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**DELTA CONSERVANCY**

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## May 25, 2022, Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

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### AGENDA ITEMS

#### Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Don Nottoli.

#### Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Roll Call, and Introductions

After roll call, agenda items were heard by the Board in the order indicated below.

#### Board Members Present:

- Don Nottoli
- Sandi Matsumoto
- Bryan Cash
- Richard Gillihan
- Mitchel Mashburn
- Katherine Miller, by teleconference
- Karen Mitchoff
- Jim Provenza- joined after 1<sup>st</sup> vote at 9:13

#### Ex-Officio Members Present:

- None

#### Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Marge Kolar
- Erik Vink
- Nicole Rinke, Counsel, by teleconference

#### Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

#### Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

**Motion:** Supervisor Mashburn moved, seconded by Board Member Cash that the Board approve the following.

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A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 7 ayes.

**Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report**

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items within the written report. Some further updates include the Deputy Executive Officer position was reclassified to a Career Executive Assignment B, to broaden the applicant pool. COVID procedures are completed, and anticipating union approval, as staff return to in-person work on June 13<sup>th</sup>, reporting twice per month at a minimum. The Governor’s May revise for the fiscal year 2022-2023 state budget includes over 55 million for the Conservancy with a potential one-time allocation of approximately 41 million for the Conservancy. Staff presented the Budget and Expenditure Report.

**Agenda Item 6 – Consideration of Delta Conservancy Draft 2022 Implementation Plan**

The Executive Officer presented the Draft 2022 Implementation Plan in a format consistent with the recently approved 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan was adopted in January 2022, which pushed out the Implementation Plan schedule.

**Motion:** Supervisor Mitchoff moved, seconded by Supervisor Mashburn that the Board approve the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy 2022 Implementation Plan as presented in this item.

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

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

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report. The Cycle 5 solicitation closed with 4.7 million in requested funding. Projects were scored by staff and external reviewers and site visits are scheduled for June. Funding recommendations are planned for the July board meeting. The applicant for Prop 1 project 1809 withdrew their proposal for Cycle 4 funding due to the lack of landowner support.

**Agenda Item 8 – Delta Drought Response Pilot Program Update**

The Conservancy executed 33 grants, enrolling 8,800 acres, with estimated water savings of 22,000 acre feet. Staff continues to develop an interagency agreement with the University of California Davis to assist with data gathering, monitoring, and synthesis.

At 9:32 a.m. Vice Chair Matsumoto assumed control of the meeting while Supervisor Nottoli stepped out.

**Agenda Item 9 – Community Enhancement Grant Programs Update**

The name of this agenda item has been updated from the Proposition 68 Update to Community Enhancement Grant Programs Update, to refer to a collection of projects that support and enhance communities and economies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. Staff highlighted items from the staff report and further reported the program has five executed grants, and three awarded grants with grants expected to be executed in July. There are two proposals in process with anticipated grant consideration later this year. Staff is in communication with potential grantees on further concept proposals.

Supervisor Nottoli returned to the meeting at 9:41 a.m. and assumed control at the meeting.

**Agenda Item 10 – Request for Approval to Enter into an Interagency Agreement with the Regents of the University of California for \$1,497,611 to Provide Monitoring Support for the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program**

Conservancy staff presented a recommendation to enter into an interagency agreement with UC Davis to support monitoring of the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program grants to help assess consumptive use savings and overall effectiveness of the Program.

**Motion:** Supervisor Mitchoff moved, seconded by Supervisor Mashburn, to authorize the Executive Officer to enter into an interagency agreement with the Regents of the University of California to Provide Monitoring Support for the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program.

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 Freeport Delta Gateway Monuments Planning Project**

Conservancy staff presented a recommendation to develop a conceptual signage plan, conduct community outreach, prepare preliminary design, and complete environmental clearance for two gateway monuments (freestanding structure or sign) and one interpretive sign in the unincorporated community of Freeport.

**Motion:** Supervisor Nottoli moved, seconded by Supervisor Provenza, to award funding up to \$223,277 to the County of Sacramento from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Freeport Delta Gateway Monuments project.

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

**Agenda Item 12 – Consideration of Amendment to Budget, Scope, and Term of Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Agreement for Delta Working Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning Project**

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report to allow a shift among budget line items, provide a 15-month extension, and allow project sites outside of the legal Delta.

**Motion:** Supervisor Mashburn moved, seconded by Supervisor Mitchoff, that the Board approve findings for project sites located outside of the legal Delta for the Delta Working Waterways Habitat Restoration Planning Project grant agreement with Solano County Resource Conservation District.

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

**Motion:** Supervisor Mashburn moved, seconded by Supervisor Mitchoff, that the Board approve an amendment to the grant agreement with Solano County Resource Conservation District to shift funds across budget line items, allow project sites outside of the Legal Delta, and extend the grant term to March 15, 2024.

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

**Agenda Item 13 – Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) Lead Agency Determination for the Riparian Restoration at River Garden Farms**

This agenda item was pulled and will be brought to a later meeting.

**Agenda Item 14 – Overview of the “Reorienting to Recovery” CA Central Valley Salmon Recovery Project**

Gary Bobker and Lindsay Tryba, Associate with Kearns and West, presented a slide presentation on Reorienting to Recovery salmon recovery project. The initial report was released in March 2022 and they outlined the next steps in the project.

**Agenda Item 15 – Final Outcomes of the Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory (DARI) Mapping Project**

Staff along with Cristina Grosso, Program Managing Director at the Aquatic Science Center, and Joseph Morgan, Project Officer at the Environmental Protection Agency, shared a slide presentation and commentary on the Delta Aquatic Resource Inventory Mapping Project.

**Agenda Item 16 – Eco Restore Update including a Summary of the Yolo Bypass Working Agreement**

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

**Agenda Item 17 – Delta Stewardship Council Update**

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

**Agenda Item 18 – Delta Protection Commission Update**

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

**Agenda Item 19 – Delta Conveyance Update**

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

**Agenda Item 20 – Potential Agenda Items for the July 27, 2022 Meeting**

- Board Elections
- Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant(s)
- Consideration of the Delta Conservancy 2022 Implementation Plan Update
- Overview of Delta Carbon Management
- Consideration of Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program Cycle 5 Grants Awards

**Agenda Item 21 – Public Comment**

None

**BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF**

None

**MEETING ADJOURNED** by Chair Nottoli at 11:24 a.m.

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