



March 23, 2022, Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order on Zoom at 9:06 a.m. by Jim Provenza.

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:

- Don Nottoli
- Diane Burgis
- Bryan Cash
- Mitchel Mashburn
- Gayle Miller
- Katherine Miller
- Jim Provenza
- Leo Winternitz

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- None

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Steve Chappell
- Jessica Davenport
- Moira McEnespy
- Erik Vink
- Jim Waters
- Nicole Rinke, Counsel

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Supervisor Mashburn moved, seconded by Supervisor Miller, that the Board approve the following.

- January 26, 2022, Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes

Chair Nottoli arrived at 9:16 a.m., and assumed control of the meeting

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items within the written report. Some further updates included the planned return to in person work on May 2, 2022, though telework will continue for a significant part of the operation. The May Board meeting will be hybrid with both an in person and phone in option, at a minimum. We will continue to monitor the changing situation and if there are no further Executive Orders to supplement the Bagley Keene Open Meetings Act then Board members who participate remotely will be required to post their meeting place on the agenda and have it accessible to the public. The carbon update which was requested in the March meeting has been pushed back due to the size of the agenda.

Agenda Item 6 – Delta Conservancy 2021 Implementation Plan Status Update

The Deputy Executive Officer highlighted items from the 2021 Implementation Plan end of year update. Typically, this update is presented each January, but in order to reflect the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, which was adopted in January 2022, the update was presented at the March meeting. Furthermore, due to the vacancies and time urgent initiatives, the Conservancy will be presenting the 2022 Implementation Plan at the May Board meeting. The Conservancy implemented a large percentage of their goals and the inactive status of certain items was primarily due to programs that were cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. The 2022 Implementation Plan will have enhancements to reference the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan goals and objectives, and the Board update will be presented in the same order as the Implementation Plan. The format will shift from funding sources to program work to be achieved.

Agenda Item 7 – Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report as well as presenting further updates that have occurred. Project 1804, Delta Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning, will have an amendment request at the May Board Meeting. Project 1809, Marsh Creek Channel Restoration, has withdrawn their application due to a change of landowner, and the funds associated with the project will be available for Proposition 1 projects. For Cycle 5 the Conservancy received seven full proposals and external reviews have been completed. Requests exceed available funding and staff are reviewing funding sources. Staff informed the Board that staff recommendations for Cycle 5 will be presented at the July 27, 2022, Board meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Update

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report. Proposals with a scope of work aligned with the Climate Access and Restoration appropriation are being considered for that funding source to maximize the amount of grants awarded. The policy for the Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) designation has been refined to more accurately reflect the expected benefits to SDAC’s from the Proposition 68 Program.

Agenda Item 9 – Delta Drought Response Pilot Program Update

The Executive Officer highlighted items in the staff report and provided updates. The Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (DDRPP) incentivizes Delta Farmers to employ practices that reduce consumptive use of water and will result in a better understanding of effective water saving practices for prolonged or future drought management. The Conservancy received 85 proposals, approved 35

projects, enrolling over 8800 acres, and saving approximately 22,000-acre feet of water. Twenty grants have been executed to date. The Board requested a list of DDRPP projects to be made publicly available.

Agenda Item 10 – Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for the Isleton Museum in the Bing Kong Tong Building

Conservancy staff presented a recommendation to award a grant to purchase and install display cases for housing historic and cultural items in the Isleton Museum.

Motion: Supervisor Mashburn moved, seconded by Board Member Cash, to award funding up to \$44,500 to the Isleton Museum from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Isleton Museum in the Bing Kong Tong Building project .

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

Agenda Item 11 – Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for the Discover the Delta Education Center

Conservancy staff presented a recommendation to fund a grant to complete project planning to include a review and update of building plans, and to process a new building permit including payment of required permit fees.

Motion: Supervisor Burgis moved, seconded by Supervisor Mashburn, to award funding up to \$223,456 to the Discover the Delta Foundation from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Discover the Delta Center Planning project.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

Agenda Item 12 – Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for the Restoration of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Creation of a Delta Welcome Center

Conservancy staff presented a recommendation to award funding to restore the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse to create a Delta Welcome Center that will promote recreation and tourism and create a community gathering space and K-12 educational center.

Motion: Supervisor Provenza moved, seconded by Board Member Winternitz, to award funding up to \$1,743,000 to the Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Creation of a Delta Welcome Center project.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

Agenda Item 13 – Consideration of Amendment to Scope and Term of Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Agreement for Delta Working Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning Project

This item was pulled from the agenda for consideration at a future Board meeting.

Agenda Item 14 – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Organizational Assessment

The Deputy Executive Officer highlighted the staff report introducing the Organizational Assessment performed by Mission Consulting, LLC. The assessment was in support of the Conservancy's 2017-2022 Strategic Plan Goal 3, Conservancy Organizational Strength and Sustainability.

Agenda Item 15 – Eco Restore Update

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

Agenda Item 16 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Amanda Bohl, Special Assistant for Planning and Science at the Delta Stewardship Council, presented an update including a slide presentation of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee Restoration Subcommittee.

Agenda Item 17 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Erik Vink, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission, presented an update.

Agenda Item 18 – Delta Conveyance Update

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager at the Department of Water Resources, presented an update.

Agenda Item 19 – Potential Agenda Items for the May 25, 2022, Meeting

- Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant(s)
- Consideration of the Delta Conservancy 2022 Implementation Plan
- Overview of Delta Carbon Management
- Consideration of Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Cycle 5 grants awards
- Consideration of Amendment to Scope and Term of Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Agreement for Delta Working Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning Project
- Presentation on Yolo Bypass agreement.

Agenda Item 20 – Public Comment

None

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Provide a list of Delta Drought Response Pilot Program grantees

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Nottoli at 10:45 a.m.

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