



May 28, 2025 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento, CA 95691

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AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:03 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:

- Pat Hume
- Leo Winternitz – arrived at 9:13 a.m. after consent calendar vote
- Sonny Dhaliwal – teleconference
- Sheila Allen
- Michele Perrault
- Gloria Sandoval
- Sandi Matsumoto

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Assemblymember Lori Wilson – teleconference
- Nicole Cuellar-Nelson (for Senator Christopher Cabaldon)

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Todd Plain
- Steve Chappell
- Jim Waters – teleconference
- Marge Kolar
- Holly Heyser (for Daniel Ray)
- Jessica Bonitz (Counsel)

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

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

- January 22, 2025 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

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

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items in the staff report. The May revision to the Governor’s fiscal year 2025-26 budget was released on May 14, 2025, and the Conservancy’s total appropriation was updated to \$6.61 million with the addition of \$4 million in local assistance funding for Proposition 4.

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

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report. As of May 20, 2025, there are 14 active projects and 25 closed projects. The format for the staff reports for Agenda Items 6 and 7 was updated due to the Lean Six Sigma Board packet preparation project. Previously included project updates and maps are available on the Conservancy’s website at [Delta Conservancy Project Table Updates](#). Staff demonstrated where the information could be found and how to manipulate the tables. Additionally, updates for the Nutria Eradication project (P1-1813) are included in this agenda item rather than in the Executive Officer’s report.

Agenda Item 7 – Community Enhancement Grant Programs Update

Conservancy staff highlighted items from the staff report. As of May 15, 2025, there are 11 active projects, two approved projects, four closed projects, and one working proposal. Proposition 68 funding was fully allocated with the approval of Agenda Item 8. An overview of the Clean Vessel Act program will be presented in July.

Agenda Item 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

Conservancy staff highlighted the project for consideration. The purpose of this grant is to fund the acquisition of 22 acres of privately owned land in Stockton, California, which will be developed into a public park for the benefit of the local community. Two motions were required. The Board agreed to take roll call for the motions simultaneously.

Motion: Supervisor Hume moved, seconded by Board Member Sandoval, 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).

Motion: Supervisor Hume moved, seconded by Board Member Sandoval, 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.

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

Agenda Item 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

Conservancy staff highlighted the project for consideration. The purpose of this amendment is 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.

Motion: Board Member Winternitz moved, seconded by Supervisor Allen, that the Board approve a budget increase of up to \$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.

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

Agenda Item 10 – Consideration of Updates to the Delta Conservancy’s Modifications and Amendments Process

Conservancy staff presented updates to the modifications and amendments process for grants awarded by the Conservancy for Board consideration.

Motion: Board Member Perrault moved, seconded by Board Member Matsumoto, that the Board approve the updates to the Delta Conservancy Grant Modifications and Amendments Process as presented in this agenda item.

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

Agenda Item 11 – Proposed Regulation for Architectural and Engineering Authority

Conservancy staff presented the Proposed Regulation for Architectural and Engineering Authority for Board consideration. No comments were received during the 15-day public comment period.

Motion: Supervisor Allen moved, seconded by Board Member Perrault, 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.

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

Agenda Item 12 – California Department of Water Resources Multibenefit Restoration Program Update

Charlotte Biggs, Assistant Deputy Director at the California Department of Water Resources, presented an update.

Agenda Item 13 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

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

Agenda Item 14 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Holly Heyser, Information Officer at the Delta Protection Commission, presented an update.

Agenda Item 15 – Delta Conveyance Update

Janet Barbieri, Consultant to the California Department of Water Resources managing the Communication Program for the Delta Conveyance Project, presented an update.

Agenda Item 16 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Item 17 – ADJOURN

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- None

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Hume at 10:35 a.m.

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