



January 25, 2023 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Introductions

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

Board Members Present:

- Mitch Mashburn
- Sandi Matsumoto
- Diane Burgis – teleconference
- Bryan Cash – teleconference
- Steven Ding – teleconference
- Pat Hume
- Sally Lukenbill – teleconference
- Jim Provenza
- Lilliana Udang
- Leo Winternitz
- Tom Patti (alternate to Steven Ding) – teleconference

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- None

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Marge Kolar
- Bruce Blodgett – teleconference
- Donnie Radcliff – teleconference
- James Waters – teleconference
- Nicole Rinke, Counsel

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Supervisor Provenza moved, seconded by Board member Matsumoto that the Board approve the following:

- October 26, 2022 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items
- November 16, 2022 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

A roll call vote was taken. The motion did not pass with 5 ayes and 5 abstains.

It was determined that the required 6 aye votes could not be reached to approve the November Board Meeting Summary due to the replacement of four Board members. For this reason, the two items were voted on separately.

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

- October 26, 2022 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 6 ayes and 4 abstains.

After the meeting an error was found in the count. Udang was recorded as an aye vote when the vote was an abstain. The record is hereby corrected as follows.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion did not pass with 5 ayes and 5 abstains.

Motion: Board Member Matsumoto moved, seconded by Supervisor Provenza that the Board approve the following:

- November 16, 2022 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion did not pass with 5 ayes and 5 abstains.

The Board decided to revisit this item at the March 22, 2023 Board meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items on the staff report. New staff were introduced, and an update was given on nutria activity in the Delta. Staff researched the Board directive from the November meeting asking that the 20% maximum indirect rate for grants and contracts be explained. Staff found 20% to be the standard cap for indirect costs in State government, though it was not cited in the state contract manual, statute, or the latest bond language. It appears to be the cap that most agencies accept as covering costs while not being “a gift of public funds.” The report suggested that the Conservancy should hold the 20% cap but leave room for negotiation when warranted. The Conservancy hosted the first Delta Restoration Forum on February 8, 2023.

Agenda Item 6 – Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Grant Program Update

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report, which included projects from three funding sources: Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act (Prop 1); Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR); and Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration (NBS: WR). Five grant awards from Prop 1 are being finalized, reports for closed Prop 1 grants are now available, several CAR grants are being finalized, and staff is actively seeking proposals for the CAR and NBS programs.

Agenda Item 7 – Community Enhancement Grant Programs Update

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report, which included projects from two funding sources: Proposition 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Prop 68) and CAR. The program team is managing 10 executed grants. Amendments are expected from some implementation grants due to rising construction costs.

Agenda Item 8 – Delta Drought Response Pilot Program Update

Staff provided background on the program. The work for the 2022 water year is now complete, the Conservancy is currently drafting 63 grant agreements for the 2023 water year, and the oversight committee report is being prepared for the March Board meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Consideration of 2023 Implementation Plan

The Deputy Executive Officer summarized the accomplishments of 2022 and presented the 2023 Implementation Plan. This annual Implementation Plan provides a detailed accounting of the tasks the Conservancy will undertake in the coming year to align with the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. An update on progress will be reported mid-year.

Motion: Board Member Winternitz moved, seconded by Supervisor Provenza, to approve the Draft Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy 2023 Implementation Plan as presented.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with 8 ayes (2 Board members could not vote due to teleconference issues).

Agenda Item 10 – Potential Agenda Items for the March 22, 2023, Board Meeting

- Consideration of Awards of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Proposals
- Consideration of Award(s) of Community Enhancement Grant Program
- Delta Drought Response Pilot Program report for 2022 first year results

Agenda Item 13 – Public Comment

None

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Provide an overview of resources for science, data, and environmental compliance and permitting for Delta Conservancy projects
- Provide a list of Delta Conservancy-funded projects that includes the county where projects are located
- Conduct on-site Board meetings at projects sites

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Mashburn at 10:08 a.m.

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