

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
November 19, 2020**

AGENDA ITEM 11: Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) Management Plan

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Requested Action: (a) Consider appointments to Delta National Heritage Area Management Plan Advisory Committee (b) Delegate authority to Executive Director to approve additional funding for Point Heritage Development Consulting contract

Type of Action: Action Item

Background: The Delta Reform Act of 2009 and Delta Plan Recommendation DP R1 called on the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) to pursue federal designation of the Delta as a National Heritage Area (Water Code Section 85301(b)(1)). Legislation establishing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) and designating the Commission as the local coordinating entity was signed into law on March 12, 2019. The Commission’s first primary task is to prepare and receive approval from the Secretary of Interior for a management plan to guide the NHA’s activities for the next ten to fifteen years.

At its September 17, 2020 meeting, the Commission approved the charter for the National Heritage Area Management Plan Advisory Committee (NHA Advisory Committee) – see attachment. The NHA Advisory Committee consists of 15 voting members and additional ex-officio members consisting of public agency representatives and other Delta interests. The committee will provide the Commission and Commission NHA subcommittee with recommendations on the development of the Management Plan and input from diverse stakeholders. The charter calls for diversity in representation on the NHA Advisory Committee, including geographic, cultural, and multigenerational representation from across the NHA.

Commission staff solicited applications for the NHA Advisory Committee and the Commission received 22 applications. An ad-hoc committee consisting of Vice Chair Nottoli and Commissioner Vogel met to review the applicants for the NHA Advisory Committee, and made the following recommendations for voting members to the Committee:

- **Michael Campbell** (Clarksburg; Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse; Delta Regional Foundation)
- **Lenora Clark** (Discovery Bay; Recreational Boaters of California; Pacific Inter-Club Association)

- **Barbara Daly** (Clarksburg; Delta Heartbeat Tours; California Delta Chambers and Visitors Bureau)
- **Paulette Hennem** (Courtland; Delta business owner)
- **Matt Holmes** (Stockton; environmental justice consultant)
- **Douglas Hsia** (Locke; Locke Foundation; Delta Conveyance Authority [DCA] Stakeholder Engagement Committee)
- **Carol Jensen** (Brentwood; Contra Costa County Historic Landmarks Committee; Delta historian)
- **Janet Lake** (Freeport; Freeport Citizens Community Association; Delta Legacy Communities, Inc.)
- **Gia Moreno** (Hood; Hood Community Council; DCA Stakeholder Engagement Committee)
- **James Motlow** (Locke; Delta Legacy Communities, Inc; Delta author)
- **Elizabeth Patterson** (Benicia; Mayor of Benicia; urban and regional planner)
- **David Stuart** (Sacramento; retired Director of San Joaquin County Historical Society; park planner)
- **Malissa Tayaba** (Sacramento; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians; DCA Stakeholder Engagement Committee)
- **Jan Vick** (Rio Vista; Rio Vista Army Base Steering Committee; Highway 12 Association)
- **Jean Yokotobi** (Isleton; Isleton Chamber of Commerce; Isleton Historical Society)

In addition, the ad-hoc committee recommended the appointment of **Matthew Moore** (Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for United Auburn Indian Community of Auburn Rancheria) and **Michael Moran** (East Bay Regional Parks District) as ex-officio members.

A full list of the NHA Advisory Committee applicants is attached.

At its November 21, 2019 meeting, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to offer, negotiate, and execute a consultant contract with Point Heritage Development Consulting (Point HDC) not to exceed \$149,400 for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta NHA Program and Management Plan scope of work. The original scope included preparation of a workload analysis, project charters, vision statement, and project plans for each component of the NHA Management Plan.

After Point HDC began their work, Commission staff determined that amendments to the contract scope of work were necessary, particularly in light of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on public outreach and State agency staff availability. The amendments include Point HDC assisting Commission staff with management of the NHA Advisory Committee and associated NHA Advisory Task Group meetings and preparing sections of the Management Plan.

Commission staff are recommending a Point HDC contract amendment that would not exceed \$25,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$174,400.

Requested Action: Staff recommends the Commission (a) consider appointments to the National Heritage Area Management Plan Advisory Committee; and (b) delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve a contract amendment to provide additional funding for the Point Heritage Development Consulting contract.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan):

Delta Heritage (Strategic Theme)

H.2 Protect and promote the cultural and historical resources of the Delta.

H.2.2 Work with Congress and the National Park Service to establish a National Heritage Area in the Delta.