

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
September 17, 2020**

AGENDA ITEM 8: Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) report

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Presented by: Mark Pruner, DPAC Chair

Requested Action: **Receive DPAC report**

Type of Action: Information

The Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) met on September 2 via Zoom and both received an update and provided comments on the Delta National Heritage Area Management Plan Advisory Committee, received a report on recent meetings of the DCA Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC), received a report on Commission staff activities, and discussed a DPAC work plan. The discussion on a proposed work plan included coordination or connection with the Delta Watermaster’s workgroup on dredging, sedimentation, and multi-benefits (follow up of John Herrick’s presentation to the Commission), studying DSC initiatives such as Delta Plan changes and the climate adaptation strategy, keeping focus on invasive weeds and harmful algal blooms, and improved communications with Delta interests.

Statutory basis for DPAC/DPAC purpose (according to Commission-adopted charter)

Public Resources Code section 29753(a): The commission shall appoint at least one advisory committee to provide recommendations regarding the diverse interests within the Delta. At a minimum, the advisory committees shall include representatives of state agencies and other stakeholders with interests in the Delta's ecosystem, water supply, and socioeconomic sustainability, including, but not limited to, its recreational, agricultural, flood control, environmental, and water resources, and state, local, and utility infrastructure. The commission shall encourage participation of various federal agencies, including the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and others as appropriate.

Delta Protection Advisory Committee purpose (revised Charter adopted by Commission 9/19/2019)

- Provide recommendations to the Commission regarding the diverse interests within the Delta.
- Provide its advice based upon input from and cooperation with other stakeholders and existing organizations addressing Delta issues.

- DPAC recommendations to the Commission can include specific suggestions/proposals/projects/action items on specific issues, projects, or plans affecting the Delta.

DPAC members as of September 2020 are: Chair Mark Pruner (Delta general public); Vice-Chair Barbara Daly and Gilbert Labrie (Delta business); David Strecker and Lindsey Liebig (Delta agriculture); Kathy Bunton and Todd Bruce (Delta recreation); Chris Elias (Delta flood entity); Mariah Looney (Delta organization); Jim Starr and Edward Hard (State agency); Craig Watanabe and Jim Cox (Delta conservation/habitat entity); Sam Garcia (Delta utility/related infrastructure); Russ Ryan (Delta water exporter); and Douglas Hsia (Delta Cultural Preservation ex-officio member). DPAC members may designate an alternate to attend meetings in their absence.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan):

Education and Outreach (Strategic Theme)

O.1 Ensure consistent, proactive communications between and among Delta interests and decision makers.

1.4 Support an active and engaged Delta Protection Advisory Committee structure, including utilizing expert work groups, to provide recommendations to the Commission.