



July 26, 2023 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

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AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

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

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

Board Members Present:

- Mitch Mashburn
- Diane Burgis – teleconference
- Tom Patti – teleconference but address not on agenda. Votes were recorded since the 6 necessary votes to achieve a quorum were met.
- Michele Perrault
- Nancy Vogel
- Leo Winternitz
- Lilliana Udang

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Robert Cruz for Assemblymember Timothy S. Grayson

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Todd Plain
- Bruce Blodgett
- Steve Chappell
- Marge Kolar
- Stu Townsley
- Nicole Rinke

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Board Elections

Chair Mashburn opened nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board for the Fiscal Year 2023-24. Supervisor Mashburn was nominated for a second year as Chair, and Leo Winternitz was nominated for Vice Chair.

Motion: Supervisor Burgis moved, seconded by Board Member Udang, that the Board approve the nomination of Mitchell Mashburn as Chair and Leo Winternitz as Vice Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy for the Fiscal Year 2023-24.

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

Agenda Item 5 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Board Member Udang moved, seconded by Board Member Perrault, that the Board approve the following:

- Approval of May 24, 2023 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items (Attachment)
- Consideration of Amendment to Term of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Grant Agreement for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Attachment)

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

Agenda Item 6 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items in the staff report. In addition, it was reported that the Delta agencies collaborated on a future Delta funding needs list. This group looked at all sectors of the Delta and provided a spreadsheet to Secretary Crowfoot and his staff of a \$2.4 billion need for projects, programs, and levee work in the Delta over the next 10 years. They will continue to meet and update the Delta funding needs list twice per year. Per the Board directives from the July meeting, nutria pocket guides were made available for distribution with contact information about reporting nutria sightings.

Agenda Item 7 – 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). Since the last Board report, two grant agreements have been executed. With these, all Prop 1 Cycle 5 projects are now active. Two amendment requests are on the agenda today. No newly closed projects were reported, but the Blacklock Restoration: Phragmites Control Project submitted closeout documents. Final reports are available upon request.

Agenda Item 8 – Consideration of Amendment to Budget of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Grant Program Agreement for the Stone Lakes Habitat and Restoration Project

Conservancy staff presented the grantee’s request for a \$38,273 increase to the total budget of the grant agreement.

Motion: Board Member Winternitz moved, seconded by Board Member Udang, that the Board approve an amendment to the Proposition 1 grant agreement with Ducks Unlimited (Project ID P1-1713) to increase the budget by \$38,273 for additional costs for required permits and personnel services.

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

Agenda Item 9 – 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 Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) and (CAR22). To date there are 10 executed grants and two awarded projects. Two amendment requests are on the agenda today.

Agenda Item 10 – Consideration of Amendment to Budget of Community Enhancement Program Agreement for Discover the Delta Education Center Planning Project

Conservancy staff presented the grantee’s request for a \$61,522 increase to the total budget of the grant agreement.

Motion: Chair Mashburn moved, seconded by Board Member Perrault, that the Board approve an amendment to increase the budget by \$61,522 to Discover the Delta Foundation from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for Discover the Delta Education Center Planning Project P6806.

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

Agenda Item 11 – Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Term of Community Enhancement Program Agreement for Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh

This agenda item was addressed out of order, after agenda item 13. Conservancy staff presented the grantee’s request for a \$450,000 increase to the total budget and an extension to the term of the grant agreement.

Motion: Board Member Udang moved, seconded by Supervisor Burgis, that the Board approve an amendment to increase the budget by \$450,000 and extend the grant term to March 15, 2027, to Pacific Flyway Fund from Climate, Access, and Resource (CAR22) funding for Pacific Flyway Center: Walk in the Marsh.

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

Agenda Item 12 – Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Term for Select Grant Agreements for the 2023 Delta Drought Response Pilot Program

Conservancy staff presented this proposed request to increase the budget and extend the term of the following Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (DDRPP) grant agreements to continue water saving practices and support the University of California (UC) Davis micrometeorological analysis of the Program. The amendments requested are to DDRPP23-34, DDRPP23-55, DDRPP23-65, DDRPP23-90, DDRPP23-104, and DDRPP23-113. Programs staff worked with the Department of Water Resources to develop the plan for the remaining \$639,450 of projects funds and extend grant terms to December of 2026.

Motion: Board Member Vogel moved, seconded by Board Member Udang, to approve amendments to increase the budget and extend grant terms to December 31, 2026 for the five identified Delta Drought Response Pilot Program grant agreements, with a sixth to be determined, allocating the remaining \$639,450 in DDRPP funding per the table provided in the staff report.

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

Agenda Item 13 – Nutria Eradication Project Update

Valerie Cook, Environmental Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), gave a presentation on the CDFW nutria project from inception to present.

Agenda Item 14 – Delta Conservancy 2023 Implementation Plan Status Update

The Deputy Executive Officer provided the Board with a mid-year status update on work identified in the Implementation Plan. The Conservancy has made steady progress toward the 2023 Implementation Plan goals and, overall, work is progressing according to the timelines. A summary of progress in achieving 2023 Implementation Plan goals is detailed in Agenda Item 14.2.

Agenda Item 15 – EcoRestore Update

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

Agenda Item 16 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Brandon Chapin, Legislative and Policy Advisor for the Delta Stewardship Council, presented an update.

Agenda Item 17 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission, presented an update.

Agenda Item 18 – Delta Conveyance Update

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

Agenda Item 19 – Potential Agenda Items for the October 25, 2023, Board Meeting

- Board Member Ethics Training reminder for 2023
- Consideration of Award of Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration Grants
- Consideration of Amendment to Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program Agreements
- Consideration of Draft Solicitation Notices for the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Appropriation
- Exploring options for a water-based project site for the October meeting

Agenda Item 20 – Public Comment

None

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- None

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Mashburn at 10:47 a.m.

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