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DELTA CONSERVANCY

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 28, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Delta Conservancy Conference Room

1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento, CA 95691

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. To maximize transparency and public access, members of the public can choose to participate either via Microsoft Teams or in person at the location listed above. After the business meeting concludes at approximately 11:00 a.m., there will be an in-person-only opportunity to visit two Delta Conservancy-funded projects. Site tour information including maps and directions is included below. The site tours should be completed by 2:00 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Introductions**
3. **Public Comment** (New Business)
4. **Consent Calendar** (Action Item)
 - Approval of January 22, 2025 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items (Attachment)
5. **Executive Officer's Report**, Campbell Ingram
 - Program Update (Attachment)
 - Budget and Expenditure Report (Attachment)
6. **Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program Update**, Anjali Shakya (Attachment)
7. **Community Enhancement Grant Program Update**, Maya Garrett (Attachment)

8. **Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act Lead Agency Exemption Declaration and Award of Community Enhancement Grant Program Funds for Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton in Support of the Delta Aquatic Center**, Maya Garrett (Attachments) (Action Items)
9. **Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Term of Delta Drought Response Pilot Program Agreement for the Micrometeorological Measurements and Water Budget Calculation to Evaluate Conservation Practices in the Annual Delta Crops Project**, Dr. Rachel Wigginton (Attachments) (Action Item)
10. **Consideration of Updates to the Delta Conservancy's Modifications and Amendments Process**, Dr. Sarah Lesmeister (Attachments) (Action Item)
11. **Proposed Regulation for Architectural and Engineering Authority**, Brenda Lusk (Attachment) (Action Item)
12. **California Department of Water Resources Multibenefit Restoration Program Update**, Charlotte Biggs
13. **Delta Stewardship Council Update**, Amanda Bohl
14. **Delta Protection Commission Update**, Dan Ray
15. **Delta Conveyance Update**, Carrie Buckman
16. **Public Comment**
17. **ADJOURN**
 - To view the members of the Delta Conservancy Board, please visit <http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/delta-conservancy-board>.
 - Attachments and additional information are on the Delta Conservancy's website at: <http://www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov>.
 - If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, or require printed copies of meeting materials, please contact us at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date at (916) 375-2084 or contact@deltaconservancy.ca.gov. This contact information may also be used for questions.
 - Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes but may be more or less at the discretion of the Board Chair.
 - The Board may consider the agenda items listed above in a different order at the Delta Conservancy Board meeting, pursuant to the determination of the Board Chair. All items appearing on this agenda, whether listed expressly for action, may be deliberated upon and subject to action at the discretion of the Delta Conservancy Board.

Site Tour Information

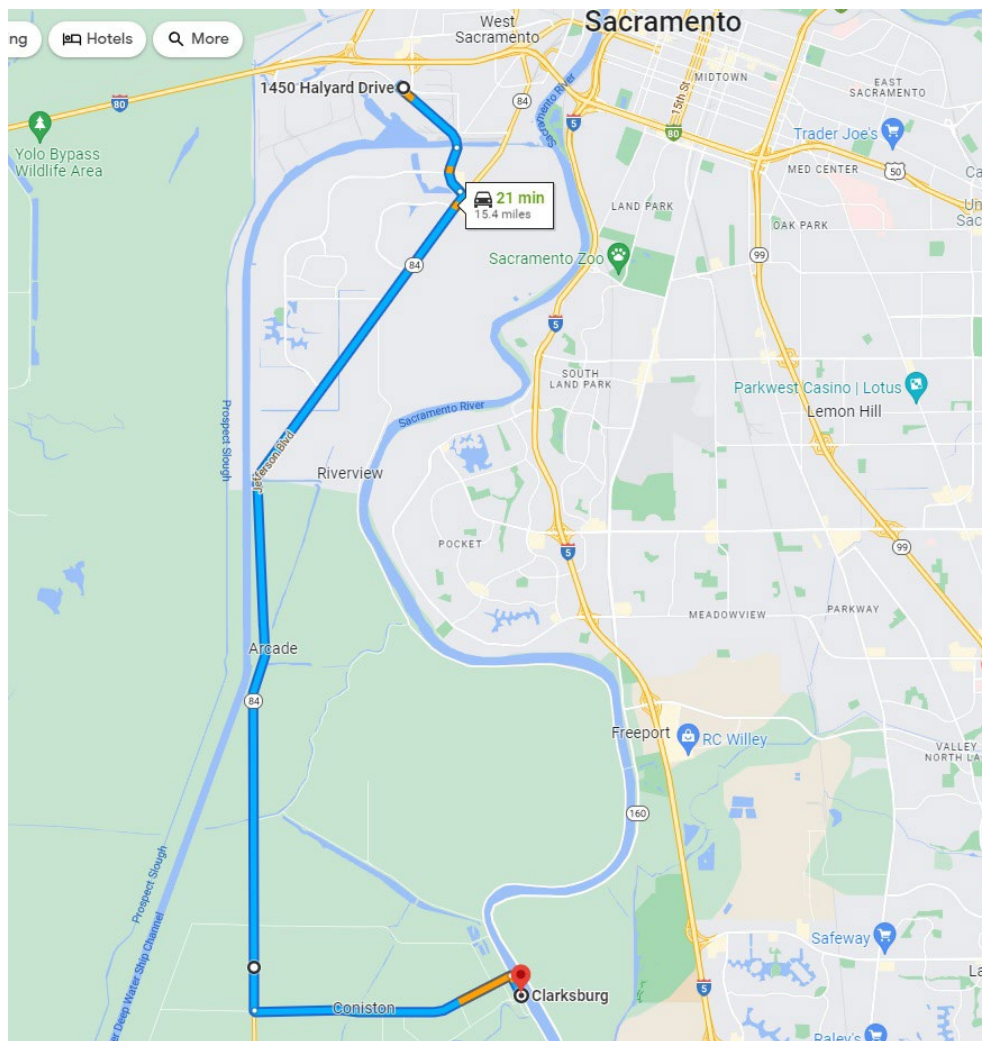
Please prepare for being outdoors, including wearing layers, comfortable shoes, and sun protection, and bringing water. Lunch is not included, but there are several restaurants in Isleton.

Site #1: Clarksburg

Tour and presentation of the Land Acquisition and Building Restoration of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Creation of a Delta Welcome Center Projects. Both projects were funded through the Delta Conservancy's Community Enhancement Program.

Directions from the Delta Conservancy office to the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse, located at the corner of South River Road and Netherlands Avenue:

1. Exit the Delta Conservancy parking lot by taking a right onto Halyard Drive
2. Take an immediate left onto Industrial Boulevard
3. Industrial becomes Lake Washington Boulevard
4. Turn right onto CA-84/South Jefferson Boulevard – stay on Jefferson for approximately 10 miles
5. Turn left on Clarksburg Road – stay on Clarksburg Road for 3 miles
6. Clarksburg Road dead ends into South River Road
7. Take a right onto South River Road and the Clarksburg Schoolhouse is on the corner of South River Road and Netherlands Avenue (at the stop sign)

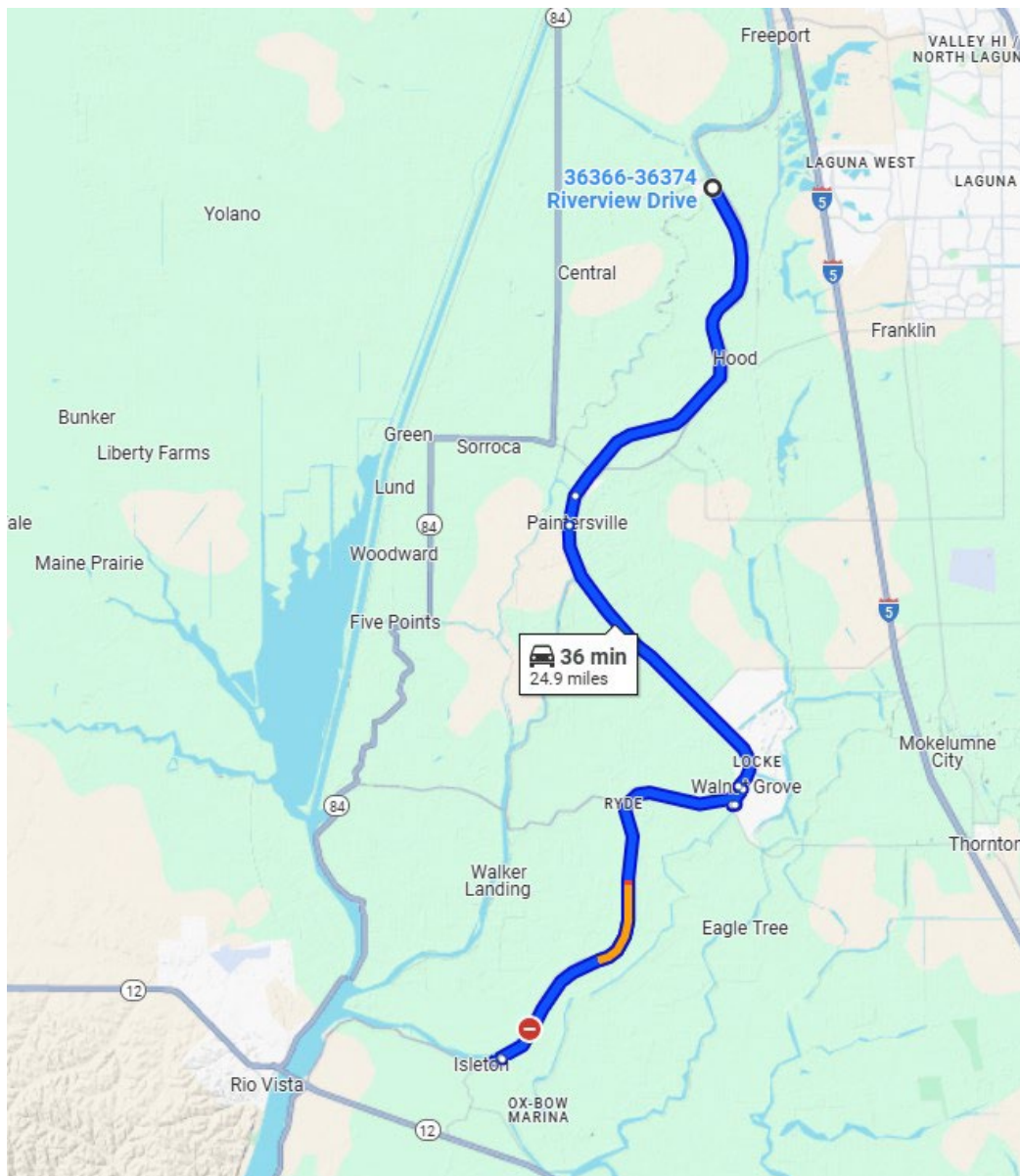


Site #2: Isleton

Tour and presentation of the Asian American Heritage Park and Isleton Museum Projects. Both projects were funded through the Delta Conservancy's Community Enhancement Program.

Directions from the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse to 27 Main St, Isleton, CA 95641:

1. Take South River Road/CA-160 South for approximately 15 miles
2. Take a left and cross the Sacramento River using the Walnut Grove Bridge
3. Take a right onto River Road and then a right onto the Georgiana Slough Bridge/Isleton Road
4. Take a right at the end of the bridge and continue on Isleton Road for approximately 8 miles until you reach H Street in Isleton
5. Take a left onto H Street and your first right on Main Street – the park and museum will be on your right at 27 Main Street





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January 22, 2025 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items
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Video and audio of the meeting are available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFQyeONqril>

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Hume.

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
- Leo Winternitz
- Pat Hume
- Shanelle Scales-Preston – teleconference, arrived at 9:15, missed consent vote
- Amanda Martin
- Sandi Matsumoto
- Lillian Udang
- Michele Perrault
- Sonny Dhaliwal – teleconference, participated from a non-agendized location, votes noted

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- None

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Steve Chappell
- Todd Plain
- Nicole Rinke (Counsel)

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Supervisor Udang moved, seconded by Vice Chair Winternitz, that the Board approve the following:

- Approval of October 23, 2024, Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

- Consideration of Amendment to Term of Community Enhancement Grant Program Agreement for Asian American Heritage Park
- Consideration of Amendment to Term of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program Agreement for Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement Project at Banta-Carbona

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with seven ayes and one abstention.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items in the staff report.

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

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report. As of December 28, 2024, there are 18 active projects and 21 closed projects. Staff shared a video presentation of the San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Foodway Enhancement planning project by Banta-Carbona Irrigation District.

Agenda Item 7 – Community Enhancement Grant Programs Update

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report, including a project status update. As of December 28, 2024, there are 11 active projects, one approved project, one working proposal and four closed projects.

Agenda Item 8 – Consideration of Award of Community Enhancement Grant Program Funds for Freeport, Delta Gateway Monuments Implementation Project

Conservancy staff highlighted the project for consideration. The purpose of this grant is to fund the implementation activities (final design planning and construction) of two gateway monuments in the Town of Freeport.

Motion: Board Member Udang moved, seconded by Supervisor Mashburn, that the Board award funding up to \$505,202 to the County of Sacramento from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Freeport, Delta Gateway Monuments Implementation Project.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with eight ayes and one aye noted.

Agenda Item 9 – Delta Conservancy 2024 Annual Report

Conservancy staff shared an overview of the Delta Conservancy 2024 Annual Report.

Agenda Item 10 – Consideration of the 2025 Delta Conservancy Implementation Plan

The Deputy Executive Officer presented the 2025 Implementation Plan for Board consideration.

Motion: Board Member Martin moved (with edit), seconded by Board Member Perrault, that the Board approve as final the Draft Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy 2025 Implementation Plan as presented in this item. Edit to page 12 “Funding at a Glance” table to note that Prop 4 is not a FY 24/25 allocation.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with eight ayes and one aye noted.

Agenda Item 11 – Update on the Lean Six Sigma Board Packet Preparation Project

Conservancy staff shared an update on the Lean Six Sigma project where the objective is to reduce the Board meeting package preparation time.

Agenda Item 12 – Presentation of Delta Adapts: Creating a Climate Resilient Future

Morgan Chow, Senior Environmental Planner, and Chris Kwan, Senior Environmental Scientist, both of the Delta Stewardship Council, presented an update.

Agenda Item 13 – California Department of Water Resources Multibenefit Restoration Program Update

This agenda item was not presented.

Agenda Item 14 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

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

Agenda Item 15 – Delta Protection Commission Update

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

Agenda Item 16 – Delta Conveyance Update

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

Agenda Item 17 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Item 18 – ADJOURN

None

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

1. Email information about the CNRA meeting on “Implementing the Climate Bond” to all Board members. Meeting links sent on January 23 for both the January 24 and the January 30 meetings.
2. Provide more useful information of nutria status in the Delta.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Hume at 10:40 a.m.

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Executive Officer's Report

May 28, 2025

PROGRAM UPDATE

ETHICS TRAINING COMPLIANCE

California law requires state officials to complete an ethics training course within six months of being hired, and if your service is ongoing, once during each two-year period. The two-year period begins with an odd-numbered year, for example, 2025-26. Board Members and Liaison Advisors were sent email requests with details to provide a certificate of completion for the 2025 ethics course.

PROPOSITION 4 GRANT SOLICITATION

Process

Conservancy staff are designing a Proposition 4 grant program that is both efficient and effective. The goal is to fund strong, high-quality projects, given the high demand and limited availability of funding. Staff aim to ensure these funds support projects that can make a meaningful impact.

To create a grant program that meets community needs, staff have used their deep experience in grant management and conducted extensive outreach. This has included meetings with multiple state agencies, participation in California Natural Resources Agency-wide planning calls, conversations with over 25 partner organizations, and a public survey that received 41 responses, as of May 20.

Overview

Staff plan to release a grant solicitation in July. Each program, Nature Based Solutions, Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation, and Community Enhancement, will receive approximately \$8.6 million. Staff expect to run two solicitations for each program, \$5 million per program in 2025–2026 and \$3.6 million per program in 2026–2027.

Each solicitation will include two rounds of review:

1. **Pre-application:** This initial step will help staff identify projects that are ineligible, not ready, or not competitive. It will be a pass/fail process.
2. **Full application:** Projects that pass the pre-application stage will be invited to submit a full

proposal. These proposals will be reviewed and scored competitively based on the following criteria: project readiness, scientific or community value, community support, geographic balance, cost share, service to disadvantaged or vulnerable communities, partnerships, tribal involvement, cost-effectiveness, alignment with state and Delta goals, long-term maintenance and sustainability, and likelihood a planning project leads to implementation.

Conservancy staff anticipate bringing initial recommendations for funding starting in March 2026.

Small Grant Program

In addition, staff anticipate launching a small grant program for awards up to \$100,000. This program is intended to support smaller organizations by building their capacity and providing technical assistance. Funds can be used for various purposes, including staffing, technical support, equipment, and research.

DELTA DROUGHT RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM (DDRPP) UPDATE

The six DDRPP grantees currently hosting micrometeorological equipment on their project sites continue to implement water conservation practices as part of the Delta Conservancy's interagency agreement with the University of California, Davis (UC Davis). Monitoring by the UC Davis research team and collection of micrometeorological and soil data from these six sites will continue through September 2026. An amendment to this agreement will be considered by the Board (see Agenda Item 9).

DELTA CONSERVANCY FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION UPDATES

A verbal update will be provided about the Governor's May Revise.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Staff completed CalHR Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Plain Language training. The Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Subcontracting Report, Implementation Plan, and State Agency Waste Management Annual Report were submitted. Staff submitted their annual Form 700s. Staff worked with the Department of Finance and California Natural Resources Agency on the fiscal year 2025/26 budget, including setting up the new Proposition 4 appropriation. Rachel Lane, Environmental Scientist (ES), separated from state service in February to accept a position in the North Bay Area closer to her home. The Conservancy hired Lauren Damon for a second limited-term position as a Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory) in March. Staff processed one new contract, five grant and contract amendments, closed two grants, and processed 118 invoices. The new contract is with the Department of Water Resources for \$157,000 for IT Shared Services from July 2025 to June 2028. The Conservancy's Disability Advisory Committee facilitated an accessibility refresher for Microsoft products for all staff and performed the annual facilities assessment to ensure our office space is physically accessible.

DELTA CONSERVANCY ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING AUTHORITY AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) UPDATE

Conservancy staff are pursuing the authority to enter into Architectural and Engineering (A&E) agreements. This authority allows more opportunities in contracting given how few entities can perform the specialized work. The Proposed Action of Regulation was published on January 3, 2025, by

the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The 45-day comment period ended on February 18, 2025. OAL reviewed the proposed regulation packet this month. They determined the Conservancy needed to make modifications to the regulation text and complete additional requirements. The new proposed regulation will be considered by the Board (see Agenda Item 11).

Conservancy staff are concurrently seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from A&E firms for the Cost Feasibility Analysis for the Restoration of Franks Tract project while completing the regulatory process. The RFQ was posted on Cal eProcure on May 5, 2025. The deadline to submit an SOQ is May 27, 2025. Staff aim to complete both by July.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Conservancy staff partnered with the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways, the Delta Protection Commission, Solano Resource Conservation District, the Catholic Charities of Stockton, and law enforcement agencies from the five Delta counties to submit a proposal to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Removal Program in January 2025. If awarded, the program would provide funding to support community engagement, education, outreach, removal, monitoring, and prevention of marine debris (e.g., abandoned vessels, vehicles, fishing gear) in the Delta waterways. Staff expect to hear a decision about the status program and the proposal by early fall 2025.

DELTA SCIENCE

Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) Restoration Subcommittee (RSC):

Conservancy staff continue to co-lead the DPIIC RSC with colleagues from the Delta Stewardship Council (Council). The DPIIC RSC held the third Delta Restoration Forum (Forum) on May 1, 2025, at the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse. Over 60 people attended the Forum from various sectors, including State, federal, and local government, consulting firms, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, academia, and local businesses. The Forum included an open house, where over 20 different restoration and habitat enhancement projects were represented, and a session of lightning talks showcasing various topics in Delta restoration, including tribal engagement, funding, and balancing agricultural production with ecological restoration. Numerous Conservancy-funded projects were represented at the Forum and our Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Projects Supervisor Lauren Damon gave a rapid talk on forthcoming Proposition 4 funding.



Figure 5.1. Photo of attendees at the third Delta Restoration Forum.

Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team

The Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team, facilitated by Conservancy staff and co-led by staff from the Delta Stewardship Council, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Department of Water Resources, had its second quarterly meeting of the year on May 21, 2025. In addition to the customary updates from all attending organizations, the team discussed the planning progress for the sixth biennial Delta Invasive Species Symposium, which is tentatively scheduled for December of 2025, and the draft “Quick-Start Guide to Managing Invasive Aquatic Vegetation (IAV) in Tidal Wetland Habitats of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh” being compiled by DIISC Team members. Team members also received an update on the invasive golden mussel [response plan](#), which was released in April 2025, and a briefing on the State Lands Commission’s California ballast water regulations and their relations to the golden mussel introduction and response.

Delta Carbon Team

A newly formed Delta Carbon Team, facilitated by Conservancy staff and co-led by staff from The Nature Conservancy, had its first meeting on May 27, 2025. This team aims to bring people working on Delta carbon issues together to improve collaboration and make progress at scale toward reversing subsidence and reducing associated greenhouse gas emissions within the Delta. The team discussed direction, began establishing goals, and discussed meeting frequency.

OUTREACH

Spring Cleanup

In partnership with the Rio Vista Windsports Association, Conservancy staff organized and held a cleanup at Sherman Island on April 26, 2025, as part of Earth Week. About 30 volunteers filled a 40-yard dumpster, generously donated by Waste Management, with trash that otherwise could have ended up in the Sacramento River. Staff are grateful for the volunteers who braved the rain and donated their time to help beautify the Delta.

California Society for Ecological Restoration

Staff attended the annual conference for the California Society for Ecological Restoration from April 21 to 23, 2025, in Sacramento. Staff co-authored two posters presented at the conference. The poster, "Advancing Ecosystem Restoration Towards a Resilient Delta," was co-authored by Dr. Elizabeth Brusati (Council), Dr. Dylan Chappel (Council), Dr. Rachel Wigginton (Delta Conservancy), Annie Merritt (Council), and Amanda Bohl (Council). The poster, "Developing Guidance for Managing Invasive Aquatic Vegetation in Tidal Wetland Sites," was co-authored by Dr. Elizabeth Brusati and Dr. Rachel Wigginton.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- [The Daily Republic published an article](#) about Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's request for proposals regarding leasing land for rice farming on Webb Tract. The Delta Conservancy is providing funding for this project.
- [KCRA produced a story](#) about the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) using detection dogs to help in the fight against invasive nutria in the Delta. This CDFW-led work is funded by a Delta Conservancy grant.
- [Maven's Notebook featured an article](#) about The Nature Conservancy's plan to turn Staten Island into a carbon sink and rebuild peat as a demonstration of what can be done to combat subsidence and associated greenhouse gas emissions in the Delta. The Delta Conservancy is funding implementation components of this work, with planning funded by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Email information about the California Natural Resources Agency meeting on "Implementing the Climate Bond" to all Board members. Meeting links sent on January 23 for both the January 24 and the January 30 meetings.
- Provide more useful information of nutria status in the Delta. Staff requested that the Grantee provide a full presentation update twice a year at Board meetings.

DELTA CONSERVANCY BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE

Agenda Item 5.2: Budget and Expenditure Report

CORRESPONDENCE

- On February 15, the Conservancy received a request for copies of Community Enhancement Grant Program proposals. Staff compiled the proposals and attempted to send them to the requester, but the requester's email account had been disabled.

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**SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY
BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT
July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025**

Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Personal Services (PS)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
1	Salaries & Wages	\$1,568,121	\$1,164,444	\$403,677	74%
2	Temporary Help	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
3	Benefits	\$826,221	\$622,464	\$203,757	75%
4	TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$2,394,342	\$1,786,908	\$607,434	75%
Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Operating Expenditures and Equipment (OE & E)	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
5	General Expense	\$28,319	\$8,108	\$20,211	29%
6	Printing	\$2,690	\$1,440	\$1,250	54%
7	Communications	\$12,730	\$8,050	\$4,680	63%
8	Postage	\$475	\$111	\$364	23%
9	Travel-In State	\$23,923	\$5,110	\$18,813	21%
10	Training	\$16,175	\$6,850	\$9,325	42%
11	Facilities Operation	\$113,923	\$84,534	\$29,389	74%
12	Contracts & Personal Services-External	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	0%
13	Contracts & Personal Services-Interdepartmental	\$107,315	\$67,698	\$39,617	63%
14	Information Technology	\$3,494	\$2,858	\$636	82%
15	Non-Capital Asset Purchases	\$25,000	\$1,150	\$23,850	5%
16	Indirect Cost Recovery	\$34,427	\$0	\$34,427	0%
17	Unallocated Operating Expense & Equipment	\$103,588	\$0	\$103,588	0%
18	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES & EQUIPMENT	\$592,059	\$185,909	\$406,150	31%
Line Number	CATEGORY OF EXPENDITURES Multi-Year Appropriations	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
19	Proposition 1 Program Support	\$47,118			
20	Proposition 68 Program Support	\$192,578			
21	Delta Drought Response Pilot Program Support	\$35,729			
22	Nature Based Solutions and CAR	\$1,300,688			
23	Grants and Subventions	\$0			
24	TOTAL MULTI-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,576,113		\$1,576,113	
Line Number	TOTALS	Delta Conservancy Budget	Actual Expenditures	Variance	Percent of Budget Expended
25	TOTAL PS, OE & E, MULTI-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS	\$4,562,514	\$1,972,817	\$2,589,697	43%
26	REIMBURSEMENT	(\$273,429)	\$0	(\$273,429)	0%
27	GRAND TOTAL	\$4,289,085	\$1,972,817	\$2,316,268	46%



Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program Update

Staff Report

PROGRAM UPDATE

As of May 20, 2025, there are 14 active projects and 25 closed projects.

For updates on a specific project, please visit: [Delta Conservancy Project Table Updates page](#).

For an interactive map of program projects, please visit: [Delta Conservancy Project Maps page](#).

PROJECT MILESTONES

P1-1709: Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Planning)

This planning grant funded efforts to move the Project from concept designs to the selection of a preferred alternative, the development of 65 Percent Design Plans, site assessments and studies, initial permitting work, and community outreach. The grant term has ended, and the project team is seeking funding for construction.



Figure 6.1. Site design plans show proposed habitat restoration, including a mosaic of wetland and upland habitats for special status species.

P1-1813: Nutria Eradication, Phase 2 (Implementation)

This implementation grant supports efforts to eradicate nutria throughout California to prevent significant ecological damage in the Delta. In April, staff conducted a site visit at Sherman Island with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Grantee uses

nutria-scent detection dogs from the Chesapeake Bay to conduct nutria surveys throughout the state. Staff prepared and shared a video on our social media pages: [Delta Conservancy Nutria Dogs Instagram post](#).

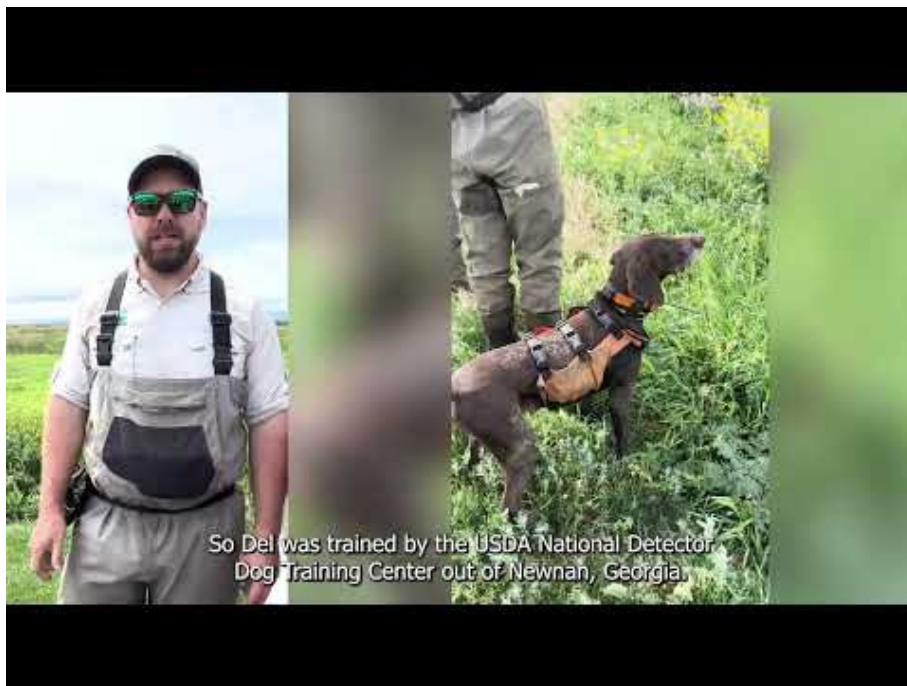


Figure 6.2. Video created by Conservancy staff that shows how detection dogs are being used to find nutria.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FIELD UPDATE (MAY 19, 2025)

Since March 2018, the nutria eradication efforts in California have:

- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 1.9 M acres
- Executed entry permits with over 4,900 landowners for over 12,000 parcels in 19 counties
- Set up 13,196 camera stations (1,271 currently active) and conducted 108,138 camera checks
- Detected nutria in 1,342 sites (40-acre cells)
- Deployed 17,041 trap sets (422 currently active) for a total of 185,781 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 5,890 nutria (since March 2017)
 - Merced - 2,837
 - Fresno - 1,166
 - Stanislaus - 999
 - Solano - 565
 - San Joaquin - 110
 - Madera - 109
 - Sacramento - 57
 - Mariposa - 26
 - Contra Costa - 20
 - Kings - 1
 - See www.wildlife.ca.gov/nutria for an interactive map showing locations and densities of nutria taken over time

Of 5,888 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.16 sex ratio (M:F)
- 7,232 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- Litter size ranged from 1-14, with an average of 6.0
 - 21% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 63% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 69% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
 - Average litter size for adult females (> 14 mos.) in California is 6.5

Table 6.1. The total number of cells with nutria taken, total number of nutria taken, and average number of nutria taken per cell, by year from March 2017 to May 19, 2025.

Year	Total (unique) cells with nutria taken	Total # nutria taken	Average # nutria taken per cell
2017	7	20	2.9
2018	57	348	6.1
2019	73	492	6.7
2020	157	1,239	7.9
2021	145	701	4.8
2022	112	580	5.2
2023	120	677	5.6
2024	213	1,352	6.3
2025	91	480	5.3
Total Across Years	681	5,890	8.7

P1-1814: Oakley Creekside Park Restoration (Planning)

This planning grant funded efforts to develop and conduct surveys, assessments, and models needed to restore 775 linear feet of channel along Marsh Creek. The project team also conducted outreach with local landowners and the public, developed permit applications, and completed 65 Percent Design Plans. The grant term has ended, and the project team is seeking funding for design finalization and construction.



Figure 6.3. At the project site, Marsh Creek runs through Creekside Park in Oakley.

NBS02: Delta Rice Conversion Program (Implementation)

This implementation grant incentivized farmers to convert existing agricultural fields to wildlife-friendly rice to stop subsidence and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the most deeply subsided areas of the Delta. A total of 10 farmers enrolled about 4,000 acres in two years: 2,548 acres will be planted in 2025, and 1,450 acres will be planted in 2026. Two of the converted sites will be monitored for bird benefits and emissions reductions for five years.



Figure 6.4. Agricultural field that was converted to rice in summer 2024, flooded in winter 2024/2025 for bird habitat, and will be planted in rice for first harvest in summer 2025.

NBS03: Land Acquisition on Bethel Island (Acquisition)

This implementation grant jointly-funded the acquisition of Hoover Ranch, a 600-acre parcel on Bethel Island, for permanent land stewardship and future habitat restoration. Conservancy funding partners included the Wildlife Conservation Board, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and the John Muir Land Trust. Escrow was completed in December 2024, and the Project is now closed.



Figure 6.5. Left image: Sign placed at entrance of Hoover Ranch. Right image: [Happy cattle grazing on Hoover Ranch.](#)

BACKGROUND

The Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation (ERCA) Grant Program refers to a collection of projects that support multi-benefit ecosystem restoration, watershed protection, and climate adaptation projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. Projects in this program are currently supported through several funding sources: Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act; Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR); and Nature Based Solutions: Wetland Restoration (NBS: WR). The Proposition 1 Grant Program is designed to support multi-benefit ecosystem, watershed protection, and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities. The CAR is a General Fund allocation and promotes multi-benefit projects within the areas of climate resilience, community access, and natural resources protection. The NBS: WR is a General Fund allocation supporting wetland restoration projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Grant Program requires both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous review and evaluation process by staff and external professional reviewers (when applicable) and are recommended for funding based upon review, evaluation, and funding availability.

The table below highlights the allocations for Proposition 1 (bond funds), CAR (general funds), and NBS: WR (general funds). Each funding source has funds allocated for both administration and grants. The amount remaining to be allocated are funds available for new grants.

Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program Funding Sources. CEP refers to the Community Enhancement Grant Program (Agenda Item 7.1). Amounts listed in millions of dollars.

Funding Source	Total Allocation	Minimum Amount Available for Grants	Total Amount Allocated for Grants	Amount Remaining to be Allocated	Allocation Date	Encumbrance Date	Program(s) Supported by Funding Source
Proposition 1	\$50.0	\$42.5	\$42.4	\$0.1	8/13/2014	Variable	ERCA
CAR	\$5.25	\$4.99	\$4.99	\$0	9/23/2021	6/30/2024	ERCA and CEP
CAR	\$6.125	\$5.82	\$5.35	\$0.02	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA and CEP
NBS: Wetland Restoration	\$36.0	\$34.2	\$34.2	\$0	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA

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Community Enhancement Grant Program Update

Staff Report

PROGRAM UPDATE

As of May 15, 2025, there are 11 active projects, two approved projects, four closed projects, and one working proposal.

For updates on a specific project, please visit: [Delta Conservancy Project Table Updates page](#).

For an interactive map of program projects, please visit: [Delta Conservancy Project Maps page](#).

PROJECT MILESTONES

P6811: Asian American Heritage Park (Implementation)

The purpose of the Project is to construct a .07-acre park showcasing the Asian American heritage of the town of Isleton. The park features include landscaping, walkways, an artistic ceramic water feature, seat walls, walkway tiles, benches, engraved bricks and plaques recognizing contributors to the park, and a Japanese bell temple (Kansho-do). The Grantee was awarded \$554,772 in Proposition 68 funds in 2022, and they received an amended budget increase of \$265,799 in 2023. The Project is near completion, with the grand opening slated for May 31, 2025; additionally, a site visit will be held after the May Board meeting.



Figure 7.1. Asian American Heritage Park in Isleton, CA.

CAR01: Pacific Flyway Trail: Walk in the Marsh (Implementation)

The purpose of the Project is to build three miles of Americans with Disability Act-compliant hiking trails and educational signage through restored wetlands in Suisun Marsh, along with a parking area, access road upgrades, a shade structure, decorative asphalt art, and a bike rack. This Project was awarded \$1,486,050 of Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) funds in 2021. They received an amended budget increase of \$450,000 in 2023. The Grantee selected a construction subcontractor, and construction has started.



Figure 7.2. Pacific Flyway Center in Solano County, CA.

Clean Vessel Act Program

In November 2024, the Delta Conservancy entered into a contract with the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to administer the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Grant Program for 2025. Work started on January 1, 2025. Between April 8 and April 24, 2025, Conservancy staff visited 66 marinas, surveying a total of 81 pumpout stations and five dump stations. Additionally, the Conservancy launched the [CVA program webpage](#), and Conservancy staff attended the Sacramento Boat Show in March.



Figure 7.3. Martha Ozonoff, Community Projects Supervisor, performing sewage pumpout monitoring.

BACKGROUND

The Community Enhancement Grant Program (CEP) refers to a collection of projects that support and enhance communities and economies in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. Projects in this program are currently funded through Proposition 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 and the Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) funds. The Proposition 68 Grant Program is designed to promote a robust Delta economy, support the vitality of Delta communities, and allow staff to provide guidance to project proponents as they develop proposals to meet these goals. The CAR is a General Fund allocation and is designed to promote multi-benefit projects within the areas of climate resilience, community access, and natural resource restoration.

The Grant Program requires both a concept proposal and a full proposal. Full proposals are subject to a rigorous review and evaluation process by staff and external professional reviewers (when applicable), and are recommended for funding based upon review, evaluation, and funding availability.

The table below highlights the allocations for Proposition 68 (bond funds) and CAR (general funds). Each funding source has funds allocated for both administration and grants. The amount remaining to be allocated are funds available for new grants.

Community Enhancement Grant Program Funding Sources. ERCA refers to the Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Program (Agenda Item 6.1). Amounts listed in millions of dollars.

Funding Source	Total Allocation	Minimum Amount Available for Grants	Total Amount Allocated for Grants	Amount Remaining to be Allocated	Allocation Date	Encumbrance Date	Program(s) Supported by Funding Source
Proposition 68	\$12.0	\$8.7	\$6.6	\$2.1	6/8/2018	Variable	CEP
CAR	\$5.25	\$4.99	\$4.99	\$0	9/23/2021	6/30/2024	ERCA and CEP
CAR	\$6.125	\$5.82	\$5.8	\$0.02	9/6/2022	6/30/2025	ERCA and CEP

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Consideration of California Environmental Quality Act Lead Agency Exemption Declaration and Award of Community Enhancement Grant Program Funds for Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton in Support of the Delta Aquatic Center

Staff Report

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to adopt a Board resolution in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which recognizes the proposed project is statutorily exempt from environmental review and recommends the award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program funding for the Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	San Joaquin Community Foundation
Project ID	P6825
Project Type	Acquisition
County	San Joaquin
Funding Request	\$2,170,499
Total Project Cost	\$2,333,500
Funding Recommendation	\$2,170,499

RECOMMENDATION

Conservancy staff recommend that the Board adopt Resolution 2025-01 recognizing that this Project is statutorily exempt from environmental review under CEQA, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.28.

Contingent upon the Board's adoption of Resolution 2025-01, Conservancy staff recommend that the Board approve up to \$2,170,499 in grant funding for the Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton project (P6825) proposed by the San Joaquin Community Foundation.

Conservancy staff prepared the text below based on staff's best understanding of the information provided in the application and meetings with members of the San Joaquin Community Foundation. Staff followed the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board in December 2019, in working with the Applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The Applicant seeks funding to acquire and preserve 22 acres of privately owned land in Stockton, California, which will be developed into a public park for the benefit of the local community. Stockton is a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC), ranking among the most disadvantaged areas in California, facing severe environmental and health challenges.

Following the acquisition and preservation of this land, the project will serve Stockton's SDACs through key partnerships with community-based organizations, and by creating publicly accessible new parkland with trails, tree canopy, and an aquatic center for public water access, along with a Delta Science Lab for environmental education, and regenerative farming managed by the Black Urban Farmers Association's Healing Harvest project. Once built, this initiative will enhance public access to the Delta, promote health and wellness, support environmental education, and drive economic growth in the region.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

This acquisition is considered a project under CEQA. Conservancy staff have prepared a CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) and Lead Agency declaration for consideration by the Delta Conservancy Board. The exemption, which is outlined in Assembly Bill 782, enacted as Chapter 181 of the Statutes of 2019 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.28), codifies a CEQA exemption for land acquisitions or sales to preserve open space for park purposes, habitat, or historical resources, making it a statutory exemption with no exceptions. This Project qualifies for this exemption because it will fund the acquisition of land that will be used to create a public park space and access to the waterfront. Staff have reviewed the proposed Project and advise the Board to adopt Board Resolution 2025-01 recognizing the Project is exempt and have the Chair sign the attached Notice of Exemption (see Agenda Item 8.2). No additional permits are required for the acquisition phase of the Project. Additional environmental review and permitting will be conducted in the future for the development of the park site.

SEVERELY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY (SDAC)

Proposition 68 requires that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities, which are defined as "a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average" (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)). Located in San Joaquin County, the Project serves a severely disadvantaged community.

COST SHARE

The San Joaquin Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization, will contribute cost share of \$63,001 and the Trust for Public Land, who has helped with the development of the proposal - and will help facilitate the acquisition - will also contribute \$100,000 in cost-share.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The Project is consistent with multiple actions and priorities outlined in the Conservancy's governing statute, the Conservancy's Strategic Plan, and the Delta Plan. The Project will acquire land, which will be developed to provide public access to the Delta, increase recreation and tourism opportunities, foster health and wellness, preserve the unique cultural environment of the Delta region, promote environmental education, and increase the economic vitality of the region.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The proposal demonstrates local support and includes over 40 letters of support from institutions and community members, including letters from the San Joaquin Office of Education, City of Stockton, Delta Sculling Center, Restore the Delta, and the Black Urban Farmers Association.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code Division 45) that made \$12 million available to the Conservancy for uses specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy will use Proposition 68 funds to support projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. This program was designed to allow Conservancy staff to collaborate with project applicants to develop proposals that meet the Conservancy and Proposition 68 goals. When applicants submit concept proposals, staff review the proposals to assess viability and appropriateness with program goals. If the concept proposal is suitable, staff then guide applicants as they develop full proposals for consideration of Proposition 68 funding. The Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton is the eighteenth full proposal staff has presented to the Conservancy Board for consideration of the award of grant funds. The Conservancy also provided \$2,544,725 in Climate Resilience, Community Access, and Natural Resource Protection (CAR) funds for the planning phase (Project ID CAR05).

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Two separate motions are required.

Move that the Board adopt Resolution 2025-01, which recognizes the Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton is statutorily exempt from environmental review as outlined in Assembly Bill 782, enacted as Chapter 181 of the Statutes of 2019 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.28).

Move that the Board award funding up to \$2,170,499 to the San Joaquin Community Foundation from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton.

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Figure 8.1. Map of Darrahville Property being considered for acquisition funding.



Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
1450 Halyard Dr. Suite #6
West Sacramento, Ca 95691

(Address)

Project Title: Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton

Project Applicant: San Joaquin Community Foundation

Project Location - Specific:

37.96861384720118, -121.35422917283057

Project Location - City: Stockton Project Location - County: San Joaquin County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton project will acquire and preserve 22 acres of land in Stockton, California, to transform it into a public park for the benefit of the local community. Following the acquisition, the project will create trails, tree canopy, and an aquatic center for public water access.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin Community Foundation

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.28

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project will acquire the property at Darrahville for the explicit purpose of creating a public park space and access to the waterfront.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Dr. Rachel Wigginton Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-634-3682

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: 05/28/2025 Title: Board Chair

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY FINDING THE LAND ACQUISITION FOR DARRAHVILLE PROPERTY IN STOCKTON PROJECT EXEMPT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

Whereas, the Land Acquisition for Darrahville Property in Stockton project (Project) will acquire and preserve a 22-acre parcel located in Stockton, California, to transform it into a public park for the benefit of the local community; acquisition is the second phase of an anticipated project to create publicly accessible new parkland and an aquatic center for public water access; and

Whereas, Assembly Bill 782, enacted as Chapter 181 of the Statutes of 2019 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.28), codifies a statutory California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption for land acquisitions or sales to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources; and

Whereas, CEQA provides that if a project is statutorily exempt, environmental review is not required; and

Whereas, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy is the lead agency for the Project, and its governing Board is the decision-making body for the Project; and

Whereas, consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6(a)(2), the documents that constitute the record for the Project may be viewed on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's website for 30 days or inspected at its office by any person.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY AS FOLLOWS:

- a. The Board of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy finds, based on the whole record before it in its independent judgment, that the Project is exempt pursuant to Assembly Bill 782, enacted as Chapter 181 of the Statutes of 2019 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.28); and

- b. The Board of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy hereby authorizes and directs its staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the California State Clearinghouse; and
- c. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings for this Resolution are located on the Delta Conservancy's website (<http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/>).

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY BOARD
THIS MAY 28, 2025.**

VOTE

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

Pat Hume, Board Chair



**Consideration of Amendment to Budget and Term of Delta Drought Response Pilot Program
Agreement for the Micrometeorological Measurements and Water Budget Calculation to Evaluate
Conservation Practices in the Annual Delta Crops Project**

Staff Report

Grantee	The Regents of the University of California, Davis
Project ID	22-0001-1
Award Year	2022
County	Multiple
Category	Implementation
Original Award Amount	\$1,497,611
Amended Request Amount	\$300,000 (20 percent increase)
Request	Budget, term

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board approve a budget increase of \$300,000 and a term extension of 14 months to extend experimental data collection to three full years and complete project deliverables.

DESCRIPTION

The Grantee is requesting a budget increase of \$300,000 (20 percent increase) and a term extension from October 21, 2025, to December 31, 2026, to extend data collection to three full water years and allow time for completion of all project deliverables after the 2025/2026 water year, which ends on September 30, 2026. Because of substantial variation in the data among years and fields, collecting data over a longer period will better allow the researchers to assess the sources of those variations and draw stronger conclusions. The budget change meets the goal of the funding source, which was emergency drought funding through the General Fund, which was awarded to the Conservancy through an interagency agreement (IAA) with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). An additional year of data collection on fields implementing water conservation practices will help the state be more prepared to respond during future drought.

If the Conservancy is unable to increase the budget and extend the term of this agreement, data collection will end on September 30, 2025. While the project will still have meaningful outcomes, the ability to draw strong conclusions from the experiment will be limited due to variability among years and fields, which could be clarified with an additional year of data collection.

If approved, this amendment would also include several insignificant updates to clarify timelines for existing tasks and deliverables.

BACKGROUND

The Micrometeorological Measurements and Water Budget Calculation to Evaluate Conservation Practices in the Annual Delta Crops Project is an IAA with University of California Davis researchers to gather intensive, field-level data to understand the impacts of field management practices on water use on Delta farm fields. The original award was made on May 25, 2022, in the amount of \$1,497,611 as a sub-award from an IAA with DWR. The DWR IAA budget has sufficient funding to support this proposed amendment to the UC Davis IAA. Conservancy staff have previously reviewed and processed two minor modifications to the UC Davis IAA that updated the list of supplies and equipment for purchase and made a small line-item budget shift. Data collection is currently underway on six Delta farm fields that were enrolled in the 2023 Delta Drought Response Pilot Program. The researchers have provided the first annual report on the water budget for each field and are continuing to collect data for the second water year of the study.

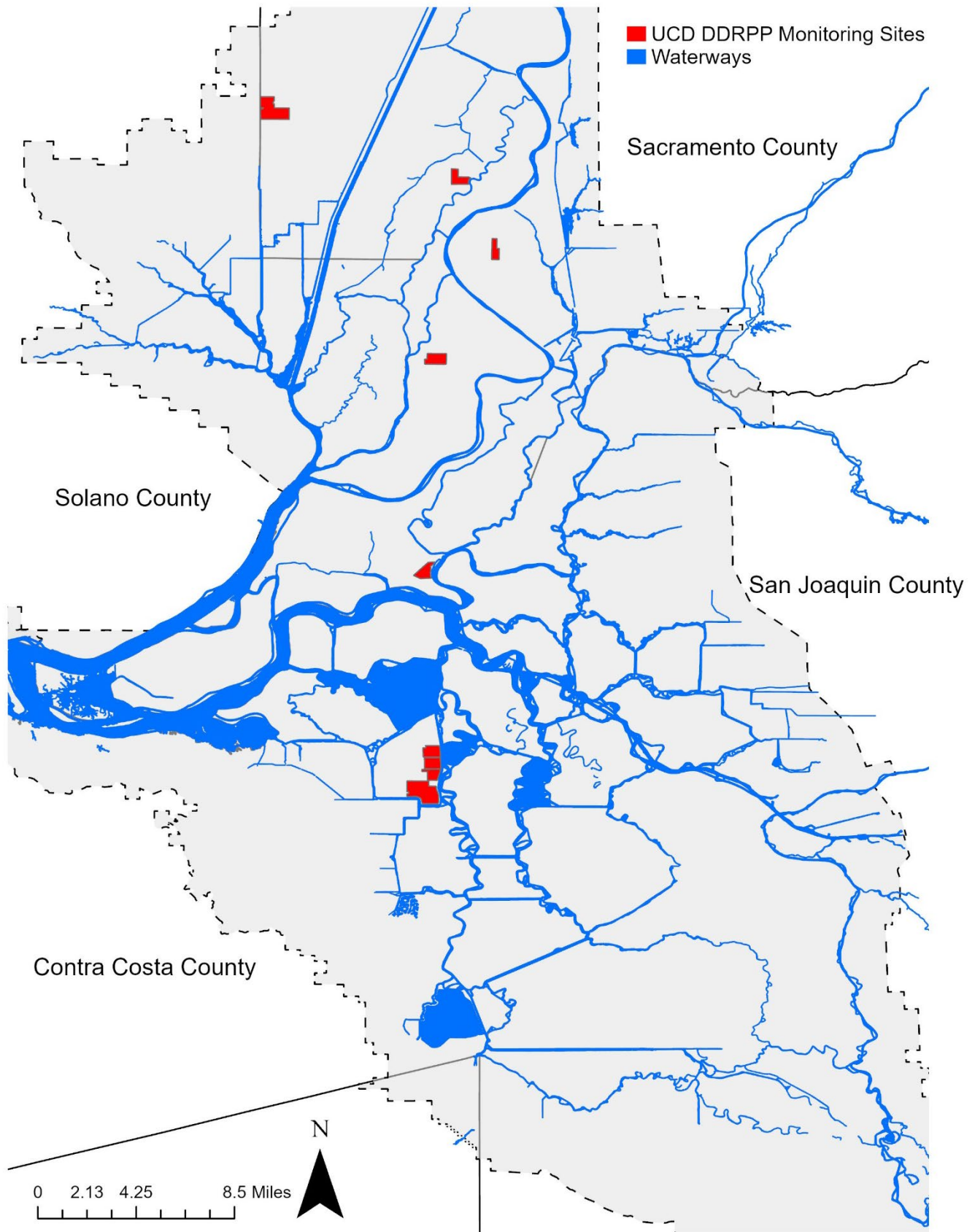
SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve a budget increase of \$300,000 and a term extension of 14 months to The Regents of the University of California, Davis for the Micrometeorological Measurements and Water Budget Calculation to Evaluate Conservation Practices in the Annual Delta Crops Project to extend data collection.

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Figure 9.1. Map of UC Davis Delta Drought Response Pilot Program Monitoring Sites.





Consideration of Updates to the Delta Conservancy's Modifications and Amendments Process Staff Report

This agenda item presents for Board consideration updates to the modifications and amendments process for grants awarded by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of the updates to the Delta Conservancy Grant Modifications and Amendments Process.

DESCRIPTION

Staff drafted updates to the Delta Conservancy Grant Modifications and Amendments Process, which is included with this agenda item. The existing Modifications and Amendments Process requires, as part of the consent calendar, Board consideration and approval of relatively minor modifications to grant agreements. Staff propose that relatively minor modifications be reviewed at the Executive Officer level. If approved, these updates will promote efficiency, allow Staff to work on higher valued tasks, and better meet grantee's needs. The following edit is proposed to the Grant Modifications and Amendments Process:

- Remove Board consideration for approval of amendments to the scope that do not significantly change the scope and are not time sensitive, and amendments to the grant term that are not time sensitive. Rather, these will be considered for approval at the Executive Officer level.

All modifications and amendments, regardless of level of approval, will continue to be reported as part of staff program updates and in the project updates table on the Delta Conservancy website.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the Board approved an amendments process to provide guidance for staff on project alterations that should be considered by the Board and amendment reporting procedures. Subsequent application of the process revealed areas that were unclear or did not reflect the process approved in the final Board motion. To address these issues, the Board approved revisions to the Grant Modifications and Amendments Process in 2021. These revisions reflected lessons learned from applied experience and feedback from grantees.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve the updates to the Delta Conservancy Grant Modifications and Amendments Process as presented in this agenda item.

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Delta Conservancy Grant Modifications and Amendments Process

1. **Request.** Grantee submits a formal, justified request to change their grant agreement in writing to Grant Manager.
2. **Review.** Grant Manager reviews the formal change request, identifies the type of change, and routes the request through the Ecological and Community Programs Manager, Administrative ~~Supervisor~~Manager, Deputy Executive Officer, Executive Officer, and the Board to obtain approval as indicated below.
3. **Approve.**

Minute Modifications

1. ***Ecological and Community Programs Manager*** will review and consider for approval:
 - a) Small changes to the agreement that do not involve the budget, changing the grant term, or scope of the project (e.g. changing the deliverable timeline, changing contacts for the project).

Budget Modifications

2. ***Ecological and Community Programs Manager*** will review and consider for approval:
 - a) Budget modifications that do not increase the total agreement and do not exceed the threshold listed in the grant agreement (e.g. shifting funds from one budget line item to another).

Amendments

3. ***The Board*** will consider approval as an agenda item:
 - a) Amendments to the budget that increase the total agreement by an amount equal to or greater than \$50,000 or equal to or more than 10 percent, whichever is less.
 - b) Amendments to the scope of work that significantly change the scope.
4. ***The Board*** will consider approval on the consent calendar:
 - a) Amendments to the budget that increase the total agreement by an amount less than \$50,000 and less than 10 percent.
 - ~~b) Amendments to the scope of work that do not significantly change the scope and that are not time-sensitive.~~
 - ~~c) Amendments to grant term that are not time-sensitive.~~

5. ***Delta Conservancy Executive Officer*** will consider approval for:
- a) Amendments to the budget that exceed the threshold listed in the grant agreement, but do not increase the agreement amount (e.g. shifting funds from one budget line item to another).
 - b) Amendments to the scope of work that do not significantly change the scope ~~and are time-sensitive.~~
 - c) Amendments to the grant term ~~that are time-sensitive.~~
 - d) Other changes that are in response to time-sensitive situations in which project failure is imminent due to forces beyond the control of the grantee; the Executive Officer will coordinate with Board Chair ~~and/or~~ Vice Chair prior to approving a change.
 - e) After Executive Officer approval of amendments ~~per 3 (c) (iii),~~ at the following Board meeting, staff will notify the Board of amendments during the relevant program update.



Proposed Regulation for Architectural and Engineering Authority Staff Report

This report presents for Board consideration proposed regulatory text for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Board approval of the proposed regulation as modified in the notice for the 15-day public comment period.

DESCRIPTION

The Delta Conservancy is currently going through the rulemaking process to obtain the authority to contract with A&E firms. This authority will enable the Conservancy to have A&E firms on call to support projects requiring their specialized expertise.

In February, staff completed the initial 45-day public comment period. Following the review of the rulemaking package, the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) provided additional guidance to ensure full compliance with notification and procedural requirements. In compliance with OAL guidance, staff shared the proposed regulation with the Secretary of California Natural Resources and small businesses, distributed the notice to the Conservancy listserv (900 contacts), and made minute modifications to the proposed regulatory text. OAL also requested that the Board formally approve the proposed regulation. As a result, staff were required to conduct a 15-day public comment period to allow time for review and feedback on the modifications. The 15-day period ran from May 12 to May 27, 2025.

To view the modifications to the text of the proposed regulation in the 15-Day Notice of Modifications, please visit: [Delta Conservancy Architectural and Engineering Contracting page](#).

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve the following:

- Text of Proposed Regulations, as presented in the notice of the 15-day public comment period, to adopt sections 28302-28314 of Title 14, Division 16, Chapter 2 of the California Code of Regulations concerning the selection process for private architectural and engineering firms as presented in this item.
- Authorize the Executive Officer to submit the regulations to OAL and make any necessary non-substantive or technical changes to adopt the regulations.
- Any summary or response to comments received during the written comment period.

Meeting Date: May 28, 2025

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