



Overview of Resources for Science, Data, and Environmental Compliance and Permitting for Delta Conservancy Projects Staff Report

This agenda item presents an overview of resources for science, data, and environmental compliance and permitting for Delta Conservancy projects.

DESCRIPTION

During the January 25, 2023 Board meeting, the chair of the Board directed Conservancy staff to provide an overview of resources for science, data, environmental compliance, and permitting in the Delta. In response, Conservancy staff created a presentation (Agenda Item 12.2) to share with Board members that gives a high-level overview of these topics. The attached presentation summarizes key resources and will be made publicly available on the Conservancy website as a resource to better understand science, data, environmental compliance, and permitting in the Delta.

Conservancy staff approached the Board directive from the perspective of an individual or organization interested in applying for Conservancy funding. Conservancy staff used their collective knowledge and desktop research to outline helpful resources. Conservancy staff coordinated with staff from the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program to identify additional resources and ensure accuracy of information.

The overview is consistent with the Conservancy's General Grant Guidelines and provides resources related to science strategies, adaptive management, climate change, scientific literature, scientific data, visualizations, environmental compliance, and permitting. While the resources provided in the presentation cover a variety of key topics, the breadth of Delta-centric scientific materials is immense, and the resources provided herein are not comprehensive. Conservancy staff understand the complexity of the subject and are available to help navigate the science or provide the Board and grant applicants with more information.

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