Nelson
- Steve Chappell
- Moira McEnespy
- Nicole Rinke

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Board Member Mashburn moved, seconded by Board Member Sandoval, that the Board approve the following:

- March 24, 2021 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with six (6) yes and three (3) abstain votes.

Agenda Item 8 – Consideration of the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Final Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines

Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Draft Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines (Guidelines) were approved at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy January 27, 2021 Board meeting and posted to the website for a 30-day comment period. After this period, the Guidelines were finalized. If approved by the Board, staff will open the Proposition 1 Cycle 5 solicitation no later than August 1, 2021.

Motion: Board Member Mashburn moved, seconded by Board Member Nottoli, to approve the Proposition 1 Delta Conservancy Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items within the written report. Staff presented the current Budget and Expenditure Report.

Agenda Item 6 – Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update

Staff reported that ten (10) grant agreements have been executed for Cycle 4, and that Cycle 5 is scheduled to open by August 1, 2021.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Update

Staff reported that the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Grant Program Update format now includes approved projects. A grant agreement is being developed for the Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park Upgrade.

Agenda Item 9 – Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee

Staff delivered a slide presentation overview of the Conservancy’s JEDI efforts. Staff training was initiated in June of 2020 with Conservancy-wide implicit bias training, and continues with learning sessions and optional brown bag lunches. Staff plan to continue collaboration with the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) and the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) and develop JEDI principles.

Agenda Item 10 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Amanda Bohl, Special Assistant for Planning and Science at the Council, presented an update.

Agenda Item 11 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Natasha Nelson, Assistant Executive Director at the Commission, presented an update.

Agenda Item 13 – EcoRestore Update

Charlotte Biggs, Program Manager II at the California Department of Water Resources, presented an update.

Agenda Item 14 – Potential Agenda Items for the July 28, 2021 Meeting

- Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant(s)
- Delta Conservancy 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, Presentation of Initial Draft
- Board Elections

Agenda Item 12 – Delta Conveyance Update

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager at the Department of Water Resources, presented an update and introduced Genevieve Taylor, Executive Director of Ag Innovations. Ms. Taylor provided results of the “Your Delta Your Voice Environmental Justice Community Survey.”

Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment

None

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Provide a link on the Conservancy website for the “Your Delta Your Voice Environmental Justice Community Survey.”
- Provide a link on the Conservancy website for the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee PowerPoint presentation from Agenda Item 9. Continue to report on the integration of JEDI work with the Delta community.
- Plan a future Conservancy Board meeting at a project location.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Mitchoff at 10:27 a.m.

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**Executive Officer's Report
July 28, 2021**

PROGRAM UPDATE

STAFFING UPDATE

Sadly, we must say goodbye to three staff members this summer. Aleesah Herup was with the Conservancy for 3 years on our Administration team, serving as Contracts Analyst, Communications Analyst, and Chief Information Officer. Aleesah has accepted a Community Development Director position at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada, and will be relocating to Reno, Nevada. Her last day with the Conservancy was July 23. Dylan Moore has been with the Conservancy for two years working on the Proposition 68 program and most, recently, has been the co-chair of our Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. She has been accepted to the UC Davis, Community Development Graduate Program; her last day with the Conservancy will be August 16. Aaron Haiman has been with the Conservancy for five years and serves as the Conservancy's lead for the Proposition 1 program. Aaron has accepted a promotion to a Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) position with the Wildlife Conservation Board. His last day with the Conservancy was July 22. All three of these individuals have made contributions to the Delta and the Conservancy that are too numerous to list; they will all be missed, and we wish them the best in their new endeavors. Staff are actively working to backfill the vacant positions as soon as possible.

COVID-19 UPDATE

All Conservancy staff continue to work from home; however, planning is in process for a phased approach to resuming in-office operations. As state-level direction is issued and local health directives evolve, the Conservancy will adapt accordingly. Staff did an excellent job adapting to exclusively teleworking; once work in the office resumes, teleworking will remain an option in the Conservancy's operational model.

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (JEDI)

The Conservancy's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee continues to facilitate collaborative learning discussions for all Conservancy staff. Recent topics include disability accessibility, gender identity, and inclusive language. Conservancy staff continue to engage other state agencies in discussions about best practices and JEDI outreach.

DELTA CONSERVANCY STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Conservancy staff continue to develop the 2022 to 2027 Strategic Plan. Staff have held several work sessions to provide input on core principles, goals, objectives, and metrics and will present an initial draft of those for Board feedback as agenda item 11. Staff will incorporate feedback and develop for Board consideration at the October 2021 meeting a Strategic Plan draft for public comment. Staff will consider all comments and present a final draft for Board consideration in January 2022.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROGRAM

Nutria Eradication:

Please see the most recent update from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) included in this agenda item (Attachment 2).

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Delta Marketing:

Conservancy staff is working with Delta Protection Commission (Commission) staff to host a free Delta Marketing Workshop Series for small business owners in the Delta. The workshops have been once monthly from April through July, and each workshop has focused on a different marketing activity. The final workshop will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on July 29, and will focus on various marketing topics, including business chambers, guerilla marketing, email campaigns, listing directories, search engines, and more. To register for this workshop, visit <http://delta.ca.gov/calendar/marketing-workshop-4/>. Each workshop has been recorded and the recordings are available on the Commission's website.

DELTA SCIENCE

Fish Friendly Farming:

The Conservancy, supported by funding from the California State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB), has contracted the California Land Stewardship Institute (CLSI) to implement the Fish Friendly Farming (FFF) Program. The FFF Program works with farmers to improve Delta water quality by developing best management practices and identifying needed farm infrastructure updates. The SWRCB approved the FFF Program as an alternative compliance pathway for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, which is an added benefit for farmers who participate in the program. The CLSI has been working with the five Delta counties' Farm Bureaus to set up many small in person meetings after the harvest has finished and COVID-19 vaccinations are widespread; they are currently targeting late July or early August as a start date for these smaller meetings.

Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory:

The Conservancy, supported by funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has contracted the Aquatic Science Center (ASC) to develop a Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory (DARI). The DARI project is developing a comprehensive resource inventory specifically formulated with the Delta's unique ecology in mind. This summer, ASC will host virtual workshops to solicit stakeholder feedback on the dataset from the working group and begin incorporating feedback into a finalized dataset that will be integrated into the EcoAtlas online interface.

Conservancy Funding for Special Projects:

In February 2021, staff worked in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, UC Merced, the San Francisco Estuary Institute, and Point Blue Conservation Science to submit an ambitious proposal, titled Building a sustainable, nature-friendly, carbon-neutral agricultural landscape in the Bay Delta, to the Delta Stewardship Council's (Council) 2021 Delta Science funding call. In June, the Council sent notice that the proposal was not awarded funding.

On July 6, 2021, Conservancy staff and collaborators from the Aquatic Science Center-San Francisco Estuary Institute (ASC-SFEI) responded to the request for applications to EPA Wetland Program Development Grants. The proposal is titled California Wetland Program Plan, Wetland Monitoring

Workgroup Strategic Plan, and Strategic Capacity Development for the Regional Approach to Wetland Protection. If funded, the project would update California's Wetland Program Plan, a key strategic document used to direct EPA funding in the state. This work would be accomplished with technical support from the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup of the California Water Quality Monitoring Council. The project would also support the updated Wetland Program Plan by establishing a baseline reference for the condition of tidal wetland ecosystems in the Delta region. Without this baseline reference, the net effects of tidal wetland and protection policies and restoration programs will be difficult to assess. This proposed project will leverage the EPA-funded development of the DARI basemap to conduct an ambient survey of tidal wetlands in the Delta using the California Rapid Assessment Method. The total budget for this work is \$643,428.00, with \$482,571.00 coming from the federal government and a 25% match from SFEI-ASC (\$130,8570), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (\$4,000), and the Delta Conservancy (\$26,000 in-kind staff hours). This project budget exceeds the Executive Officers delegated authority and will need action by the Board to accept the funds, should they be awarded.

Delta Science Coordination:

Conservancy staff continue to work collaboratively with the broader Delta science community to advance ecological restoration, invasive species management, and regional science coordination in the Delta and Suisun Marsh.

Conservancy staff also continue to coordinate with colleagues at the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) regarding regional restoration planning and a role for public participation in the restoration planning process. The draft Delta Plan Chapter 4 Ecosystem Amendment will include a recommendation to create a restoration sub-committee of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC). Council and Conservancy staff have been hosting listening sessions with other DPIIC agencies to understand the role the restoration sub-committee could play in regional restoration planning and facilitating meaningful outreach to the Delta community.

Staff continue to facilitate the Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team. The most recent DIISC Team quarterly meeting took place on June 15, 2021. The meeting brought together eight organizations working to manage invasive species in the Delta and Suisun Marsh. In addition to quarterly round robin, where representatives from the different organizations in attendance report on their recent invasive species related activities, the DIISC Team hosted Dr. Karen McDowell from the San Francisco Estuary Partnership. The Estuary Blueprint (or Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan) is currently being updated, and Dr. McDowell discussed the invasive species relevant portions and asked the group for feedback. The Estuary Blueprint update will be further discussed in agenda item 10.

A group of DIISC Team members has begun meeting to plan the 2021 Delta Invasive Species Symposium (Symposium). The planning team includes members from the Conservancy, the Delta Stewardship Council, the Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the NASA Ames Research Center. The Symposium is a nexus for Delta managers, researchers, and decision-makers to meet; share and synthesize information; and communicate best practices and lessons learned. The one-day event will take place in late 2021 and will focus on Early Detection and Rapid Response to new invasions in the Delta.

Conservancy staff have been participating in the development of the 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda (SAA) update. The SAA lays out the high-level science goals and actions over a five-year period. As part of this update process, the Council recently released a list of six draft management needs to be addressed by the 2022-2026 SAA update. This short list is a distillation of a collaborative process Conservancy Staff have been participating in during the last year. On July 13-14 a Science Actions workshop sought to identify the scientific investigations needed to support solutions to these key applied needs. Conservancy staff participated in the workshop and provided input on proposed science actions through a pre-workshop survey and participation in breakout group discussions.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- 1) Board members requested staff provide a link on the Conservancy website for the “Your Delta Your Voice Environmental Justice Community Survey”.
 - Information and a link to the survey are posted on the Conservancy’s home page.
- 2) Board members requested staff provide a link on the Conservancy website for the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee May 26 power point presentation, and that staff continue to report on the integration of JEDI work with the Delta Community.
 - A link to the presentation is posted on the Conservancy website library page.
- 3) Board members requested staff plan a future Conservancy Board meeting at a project location.
 - Staff is eager to take the Board members out to visit projects sites as soon as it is safe to do so. We will explore the potential to hold the October Board meeting in person and off site.

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Agenda Item 6 (3): Budget and Expenditure Report

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife
June 15, 2021

Nutria Eradication Program Update

Field Update

Since March 2018, the nutria eradication efforts in California have:

- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 1 million acres
- Executed entry permits with 4,000 landowners
- Set up 4,133 camera stations (956 currently active)
 - Conducted 33,782 camera checks
- Confirmed nutria within over 450 sites
- Deployed 5,532 trap sets for a total of 72,669 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 2,547 nutria (since March 2017)
 - Merced County - 1,634
 - Stanislaus County - 786
 - San Joaquin County - 109
 - Mariposa County - 12
 - Fresno County - 5
 - Madera County - 1 (San Joaquin River; Fresno County line)

Of 2,547 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.12 sex ratio (male to female)
- Of the females captured
 - 21 percent of juvenile (2-6 months) females have been pregnant
 - 60 percent of subadult (6-14 months) females have been pregnant
 - 65% of adult (over 14 months of age) females have been pregnant
- 2,765 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- Litter size ranged from 1-13, with an average of 5.8
 - Average litter size for adult females (over 14 months) in California is 6.4

**SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY
BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT
July 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021**

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Personal Services (PS)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
1	Salaries & Wages	\$1,078,307	\$938,287	\$140,020	87%
2	Temporary Help	\$66,265	\$58,179	\$8,086	88%
3	Benefits	\$614,713	\$557,538	\$57,175	91%
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,759,285	\$1,554,004	\$205,281	88%

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Operating Expenditures and Equipment (OE & E)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
5	General Expense	\$8,615	\$5,655	\$2,960	66%
6	Printing	\$4,126	\$3,094	\$1,032	75%
7	Communications	\$4,000	\$3,432	\$568	86%
8	Postage	\$252	\$0	\$252	0%
9	Travel-In State	\$1,469	\$179	\$1,290	12%
10	Training	\$5,925	\$2,940	\$2,985	50%
11	Facilities Operation	\$120,629	\$98,870	\$21,759	82%
12	Contracts & Personal Services-External	\$65,790	\$9,945	\$55,845	15%
13	Contracts & Personal Services-Interdepartmental	\$170,177	\$61,570	\$108,607	36%
14	Information Technology	\$53,675	\$864	\$52,811	2%
15	Central Administrative Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
16	Non Capital Asset Purchases	\$10,541	\$0	\$10,541	0%
17	Unallocated Operating Expense & Equipment	\$288,831	\$0	\$288,831	0%
18	Grants and Subventions	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
19	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES & EQUIPMENT	\$734,030	\$186,549	\$547,481	25%

Line Number	TOTALS	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
20	TOTAL PS & OE & E	\$2,493,315	\$1,740,553	\$752,762	70%
21	REIMBURSEMENT	(\$23,525)	(\$13,065)	(\$10,460)	56%
22	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,469,790	\$1,727,488	\$742,302	70%

Unallocated Operating Expense and Equipment:
General Fund \$1,000; Prop 1 \$262,148; Prop 68 \$25,683



**Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update
Staff Report**

APPROVED PROJECT UPDATE

To date, the Conservancy has approved a total of 29 projects, committing approximately \$39.3 million for Proposition 1 grants. A brief overview of each grant cycle, including the status of each funded project for which there is a pending, active, or closed grant agreement, is provided herein.

Cycle 5 – Fiscal Year 2021-2022

The Board approved the final Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines on May 26, 2021 and on July 1, 2021, the Conservancy opened the Cycle 5 solicitation with approximately \$3.05 million available for grants. The concept proposal submission deadline is August 31, 2021.

Cycle 4 – Fiscal Year 2018-2019

The Board awarded approximately \$14.9 million for ten projects (eight planning and two implementation). Nine grant agreements have been executed; Conservancy staff is working with the one remaining Grantee to execute the final grant agreement.

Project Name	Mello/Jensen Heirs Sandhill Crane Preserve Project (Implementation)
Amount Awarded	\$2,273,469
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1801
Grantee	Agricultural-Natural Resources Trust
Overview	Acquire a conservation easement on 275 acres of farmland to ensure that it remains as wildlife friendly agriculture
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/29/2020
New Information	Legal surveys are being conducted and documents are being developed.

Project Name	Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Study (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$387,440
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1803
Grantee	Department of Water Resources
Overview	Test methods for controlling invasive species in future restoration at the Blacklock restoration site
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/17/2020
New Information	A third, and final, chemical treatment will occur this summer.

Project Name	Delta Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$347,481
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1804
Grantee	Solano Resource Conservation District
Overview	Planning for restoration and enhancement of waterways and edge habitats on working lands in Solano County
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/19/2019
New Information	Planning is moving forward.

Project Name	Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Project, Phase 2 (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$265,254
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1806
Grantee	San Joaquin Resource Conservation District
Overview	Outreach and planning to advance the Paradise Cut Flood Bypass in San Joaquin County
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 9/23/2020
New Information	Grantee is continuing design planning and stakeholder outreach.

Project Name	Elk Slough Fish Passage and Flood Improvement (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$984,695
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1807
Grantee	Reclamation District 999
Overview	Planning for habitat and flood control enhancements along Elk Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/10/2020
New Information	Grantee has submitted, and Conservancy staff is reviewing, the draft technical report for phase one of the project.

Project Name	Lower San Joaquin Riparian Corridor (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$522,027
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1808
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along the lower San Joaquin River
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 5/3/2021
New Information	Grantee is executing subcontractor contracts and initiating team meetings.

Project Name	Marsh Creek Channel Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$519,494
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1809
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Planning for Marsh Creek floodplain and riparian habitat restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Pending
New Information	Grantee is confirming landowner support prior to signing the grant agreement.

Project Name	Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona Project (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$750,931
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1810
Grantee	Banta-Carbona Irrigation District
Overview	Planning for 30 acres of seasonally-inundated floodplain restoration
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/10/2020
New Information	Hydrodynamic modeling is underway.

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project, Phase 2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$8,483,080
County	Multiple
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1813
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Overview	Surveys for and removal of invasive species to minimize or avoid impacts to wetland habitats and water quality
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/8/2020
New Information	Grantee is continuing to use a new satellite collar prototype in the Judas Nutria project that seems to be more effective than prior model collar designs.

Project Name	Oakley Creekside Park Restoration (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$436,465
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1814
Grantee	City of Oakley
Overview	Planning for restoration of floodplain and riparian habitat along Marsh Creek
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 12/11/2020
New Information	Grantee is preparing their annual bioassessment and habitat data and is holding monthly team meetings.

Cycle 3 – Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Board awarded approximately \$16.0 million for eight projects (four planning and four implementation). To date, one grant has closed.

Project Name	Bay Point Habitat Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,100,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1701
Grantee	East Bay Regional Park District
Overview	Restore 44 acres of wetland and grassland and 5,595 linear feet of saline emergent marsh channel at Bay Point Regional Shoreline Park
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/10/2019
New Information	Project is complete. The Grantee plans to submit the final report and invoice in August 2021.

Project Name	Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving aquatic habitat resiliency on working lands along the Sacramento River (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$647,701
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1702
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Develop restoration design plans for seven different project sites at River Garden Farms to restore ecosystem function in floodplain, wetland, and riparian habitats and provide habitat connectivity on a working farm
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/22/2019
New Information	Current landowner plans to sell the property where this project is located. Grantee is working with the current landowner and will work with the buyer, once known, to determine whether restoration planning and current conservation activities will continue. Other planning work has been paused.

Project Name	Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$1,225,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1709
Grantee	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Overview	Advance planning for restoring wetlands and managing and treating storm water on public land in Knightsen
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 3/20/2019
New Information	Grantee has contracted with facilitation consultant who, rather than Conservancy staff, will provide project updates to the Knightsen Town Community Services District. The consultant has completed the first round of stakeholder interviews.

Project Name	Grizzly Slough Floodplain Restoration Project at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$8,700,800
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1710
Grantee	Department of Water Resources
Overview	Restore wetland and riparian habitat to the 334-acre site by breaching the levee and reintroducing tidal and seasonal flooding, and by establishing native vegetation
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/30/2020
New Information	Grantee is securing final permits and subcontractors.

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #2 (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$990,543
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1711
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Add one acre of habitat to the current Three Creeks Parkway Restoration project, thereby enhancing the ecological benefits of that project, while satisfying flood conveyance needs to protect the local area and allowing the larger project to move forward.
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 7/26/2019
New Information	Construction and vegetation installation are complete. Vegetation monitoring is ongoing.

Project Name	Stone Lakes Restoration Project (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$635,573
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1713
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Overview	Planning to restore approximately 257 acres of seasonal wetland and 39 acres of riparian seasonal wetland, and enhance 20 acres of existing low-quality wetland on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 4/2/2019
New Information	Grantee is working with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to complete Tribal Cultural Resources consultations. Once complete, Sacramento County will complete the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

Project Name	Nutria Eradication Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$1,125,577
County	Multiple
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1718
Grantee	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Overview	Eliminate nutria from all known and discovered locations in California to prevent nutria from causing significant ecological damage in the Delta
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/14/2019
New Information	The current total number of nutria taken is approximately 2,100. Project team is continuing first season of eradication at full staff capacity.

Cycle 2 – Fiscal Year 2016-2017

The Board awarded approximately \$4.4 million for four projects (one planning and three implementation). To date, two grants have closed.

Project Name	Dutch Slough Revegetation (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,900,000
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1602
Grantee	Reclamation District 2137
Overview	Establish and maintain 468 acres of native tidal marsh, riparian, and grassland vegetation at the Dutch Slough restoration site
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 8/29/2019
New Information	Grantee is conducting ongoing monitoring and maintenance of vegetation and plans to breach the levee by the end of 2021. Drone footage of the project can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQl-XeBuSxocx0AJMavwTmw/videos .

Project Name	Petersen Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$444,464
County	Solano
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1605
Grantee	Solano Resource Conservation District
Overview	Restore 13.5 acres of riparian habitat and improve water quality through improved cattle management practices on approximately 525 acres of active farmland along Lindsey Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 9/1/2017
New Information	Vegetation monitoring is ongoing, and recognition sign is being placed near the ranch entrance.

Project Name	Investigations of restoration techniques that limit invasion of tidal wetlands (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$104,452
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1612
Grantee	The Regents of the University of California (UC Davis)
Overview	Identify improved methods for tidal wetland revegetation that reduce invasion by non-native plants at Dutch Slough
Grant Agreement Status	Funding Term ended 6/30/2021
New Information	Project is complete. The final report and invoice are due by 8/30/21.

Cycle 1 – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The Board awarded approximately \$3.9 million to seven projects (four planning and three implementation). To date, four grants have closed.

Project Name	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$2,026,814
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-003
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Overview	Implement habitat and working landscape enhancements in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/18/2019
New Information	Working with the California Conservation Corps to complete final construction elements.

Project Name	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$836,409
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-009
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Convert denuded flood control channel at the confluence of Marsh, Sand, and Deer Creeks into a healthy stream corridor
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 6/27/2017
New Information	Construction and vegetation installation are complete. Vegetation monitoring is ongoing.

Project Name	Wildlife Corridors for Flood Escape on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Project (Implementation)
Agreement Amount	\$836,234
County	CountyYolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-016
Grantee	Yolo Resource Conservation District
Overview	Restore up to 5 miles (22 acres) of floodway-compatible wildlife and pollinator habitat, providing a transit corridor for wildlife during floods
Grant Agreement Status	Active as of 1/24/2017
New Information	Irrigation is being planned for the final summer of the project.

CLOSED PROJECTS

To date, a total of six projects funded by Proposition 1 have fully closed (five planning, one implementation).

Project Name	Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$89,448 (\$2 unspent)
County	All Delta Counties
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-005
Grantee	California Land Stewardship Institute
Overview	Develop a program to work with farmers to improve water quality, that is specific to the crops and water quality concerns in Delta counties
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 7/31/2020
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Sherman Island Restoration Project, Phase III (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$93,599 (\$6,367 unspent)
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-008
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Overview	Develop plans and permits to restore up to 1,600 acres of wetlands on Sherman Island to provide habitat, reverse subsidence, and sequester carbon
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 12/31/2018
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. Design plans are still current. Waiting for Phase II to be completed.

Project Name	Paradise Cut Conservation and Flood Management Plan (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$99,924 (\$217 unspent)
County	San Joaquin
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-012
Grantee	San Joaquin Resource Conservation District
Overview	Advance plans for a new flood bypass that will reduce flood risk, improve habitat, and maintain agricultural land along the San Joaquin River south of Paradise Cut
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 6/30/2019
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Lower Marsh and Sand Creek Watershed Restoration Planning Project (Planning)
Amount Spent	\$73,493 (\$2,391 unspent)
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-Y1-2015-019
Grantee	American Rivers
Overview	Create a Programmatic CEQA document for future restoration activities conducted by Grantee and their partners in the Marsh Creek and Sand Creek watersheds
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 12/31/2019
Post-Close Information	Closed; a final report is available for review. The Programmatic Mitigated Negative Declaration, developed as part of this project, is being used during the planning of the Prop 1-1809 and Prop 1-1814 grants.

Project Name	Restoration of Priority Wetlands for Endangered Species at the Cosumnes River Preserve (Implementation)
Amount Spent	\$942,631 (\$145,798 unspent)
County	Sacramento
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1608
Grantee	Sacramento County Regional Parks
Overview	Restore 110 acres of freshwater wetlands to benefit listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 12/31/2020
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

Project Name	Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning)
Agreement Amount	\$592,500 (\$886.63 unspent)
County	Yolo
Conservancy ID	Prop 1-1712
Grantee	City of West Sacramento
Overview	Develop a detailed habitat restoration plan to restore disturbed riparian habitat, control non-native species, improve pond water quality, and improve the ability of the Bees Lakes area to support listed species
Grant Agreement Status	Closed as of 2/28/2021
New Information	Closed; a final report is available for review.

BACKGROUND

The Conservancy's Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program has \$50 million to support multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The Grant Program is a two-step process, requiring both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous scoring and evaluation process by both staff and a professional review panel, and are recommended for funding based upon score and funding availability.

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**Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Update
Staff Report**

PROGRAM UPDATE

The Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program is designed to promote a robust Delta economy, support the vitality of Delta communities, and allow staff to provide guidance to project proponents as they develop proposals to meet these goals. As of June 30, 2021, there is one approved project, ten working proposals, and one inactive proposal. The total amount of funding currently requested or awarded through this program is \$8,519,101.

APPROVED PROJECTS (TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$172,155)

Project Name	Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park Upgrade (Planning)
Amount Awarded	\$172,155
County	Contra Costa
Conservancy ID	P6804
Grantee	City of Pittsburg
Overview	Create planning documents for preparation of recreational and safety enhancements to the Boat Launch Facility & Central Harbor Park
DAC/SDAC	Serves an SDAC
Grant Agreement Status	Grant Agreement development is in progress.

Note: In the following tables, the DAC/SDAC column indicates whether the project serves a disadvantaged community (DAC) or a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC), as confirmed by Conservancy staff.

WORKING PROPOSALS (TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$8,346,946)

ID #	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC/SDAC	Proposal Status
P6813	Clarksburg Schoolhouse Restoration and Delta Welcome Center	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse	Implement	\$1,707,221	Yolo	Neither	In development
P6812	Stockton Waterways	Port of Stockton	Planning	\$900,000	San Joaquin	SDAC	In development
P6811	Asian American Heritage Park Development	Delta Educational Cultural Center	Implement	\$527,023	Sacramento	SDAC	In revision

ID #	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC/SDAC	Proposal Status
P6810	Bees Lake Public Access	City of West Sacramento	Implement	\$845,402	Yolo	Neither	Under review
P6809	Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh	Pacific Flyway Fund	Implement	\$1,446,632	Solano	DAC	Under review
P6808	Victory Highway Sign	Sacramento County	Planning	\$350,000	Sacramento	SDAC	In development
P6806	Discover the Delta Foundation Education Center Development	Discover the Delta Foundation	Implement	\$1,899,000	Sacramento	SDAC	In revision
P6805	Bing Kong Tong Building Museum Conversion	Isleton Museum	Implement	\$55,000	Sacramento	SDAC	Under review
P6803	Southport Levee Recreational Trail	City of West Sacramento	Planning	\$341,668	Yolo	Neither	Before the Board
P6802	Land Acquisition for the Clarksburg Schoolhouse & Delta Welcome Center	Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse	Implement (Acquisition)	\$275,000	Yolo	Neither	Under review

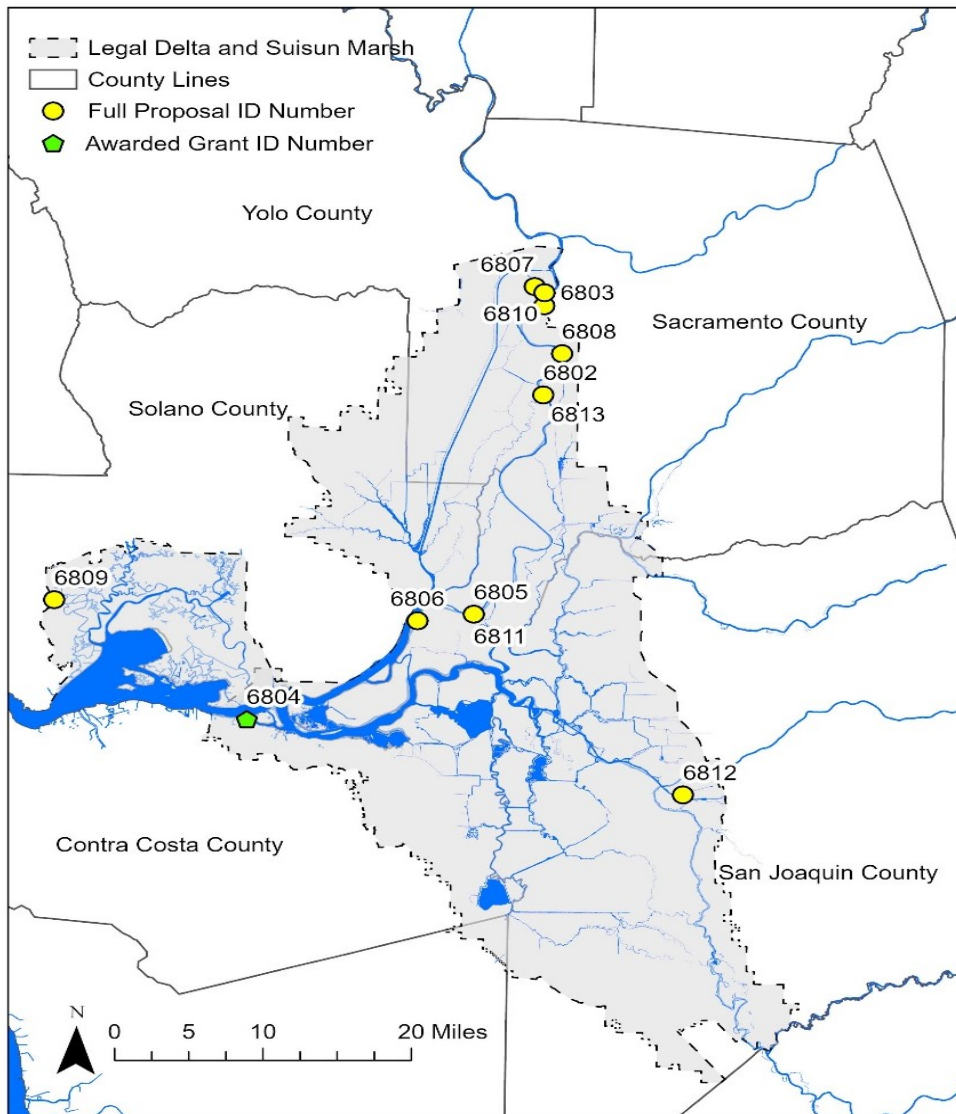
INACTIVE PROPOSALS

ID #	Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Requested	County	DAC / SDAC	Status
P6807	Clarksburg Branch Line Trail	City of West Sacramento	Planning	\$250,000	Yolo	Neither	On hold per applicant request

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 45) that was passed by California voters on June 5, 2018. Proposition 68 makes \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy to use for the purposes specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy is using the Proposition 68 allocation to fund projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program that support community and economic development in the Delta in a manner that is complementary to ecosystem restoration and other Conservancy programs. The grant program began accepting concept proposals on January 6, 2020.

PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATIONS



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Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design Staff Recommendation

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to award Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program funding for the Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design project.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	City of West Sacramento
Project Number	P6803
Project Type	Planning
County	Yolo
Funding Request	\$341,668
Total Project Cost	\$391,668
Funding Recommendation	\$341,668

RECOMMENDATION

Conservancy staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$341,668 in grant funding for the Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design project (P6803) proposed by the City of West Sacramento. Conservancy staff prepared the text below based on staff’s best understanding of the information provided in the application and meetings with staff of the City of West Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department. Staff followed the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board December 2019, in working with the applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed project, Southport Levee Recreation Trail (SLRT) Planning and Design, will create 90 Percent Design Plans, and complete all environmental and permitting required for the construction of 5.6 miles of a paved, ADA-compliant bicycle and pedestrian trail on the crown of the Southport Setback Levee, which was recently constructed as part of flood mitigation in the Sacramento Valley. The levee path will start in urban downtown West Sacramento and head south through developed residential neighborhoods, agricultural areas, and wildlife habitat. In addition to planning for the trail and educational signage, the SLRT Planning and Design project will consider and plan for amenities such as trailheads, shade, and seating to encourage public access and increase recreational opportunities. Completion of the planning and design phase will enable shovel-ready plans that can be used to apply for grant funding for construction. The City’s Parks and Recreation Department will maintain the trail after it is constructed.

The SLRT Planning and Design effort is part of a multiphase project that commenced with the construction of the Southport Setback Levee. Prior to completion of levee construction in November 2018, the City of West Sacramento (City) began studying the feasibility of paving the crown of the levee and locating potential trailhead sites near the levee to formalize recreation and access opportunities. The study was funded by the Department of Water Resources and resulted in the adoption of the Southport Setback Levee Recreation Trail Report (Trail Report) in September 2017. The Trail Report confirmed that constructing a paved bicycle and pedestrian trail along the crown of the levee and adding access ramps would not compromise the integrity of the levee. The Trail Report also identified connections to existing and planned trails in the City, as well as supporting amenities including trailheads, signage, shade, and seating to provide and encourage public access.

Pavement of the levee crown was anticipated as part of the 2019 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan; the 2018 Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan; the Southport Sacramento River Early Implementation Project; and the City's General Plan 2035.

The proposed SLRT Planning and Design effort includes completion of 90 percent design plans, and completion of all permitting and environmental clearance to position the project for construction funding. Trail construction costs on unimproved land in the City have ranged from \$1 million to \$1.6 million per mile of trail. However, due to the extensive site work already completed as part of the levee improvements, the proposed SLRT is estimated to cost approximately \$312,000 per mile. The SLRT will be adjacent and connected to several other projects and recreational opportunities including the Clarksburg Branch Line Trail; Bees Lake (planning for which was funded by the Conservancy's Proposition 1 program); and the Levee Offset Area, which is a comprehensive 120-acre habitat restoration effort (funded in part by the Department of Water Resources (DWR)). The Levee Offset Area will be visible to users of the SLRT, thereby providing opportunities to observe restoration construction in action and the benefits of that restoration when complete.

Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)

Proposition 68 requires (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)) that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities, which are defined as "a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average." The SLRT Planning and Design project does not serve a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community.

Cost Share

The City will contribute \$50,000 in staff time.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The project is consistent with Proposition 68, and the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Public Resources Code sections 32300-32381) and strategic plan. This project is consistent with priorities outlined in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan, the Delta Protection Commission's Economic Sustainability Plan, and the local planning efforts as indicated above. Additionally, the project furthers the California Natural Resources Agency priority of expanding access to parks, natural places, and outdoor recreation for all Californians.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Local support is evident through the results of extensive community engagement over the past few years. The Southport Sacramento River Corridor Recreation Program and the City's 2018 Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan both identified a strong interest by the community and stakeholders to develop multi-benefit projects that integrate trails, recreation, and access to nature as part of future levee improvement projects. In 2019, the City adopted its updated Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, which included extensive community outreach, completion of a statistically valid survey, and online and intercept surveys. The top priorities identified by City residents included development of new trails, access to open space areas and nature, and improving connections the Sacramento riverfront. Additional stakeholder engagement took place as part of completing the feasibility study, funded by DWR, for the proposed project.

The West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency was engaged with the feasibility study and will continue to be engaged with this planning effort. The Central Valley Flood Protection Board has expressed support for construction of a levee trail as long as the flood control purpose of the floodway facilities remains primary. The Board and the local flood agency retain the right to temporarily close the trail for improvements, maintenance, or during emergency flood-fighting activities.

Community engagement will continue in this planning project. The proposal includes 3 community meetings to gather input and feedback on design plans as they are developed. Stakeholders engaged during the feasibility study as well as other residents, reclamation districts, and relevant agencies will be invited to participate.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code Division 45) that made \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy for uses specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy will use Proposition 68 funds to support projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program). Unlike traditional grant programs, this program was designed to allow Conservancy staff to collaborate with project applicants to develop proposals that meet the Conservancy and Proposition 68 goals. When applicants submit concept proposals, staff review the proposal to assess viability and appropriateness with program goals. If the concept proposal is suitable, staff then guide applicants as they develop a full proposal for consideration of Proposition 68 funding. The Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design project is the second full project proposal staff has presented for the Conservancy Board to consider award of grant funds.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move to award funding up to \$341,668 to the City of West Sacramento from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design project.

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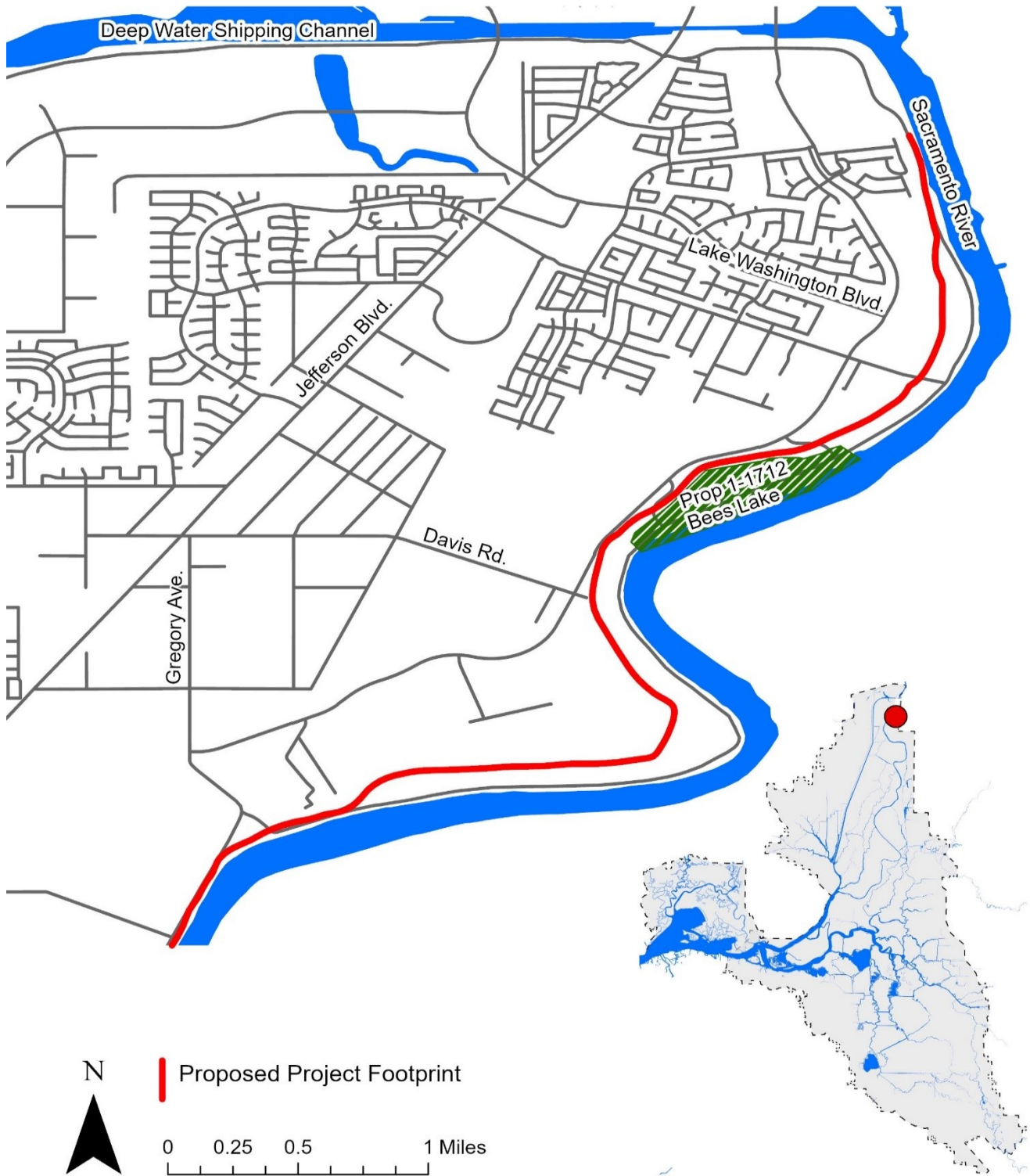
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Figure 1. Southport Levee Recreational Trail Planning and Design Project Area Map





Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan Development for 2022-2027 Staff Report

DESCRIPTION

The Conservancy updates the Strategic Plan at five-year intervals. This current update will cover the period of 2022 to 2027 and is being conducted in-house with staff resources. Staff have met several times to review and revise guiding principles, goals, objectives, performance metrics based on experience over the past five years, and expectations for the coming five years.

We are seeking feedback on the working draft of the guiding principles, goals, objectives, performance metrics, and guiding principles, listed below, that will form the backbone of the Strategic Plan. Consistent with the Conservancy's historic approach, the Strategic Plan will provide the overarching goals and objectives and the annual Implementation Plan will provide more program and project specific information and how it ties back to achieving the goals and objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. Tracking progress is critical to determining success. The metrics provided here represent a list of potential metrics that can be employed, as appropriate, to gage our progress towards achievement of the goals and objectives.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will incorporate feedback received at this meeting and will produce for consideration by the Board at the October 2021 meeting a draft of the Strategic Plan for public comment. If approved, Staff will post the public draft for a 30-day comment period. Staff will then consider public comments and produce a final draft for consideration by the Board at the January 2022 meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Conservancy's enabling legislation requires the Board to prepare and adopt a strategic plan to achieve the goals of the Conservancy (Public Resources Code section 32376). The plan is required to be consistent with the Delta Plan, the Delta Protection Commission's resources management plan, the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act of 1977, and the Habitat Management, Preservation and Restoration Plan for the Suisun Marsh. The Board determined that the Strategic Plan should be updated every five years. The initial plan was adopted in 2011 and covered the period of 2012 to 2017. The Board adopted the second plan in 2016 to cover the period of 2017 to 2022. The Board approves an annual Implementation Plan that describes Conservancy programs, work products, and metrics for the upcoming year and how they support the goals and objectives described in the Strategic Plan.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Conservancy:

- Acts in collaboration with the communities of the Delta and Suisun Marsh to implement multi-benefit initiatives.
- Operates with integrity in a transparent and accessible manner.
- Supports efforts that advance both environmental protection and the economic well-being in a complementary manner.
- Uses best available science.
- Recognizes and values the unique nature of the history, culture, communities, and ecosystems of the Delta and Suisun Marsh.
- Believes that access to natural resources, the benefits of ecological health, and the advantages of economic growth should be equitably distributed and accessible for all.
- Is committed to creating an inclusive workplace that promotes and values diversity.

DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: Enhance ecological conservation, restoration, and climate adaptation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh

Objective 1A: Increase viability, diversity, and resilience of the Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystems

Metrics: Number of acres and types of habitat restored, enhanced, or conserved; number of acres and types of landscapes with multi-benefit enhancements implemented; number and types of actions that support strategies identified in Delta Adapts: Creating a Climate Resilient Future, Pathways to 30x30, Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, and the Delta Plan.

Objective 1B: Adapt landscapes to be resilient to climate change

Metrics: Number of acres and types of landscapes adapted; number of acres and types of landscapes with multi-benefit enhancements implemented; number and types of actions taken that support strategies identified in Delta Adapts: Creating a Climate Resilient Future, Pathways to 30x30, Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, and the Delta Plan.

GOAL 2: Support economically and ecologically sustainable working lands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh

Objective 2A: Increase implementation of sustainable and ecologically beneficial farming and agricultural practices

Metrics: Number and types of actions taken, and programs implemented to support sustainable and ecologically beneficial uses or management practices; number of acres and types of landscapes with newly implemented or supported sustainable and ecologically beneficial uses or management practices.

Objective 2B: Reduce and Reverse Land Subsidence and Associated Carbon Emissions

Metrics: Number of acres of land managed to reduce and reverse land subsidence and reduce carbon emissions; metric tons of carbon emission avoided; inclusion of Delta protocol in the Cap and Trade Compliance Market to provide economic benefit to adopt beneficial land use practices; acres of land enrolled in voluntary and compliance carbon markets; number of landowners and managers that are educated about beneficial management practices and carbon market opportunities.

GOAL 3: Support and enhance communities and economies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh

Objective 3A: Foster robust and sustainable economies in the Delta and Suisun Marsh

Metrics: Number of new or enhanced recreation and tourism opportunities; as available, number, demographic, and measured evaluation of individuals or groups that use new or enhanced recreation and tourism opportunities; number of interactions of with VisitCADelta.com from those obtaining recreation and tourism information website; acres of land managed by the Conservancy.

Objective 3B: Preserve, enhance, and increase awareness of the unique history, culture, and values of the Delta and Suisun Marsh

Metrics: Number of engagement opportunities and activities that increase awareness that are established or supported; as available, number, demographic, and measured evaluation of individuals or groups with whom engagement is established or maintained through information and education efforts.

Objective 3C: Increase public access to Delta and Suisun Marsh landscapes, communities, and cultural resources

Metrics: Number and types of public access opportunities established or supported; as available, number and demographic diversity of individuals and groups engaged by information, education, recreation, and tourism efforts and the extent to which the demographics reflects that of the of the Bay-Delta region; as available, measured response of those that interact with public access opportunities.

GOAL 4: Enrich understanding of the ecological, cultural, and historical value of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh; the importance of resilience, diversity, and inclusivity; and the need for stewardship.

Objective 4A: Broaden opportunities for education about the Delta and Suisun Marsh ecosystems, and cultural, and historical values among individuals, groups, organizations, and decision makers.

Metrics: Number and type of educational engagements with individuals, groups, organizations, and decision makers; number and type of educational and interpretive exhibits, installations, and resources established and, as available, numbers and measured response of those exposed to the information they present.

Objective 4 B: Strengthen the Conservancy's role as a collaborative state and community partner

Metrics: Number and nature of collaborative partnerships created or supported; number and type of new and continuing engagements with individuals, organizations, communities, and decision makers to enhance understanding and foster collaboration; as possible, measured response to specific outreach campaigns and engagement opportunities.

GOAL 5: Maintain an effective, sustainable, adaptable, and inclusive organization

Objective 5A: Provide a safe, creative, inspiring, equitable, and inclusive working environment at all levels

Metrics: Number and types of opportunities provided for professional development; number of opportunities for employees to evaluate the extent to which the Conservancy provides a safe, creative, inspiring, equitable, and inclusive environment and measured responses; number and breadth of educational and training opportunities related to justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility; implementation of an upward mobility program; measured staff satisfaction and engagement through surveys and exit interviews; number of workplace injuries.

Objective 5B: Establish and maintain adequate resources and efficient operations and structure

Metrics: Number of positions and functions with employees trained to provide backup or succession functions; number and nature of organizational improvements implemented and measured result; amount and stability of funding received; number and nature of audit findings; extent of efforts made to secure funding to sustain and increase organizational programs and health.

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Potential Agenda Items for the October 27, 2021 Board Meeting

Staff is seeking input from the Board regarding additional agenda items for the October 27, 2021 Board meeting.

- Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant(s)
- Consideration of Delta Conservancy 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Draft for Public Comment

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