



## **SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting  
Thursday, September 19, 2019**

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Villegas called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

#### **2. Roll Call**

Acting Commission Clerk Virginia Gardiner called the roll. Present at roll call: Chair Villegas and Commissioners Thomson, Burgis, Kott, Sandeen (for Cabaldon), Biagi Jr., Slater (for van Loben Sels), and Mussi. Commissioner Winn arrived at 5:38 p.m., Vice-Chair Nottoli arrived at 5:40 p.m., and Commissioner Lester-Moffitt arrived at 5:43 p.m. Commissioners Nakanishi, Bugsch, Moosavi (for Kim) and Roberts (for Crowfoot) were absent with no alternate present. Commissioner Mussi left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

#### **3. Welcome and Public Comment - Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission Regarding Items Not on the Agenda**

Chair Villegas asked for public comment and there was none.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4. Approval of July 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Thomson and seconded by Commissioner Kott to approve the July 18, 2019 meeting minutes; in a voice vote, the motion passed with 8 aye votes (Chair Villegas, Burgis, Kott, Biagi, Thomson, Sandeen, Slater, Mussi), 0 nay votes, and 0 abstentions.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **5. Receive Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Vink discussed the National Heritage Area (NHA) cooperative agreement and the anticipated federal appropriation of \$150,000 expected in the federal budget year beginning October 1, 2019; that the Commission will be re-advertising the request for proposals on the NHA project management plans following a lack of response to the first RFP; that Blake Roberts and

Erik Vink will be attending the Association of National Heritage Areas meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico in October; that the Commission is seeking comments on a draft Tribal Policy that the Commission will be asked to adopt at the November 2019 meeting; that the call for nominations is out for the 5<sup>th</sup> cohort of the Delta Leadership Program and the first seminar will be on November 22 in Sacramento, followed by a welcome reception; that the Delta Waterway Cleanup (part of the statewide Coastal Cleanup Day) is September 21 with sites being managed by Commission staff in each of the five Delta counties; that the Great Delta Trail Eastern Blueprint is out for comment; that the Commission is in the process of hiring a new Commission Clerk; that CA Natural Resources Agency Secretary (and Commission member) Crowfoot is holding a Delta roundtable on September 23 in Walnut Grove; that the Design Construction Authority for the Delta isolated conveyance project is forming a stakeholder engagement committee; and that he would be on vacation October 25 - November 11.

Chair Villegas asked who received copies of the tribal policy. Erik Vink responded that the Commission received a list of all the tribes from the Delta region generated by the Native American Heritage Commission.

Chair Villegas asked for public comment and there was none.

**6. (a) Receive Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report (b) Consider amendments to DPAC Charter; (c) Consider appointments to DPAC**

DPAC Chair Mark Pruner provided a brief update on the Committee's September 4 meeting, where they discussed revisions to the DPAC charter and the organization of the Committee. DPAC voted to amend the charter to provide for staggered Committee terms (at present most of the Committee members are appointed at the same time) and to add a Native American tribal representative as an ex-officio member.

Executive Director Vink continued the discussion and asked for Commission approval of the proposed DPAC charter amendments, and to consider reappointing Kathy Bunton to a term expiring in May 2021 representing recreation interests. DPAC Chair Pruner spoke to support the motions.

Chair Villegas asked for public comment and there was none.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Burgis and seconded by Vice Chair Nottoli to approve the changes to the DPAC charter and to reappoint Kathy Bunton to the recreation position on the DPAC for a term expiring in May 2021; the motion carried unanimously with all Commissioners present for the voice vote (11 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstentions).

**7. Receive Presentation on Governor's Water Resilience Portfolio – Nancy Vogel, CA Natural Resources Agency**

Nancy Vogel provided a presentation on the Water Resilience Portfolio including background and timeline to completion, how the recommendations could be used, by whom, and what regional water resilience may look like. She thanked everyone for all the comments they have received so far.

Chair Villegas asked for public comment: Nicky Suard of Snug Harbor commented that the Steamboat Slough baseline flow data from 2012 that was used by DWR in the twin tunnels CEQA analysis was incorrect. She provided DWR with data corrections for 2006-2010 outflow, but was concerned that it might not have been captured in the DWR Water Plan 2018 and wanted to make sure flow data is correct if water decisions are being made based on the information.

Supervisor Winn commented that Nancy Vogel and the Governor are willing to discuss water issues and there are more people working together in this process than in the past.

Executive Director Vink reported that he had signed on to a Delta recommendation as part of a larger set of recommendations prepared by a “portfolio recommendations group”. The larger report is a set of recommendations on diversifying water supplies, watershed lands, and rights to water, among other topics.

Chair Villegas asked how the Water Resilience Portfolio report will be utilized and how it will serve the administration. Nancy Vogel responded that the Water Action Plan was well used, and the Portfolio builds on that. The Portfolio will further the conversation efforts and could serve as a framework for a potential water bond on the 2020 statewide ballot and climate resiliency work.

Commissioners and Nancy Vogel continued to discuss the Portfolio and how it can be used, what the baseline is, and how it will be used in other work. Commission members expressed an interest in working together instead of fighting each over water and are thankful that Secretary Crowfoot is interested in local government input.

**8. Receive Presentation and consider endorsement of a Delta Channel Restoration Program Problem Statement – John Herrick, South Delta Water Agency**

John Herrick with South Delta Water Agency discussed the impetus behind the problem statement and explained the problems with siltation in the main channels in the South Delta, why the channel is getting shallower, and that storm events no longer seem to provide any flushing of the sediment. Working with other interests (including the Delta Watermaster and water exporters), a problem statement was drafted and Mr. Herrick requested the Commission’s endorsement of the problem statement.

Commissioner Kott asked about other parts of the Delta and their stream channel dredging needs. Mr. Herrick replied that all parts of the Delta should be involved, but the South is a high priority area.

Chair Villegas asked for public comment: Melinda Terry (CA Central Valley Flood Control Association) stated she supported the problem statement and that the North Delta also has problems with siltation in certain locations.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Kott and seconded by Commissioner Slater to endorse the problem statement; in a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously with 11 ayes, 0 nay votes, and 0 abstentions.

**9. Receive Report on Delta Broadband Action Plan – Yzabelle de la Cruz, Valley Vision**

Yzabelle de la Cruz of Valley Vision presented on the Broadband Action Plan findings which included a power point presentation.

Vice Chair Nottoli asked how the report and findings will be used; Executive Director Vink stated he will report back to the Commission about next steps, but that this is a priority for Commission efforts. Commissioner Burgis recommended planning for the highest download/upload speeds possible, because before broadband can be implemented the speeds will continue to get faster and faster. Chair Villegas stated that in many cases broadband is needed to implement water resiliency, with water savings tied to technology.

Chair Villegas asked for public comment and there was none.

**10. Receive presentation on Delta Conservancy Proposition 68 Grant program – Campbell Ingram, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy**

Mr. Ingram shared the Proposition 68 grant program guidelines and stated that the draft grant application will come before the Conservancy meeting next week for approval. The Prop. 68 program is different from their Prop. 1 funding program in that it can support efforts to enhance Delta communities and the regional economy, as expressed in the Conservancy's statutory mandates. The grants will be considered on a rolling basis after submittal of a concept paper.

Commissioner Thomson had concerns about funding projects to improve the economy if a single tunnel is approved and is under construction and changes the Delta.

**11. Receive report on 2019 Delta Flood Preparedness Week and consider approval of Delta Flood Preparedness Week resolution – Stacy Hayden**

Information Officer Hayden presented on the 2019 Delta Flood Preparedness Week activities, including a shift away from a flood fair to more active engagement with schools and churches and meeting Delta residents out where they live. The 2020 Flood Preparedness Calendars are almost ready and will again be sent out to all Delta primary zone residents. She also asked the Commission for approval of Resolution 19-01, proclaiming the week of October 14-19 to be Delta Flood Preparedness Week.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Burgis and seconded by Commissioner Sandeen to approve Resolution 19-01; in a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously with 10 ayes, 0 nay votes, and 0 abstentions (Commissioner Mussi having left the meeting at 7:30 pm).

**12. Commissioner Comments/Announcements**

The next Commission meeting will be on November 21, 2019 in West Sacramento.

**13. Adjourn**

Chair Villegas adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.