



March 24, 2021 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order on Zoom at 9:04 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
- Bryan Cash
- Jim Provenza
- Don Nottoli
- Gayle Miller
- Mitchel Mashburn

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- None

Liaison Advisors Present:

- Jim Waters
- Erik Vink
- Steve Chappell
- Moira McEnespy

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Board Member Nottoli moved, seconded by Vice Chair Winternitz, that the Board approve the following:

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

Agenda Item 8 and Agenda Item 9 were taken out of order.

Agenda Item 8 – Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Scope of Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Agreement for Restoration Planning at River Garden Farms: Improving Aquatic Habitat Resiliency on Working Lands Along the Sacramento River

Request to remove two of the eight project sites from the scope of work and reallocate the associated funding of \$17,900 and a budget augmentation of \$17,666 to cover unanticipated cultural resource survey costs.

Motion: Board Member Nottoli moved, seconded by Board Member Mashburn to approve an amendment to the grant agreement with American Rivers for Prop 1-1702 to add cultural resource surveying to the scope of work; remove work on Floodplain Site 3 and the Wetland Connectivity site from the scope of work, and reallocate associated funding to the budget for cultural resources surveying; and award an additional \$17,666 to be used for cultural resource surveying.

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

Agenda Item 9 – Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant for Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning

Staff presented a recommendation for the project which includes completing planning documents and public outreach for future enhancements to the Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park. The grant will fund completion of design plans, including all documents necessary for implementation, with review at 35 percent, 65 percent, and 90 percent completion. Additionally, grant funds will be used to further engage community members to assure the design plans address community needs.

Motion: Chair Mitchoff moved, seconded by Board Member Provenza to award funding up to \$172,155 to the City of Pittsburg from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning project.

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 EO report.

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

The Program has awarded \$39.3 million in grants to 29 projects in four grant cycles. Cycle 5 is scheduled to open in early August 2021. Staff highlighted details of the completion of the Bees Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan (Planning) project. Board members inquired about availability of final reports. Final project report availability will be noted in the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Update Staff Report presented at each Board meeting and final project reports are available upon request.

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

Staff and project proponents are developing eight active proposals and one concept proposal. Total funding requested to date is \$7.2 million and active requests are just over \$6 million. Several projects are moving forward toward Board consideration. Board members requested an additional legend on the map to show active projects.

Agenda Item 10 – Identifying Suitable Rearing Habitat for Chinook Salmon in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Presentation of Study Report

Bruce DiGennaro, Program Manager for the Collaborative Science and Adaptive Management Program provided a slide presentation overview of the Conservancy funded study. The study is referenced in the Prop. 1 Cycle 5 Grant Guidelines to provide guidance on best available science for applicants interested in developing rearing habitat projects.

Agenda Item 11 – Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan Update for 2022-2027, Overview of Process and Timeline

The Conservancy’s enabling legislation requires the adoption of a strategic plan to achieve the goals of the Conservancy. The Board has determined that the plan should be updated every five years. Staff will develop the 2022-2027 plan in house with staff resources. The Executive Officer outlined the following timeline: May 2021 meeting, the Board will receive and provide feedback on an overview of expected revisions. Staff will consider feedback and produce an initial draft of the revised Strategic Plan. July 2021 meeting, the Board will consider and provide feedback on an initial draft. The agenda item will include time for in depth review and discussion. Staff will incorporate feedback into a public draft. October 2021 meeting the Board will consider the public draft. If approved, Staff will post the public draft for a 30-day comment period. Staff will consider public comments and produce a final draft for consideration by the Board at the January 2022 meeting.

Agenda Item 12 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Amanda Bohl, Special Assistant for Planning and Science at the Delta Stewardship Council (Council), presented an update and introduced Dr. Jessica Rudnick, Social Science Extension Specialist at the Council.

Agenda Item 13 – Delta Protection Commission Update

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

Agenda Item 14 – Delta Conveyance Update

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

Agenda Item 15 – EcoRestore Update

Charlotte Biggs, Program Manager II at the California Department of Water Resources, presented an update, including a video presentation of the Lower Yolo Ranch Restoration site.

Agenda Item 16 – Potential Agenda Items for the May 26, 2021 Meeting

The following agenda item was suggested: An overview of the final report for the Delta Environmental Justice Survey that was conducted by the Department of Water Resources.

Agenda Item 17 – Public Comment

None

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None

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MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Mitchoff at 10:52 a.m.

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