



July 23, 2025 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Video and audio of the meeting are available here: [July 23, 2025 Board Meeting Recording](#)

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice Chair Winternitz.

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:

- Chair Pat Hume – arrived after first vote at 9:08 a.m.
- Vice Chair Sheila Allen
- Sonny Dhaliwal – teleconference
- Sandi Matsumoto
- Gloria Sandoval – teleconference
- Shanelle Scales-Preston – teleconference
- Leo Winternitz

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Nicole Cuellar-Nelson – Senator Cabaldon Representative

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Steve Chappell
- Marge Kolar
- Todd Plain
- Dan Ray
- Nicole Rinke (Counsel)

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Item 4 – Board Elections

The Executive Officer thanked Supervisor Hume and Board Member Winternitz for the past year of service as Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservancy and opened nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Supervisor Hume was nominated for Chair for a second term, and Supervisor Allen was nominated for Vice Chair.

Motion: Vice Chair Winternitz moved, seconded by Board Member Matsumoto, that the Board approve the nomination of Supervisor Allen as Vice Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

Motion: Board Member Winternitz moved, seconded by Board Member Matsumoto, that the Board approve the nomination of Supervisor Hume as Chair of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

Agenda Item 5 – Consent Calendar

Motion: Vice Chair Allen moved, seconded by Board Member Matsumoto, that the Board approve the following:

- Approval of May 27, 2025, Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

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

Agenda Item 6 – Executive Officer’s Report

The Executive Officer briefly highlighted several items in the staff report. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget appropriations were similar to last year, and we anticipate the Climate Bond funding will be appropriated before the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Program Update

As of July 15, there are 15 active projects and 23 closed projects. Conservancy staff highlighted significant project milestones from the staff report for the Little Franks Tract Invasive Weed Removal and Restoration and the Ulati Creek Habitat Restoration Projects.

Agenda Item 8 – Project Updates and Consideration of Amendment to Scope of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Program Agreement for Wetland Mosaic Landscape of Webb Tract Project

Conservancy staff presented for consideration a scope change to the Wetland Restoration Project to move final wetland restoration design and planning from Phase II (implementation) to Phase I (planning) to complete wetland restoration design plans and report and prepare final construction documents.

Motion: Board Member Winternitz moved, seconded by Board Member Matsumoto, that the Board approve a scope change to authorize the grantee to complete final wetland restoration design and planning as part of Phase I of the Wetland Mosaic Landscape on Webb Tract Project conditional upon the California Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Director signing an updated Statutory Exemption for Restoration Project concurrence and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California submitting an updated Notice of Exemption to the State Clearinghouse.

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

Motion: Vice Chair Allen moved, seconded by Chair Hume, that the Board authorize the Executive Officer to approve Phase II of the Rice Conversion Project and approve a budget change to reallocate up to \$2,680,000 from the Wetland Restoration Project to the Rice Conversion Project, conditional on the Grantee (the lead agency) approving the Phase II activities, concluding that the rice lease is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and there are no exceptions to the exemptions, and the Conservancy's Executive Officer reviews and concurs with those determinations.

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

Agenda Item 9 – Request for Approval to Enter into an Architectural and Engineering Contract with the Most Qualified Firm for an Amount up to \$120,000 to conduct a Subsequent Analysis for Potential Restoration of Franks Tract

Conservancy staff posted a Request for Qualifications on Cal eProcure for an Architectural and Engineering contract, and after evaluating the candidates are now in the negotiation phase with the most qualified firm. The Conservancy sought Board approval for the subsequent contract as the available budget exceeds the Executive Officers' \$100,000 authority.

Motion: Vice Chair Allen moved, seconded by Board Member Winternitz, that the Board authorize the Executive Officer to enter an Architectural and Engineering contract with the most qualified firm for an amount up to \$120,000 to conduct the Cost Feasibility Analysis for the Restoration of Franks Tract.

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

Agenda Item 10 – Community Enhancement Programs Update

As of June 20, there are 11 active projects, three approved projects, and four closed projects. Conservancy staff highlighted significant project milestones from the staff report for the Restoration of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse and Creation of a Delta Welcome Center and Suisun City Public Fishing Dock Projects.

Agenda Item 11 – Overview of the Clean Vessel Act Program

Conservancy staff highlighted the tasks and objectives of the Clean Vessel Act Program while narrating a slide presentation.

Agenda Item 12 – Delta Conservancy 2025 Implementation Plan Status Update

The Deputy Executive Officer presented a mid-year status update of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's progress toward meeting the goals of the 2025 Implementation Plan.

Agenda Item 13 – Nutria Eradication Program Update

Valerie Cook, Nutria Eradication Program Manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, presented an update.

Agenda Item 14 – California Department of Water Resources Multibenefit Restoration Program Update

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

Agenda Item 15 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

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

Agenda Item 16 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Dan Ray, Interim Executive Officer of the Delta Protection Commission, presented an update.

Agenda Item 17 – Delta Conveyance Update

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

Agenda Item 18 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Item 19 – ADJOURN

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- None

MEETING ADJOURNED by Chair Hume at 11:22 a.m.

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