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DELTA CONSERVANCY

A California State Agency

March 25, 2026 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Video and audio of the meeting are available here: [March 25, 2026 Board Meeting Recording](#)

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:

- Chair Pat Hume
- Vice Chair Sheila Allen
- Ken Carlson
- Sonny Dhaliwal – teleconference, left before Agenda Item 10 vote
- Michele Perrault
- Gloria Sandoval – arrived after Consent Calendar vote
- Wanda Williams – teleconference
- Leo Winternitz
- Lilliana Udang

Ex-Officio Members Present:

- Nicole Cuellar-Nelson – Senator Cabaldon Representative

Liaison Advisors and Counsel Present:

- Amanda Bohl
- Marge Kolar
- Todd Plain
- Jessica Bonitz (Counsel)

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Calendar

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

- Approval of January 28, 2026 Board Meeting Summary and Action Items

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 highlighted several items in the staff report. Two items from the report were updated after publication: On March 5, the Executive Officer provided closing remarks at the Accounting for Blue Carbon in the Bay-Delta: Science Policy and Practice which was hosted by the UC Davis Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute, and the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) Restoration Subcommittee meeting and the Delta Restoration Forum dates in the report were in the process of being moved to June.

Agenda Item 6 – Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaption Program Update

As of March 2026, there are 11 active projects and 24 closed projects. Conservancy staff highlighted significant project milestones from the staff report for the Delta Working Waterways Habitat Restoration and the Phase 1 San Joaquin River Floodplain Restoration and Floodway Enhancement at Banta-Carbona projects. Several change requests were approved internally, and details are in the project table linked in the staff report.

Agenda Item 7 – Community Enhancement Program Update

As of March 2026, there are 12 active projects, two approved projects, and four closed projects. Conservancy staff highlighted significant project milestones from the staff report for the Discover the Delta Education Center planning and the Asian American Heritage Park implementation projects. Several change requests were approved internally, and details are in the project table linked in the staff report.

Agenda Item 8 – Delta Carbon Program Update

As of March 2026, there are three active projects and one closed project. Conservancy staff highlighted significant project milestones from the staff report for the Wetland Mosaic Landscape on Webb Tract Project, Delta Rice Incentive Program, and the Staten Island Wetland Restoration Project. Since the publishing of the staff report, an additional farmer has been enrolled in the Delta Rice Incentive Program to bring the enrollment to 12 farmers and 5,400 acres. Details are in the project table linked in the staff report.

Agenda Item 9 – Consideration of Draft Solicitation Notice for Climate Bond (Proposition 4) and Nature Based Solutions Funding of the Rice Incentive Program

Conservancy staff presented the draft Solicitation Notice for Climate Bond (Proposition 4) and Nature Based Solutions Funding of the Rice Incentive Program for Board consideration.

Motion: Board Member Udang moved, seconded by Board Member Winternitz, that the Board approve the draft Solicitation Notice for Climate Bond (Proposition 4) and Nature Based Solutions Funding for the Rice Incentive Program.

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

Agenda Item 10 – Consideration of Updates to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines

Conservancy staff presented updates to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines for Board consideration. The revised version retains the funding priorities, grant

information, proposal and award process, and proposal requirements, but scaled back detailed information on specific requirements that will be included in solicitation notices for specific funding opportunities. The Conservancy requested that the Board consider approving the General Grant Guidelines for public comment.

Motion: Vice Chair Allen moved, seconded by Board Member Udang, that the Board approve the updates to Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy General Grant Guidelines for use in awarding funds.

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

Agenda Item 11 – Update on Nutria Control Activities in the Delta and Suisun Marsh

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

Agenda Item 12 – 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 13 – Delta Stewardship Council Update

Dr. Rachel Wigginton, Special Assistant for Planning and Science of the Delta Stewardship Council, presented an update.

Agenda Item 14 – Delta Protection Commission Update

Amanda Bohl, Executive Officer of the Delta Protection Commission, presented a slide deck titled “National Heritage Area Progress and Recent Activities” and shared an update on the Commission’s ongoing work.

Agenda Item 15 – Delta Conveyance Update

Janet Barbieri, consultant to the California Department of Water Resources and the Communications and Public Outreach Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, presented an update.

Agenda Item 16 – Public Comment

- None

Agenda Item 17 – ADJOURN

BOARD DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- Email Board Members and Liaison Advisors the events mentioned in Delta Stewardship Council’s update and newsletter signups for the Delta Protection Commission and Delta Stewardship Council. The Conservancy emailed the information on April 9.

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

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