

Delta Protection Commission Meeting
January 20, 2022

AGENDA ITEM 7: Executive Director report

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Requested Action: **Receive report**

Type of Action: Information

Commission Update

Delta Conveyance Project: Commission staff attended the last meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board and Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) on December 8. The SEC is being disbanded by the DCA since engineering is considered complete for the purpose of environmental review. Staff will continue to monitor the DCA meetings.

Commission staff continue to meet with Department of Water Resources Delta Conveyance Office (DCO) staff on the status of the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) EIR preparation; the draft EIR is anticipated for release in April to May 2022, along the federal Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Staff also continue to engage on the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation on historic and cultural resources.

Broadband in the Delta: Commission staff will continue to work with public and non-profit partners to identify local needs and opportunities, in anticipation of future grant funding opportunities. The NTIA announced in late November that federal broadband grant applications had overwhelmed the program and that applications were still in screening, with results likely in first quarter of 2022.

Delta National Heritage Area: Commission staff, Point Heritage Development Consulting, and California State Parks staff met with the NHA Advisory Committee on December 2. Agenda items included a discussion of the potential NHA heritage adventures and updates on the Delta Heritage Forum and the task groups. The NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee will meet next on February 3 and March 3. The four advisory task groups – Heritage Development & Tourism, Interpretive Planning, Organization, and Resource Stewardship – will meet in January and February.

Delta Leadership Program: The 6th cohort of the Delta Leadership Program convened on January 7 with a Zoom seminar. It is a diverse group of 13 emerging leaders from throughout the region. We will meet next on February 4 at the Port of Stockton and conclude the program on April 22. Commission members will be invited to meet our participants at a reception following the conclusion of the April 22 seminar, and the Program participants are anticipated to attend the May 19, 2022 Commission meeting to present their class projects.

Commission Staffing: Claire Coeey joined the Commission staff on January 10 as Associate Governmental Program Analyst to provide internal administrative, contract, and grant support. Claire comes to us from the California Department of Managed Health Care and is a Delta enthusiast. Morgan Matz has accepted an offer to join the Commission on January 20 as Office Technician to assist with front-of-office and Clerk duties. Kirsten Pringle will join the Commission staff on February 2 as Senior Environmental Planner to lead land use review and other regional economic development efforts. She currently works with Stantec (engineering and environmental consulting firm) and has a background with Delta work.

Commission Land Use Comments: The chart below lists the land use comment letters prepared by Commission staff from November 12, 2021 through January 13, 2022.

Land Use Projects – Comment Letters

November 12, 2021 through January 13, 2022

County	Project Description	Authority	Primary (P) or Secondary (S) Zone or D (Delta-wide)	Comments
Contra Costa	City of Oakley Commercial Recreation-Aquatic District Zoning Text Amendment: Provides new and protects existing commercial and recreational uses along shoreline.	Non jurisdictional project that may affect Delta resources; Delta Trail	S	Proposed amendment could help provide benefits to Delta recreation and tourism. Suggest encouraging lower cost public access, such as in the required Community Development Director findings for marinas and docks, and in the mix of restaurants and other services.

County	Project Description	Authority	Primary (P) or Secondary (S) Zone or D (Delta-wide)	Comments
Multi-County	Delta Plan Ecosystem Amendment: Revisions to Delta Plan Chapter 4.	PRC 29773(a); CEQA Reviewing Agency	P/S	Reduce target restoration acreage, thereby reducing impacts to Delta agricultural lands and allowing time for adaptive management processed decisions to guide adjustment of restoration approaches. Use next two five-year review cycles of the Delta Plan prior to 2030 to assess and adjust targets based on measurable progress.
Yolo	Yolo Bypass East Levee: Installation of stability berms, replenished waterside revetment, reconstructed maintenance roads, and improved levee drainage system	Delta Trail	S	Support projects that provide needed flood protection and stability for Delta. Hope to work on possible locations for trails and potentially incorporate these into the Delta Trail.

Upcoming Events: Many upcoming Delta public events have been cancelled or postponed. The following public meetings are still anticipated to be held.

January

First Saturdays (All year) - Haggin Museum - Free Admission Day - Stockton
<http://www.hagginmuseum.org>

Second Saturdays (All year except July, August, and September) - Tours of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area - Davis
<https://www.yolobasin.org/wetlands-tours>

January 20 – Delta Protection Commission Meeting
<http://www.delta.ca.gov/commission-meetings>

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January 26 – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Meeting
<http://www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov/board-meeting-materials>

January 27 – Delta Stewardship Council Meeting
<https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings>

February

February 24 – Delta Stewardship Council Meeting
<https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings>

February 4 to 6 – Lodi Wine and Chocolate Weekend
<https://lodiwineandchocolate.com>

March

March 5 – Delta Blues Festival - Antioch
<https://www.deltabluesfestival.net>

March 17 – Delta Protection Commission Meeting
<http://www.delta.ca.gov/commission-meetings>

March 23 – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Meeting
<http://deltaconservancy.ca.gov/board-meeting-materials>

March 24 – Delta Stewardship Council Meeting
<https://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings>

Delta Protection Commission Projects Update – Jan 2022

<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Commission Staff Lead</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
Delta Conveyance Project (Delta tunnel)	Virginia Gardiner	Tracking DWR environmental review process through meetings with DWR; tracking Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) meetings.	Commission staff continues to meet with DWR staff regularly to learn more about current efforts on the project and monitors the DCA and SEC meetings. Staff also monitors the U.S Army Corps of Engineers NEPA process and together with representatives of Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa and Yolo counties, participates as a consulting party in the NHPA Section 106 cultural resources consultation process hosted by the Corps.
Great California Delta Trail Master Plan	Virginia Gardiner	The Master Plan will provide a framework for local and state agency trail development decisions	The final draft Master Plan will be presented to the Commission at the January 20, 2022 meeting with a request to approve the Plan for implementation.
National Heritage Area Management Plan	Blake Roberts	Long-term plan for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area initiated in 2020	NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee meetings are planned for February 3 and March 3, 2022. Task Groups meetings will also occur over that period.
Delta Adapts: Creating a Climate Resilient Future	Virginia Gardiner, Natasha Nelson	Technical Advisory Committee - Review of Technical Memos	Development of an Adaptation Strategy and building a climate change resilience “toolkit,” efforts initiated in late 2021 and are continuing. Detailed work is occurring in four Focus Groups: Agriculture, Flood Protection, Ecosystem Restoration, and Water Supply Reliability. Commission staff will be tracking all these efforts.

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<p>“Welcome to the Delta National Heritage Area” Signs</p>	<p>Virginia Gardiner</p>	<p>Delta Five-Year Marketing Plan (joint effort of Commission and Delta Conservancy)</p>	<p>“Welcome to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area” signs were delivered in December 2021. Caltrans encroachment permits for sign installation from Districts 3, 4 and 10 are in process and Maintenance Agreements will need to be concluded. Installation will be by the CA Conservation Corps at 11 locations around the Delta selected by the Delta Marketing Task Force.</p>
<p>Delta Community Action Plan Implementation</p>	<p>Blake Roberts</p>	<p>Implementation of plans created by Delta legacy communities</p>	<p>The Commission final report on potential physical improvements for Delta legacy communities along the Sacramento River, including Isleton, Walnut Grove, Locke, Courtland, and Freeport, is now available on the Commission website.</p>
<p>North Delta Interpretation</p>	<p>Blake Roberts</p>	<p>Interpretive planning for 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse and surrounding community</p>	<p>Commission staff are working with the Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse to complete oral histories in the North Delta.</p>
<p>Delta Marketing Campaign</p>	<p>Stacy Hayden</p>		<p>With a continued increase in visitors to the Visit CA Delta website, Commission staff are continuing to work on the website to offer a more robust platform with a wider range of content. There will be an increase in collaboration in 2022 between the Delta Marketing Campaign efforts and the development of an interim Communications Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area. Commission staff are also developing a scope of work to contract placement of the remaining Delta Recreation Maps at several Visit California visitor center locations and other targeted sites.</p>
<p>Workgroups and Forums</p>	<p>Commission Staff</p>		<p>Ongoing work groups include Delta as Place Interagency Work Group, Delta Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Advisory Committee, and Delta Marketing Task Force.</p>

Budget and Spending for Delta Protection Commission - FY 21/22

SALARIES & WAGES (ESTIMATED)	Year to Date Spent	Budget Amount	Remaining	% Remaining
Land (Ag, LURMP) & Water	\$ 65,448	\$ 169,072	\$ 103,624	61%
Economic Sustainability	\$ 48,948	\$ 108,720	\$ 59,772	55%
Levees/Emergency Response	\$ 27,603	\$ 60,150	\$ 32,546	54%
Recreation	\$ 95,602	\$ 217,316	\$ 121,715	56%
Delta Heritage (General)	\$ 40,887	\$ 145,061	\$ 104,174	72%
Delta Heritage (NHA)	\$ 81,976	\$ 126,247	\$ 44,271	35%
Outreach & Education	\$ 74,158	\$ 165,061	\$ 90,904	55%
Administration & Capacity Building	\$ 83,412	\$ 210,364	\$ 126,953	60%
SUBTOTALS; SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 518,034	\$ 1,201,991	\$ 683,958	57%
CONTRACTS AND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS (*, **)	\$ 139,193	\$ 785,288	\$ 646,096	82%
GENERAL EXPENSE	\$ 80,801	\$ 192,880	\$ 112,079	58%
SUBTOTALS; OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 219,994	\$ 978,168	\$ 758,175	78%
Grand Total Expenses for FY 21/22	\$ 738,027	\$ 2,180,159	\$ 1,442,132	66%
SubTotal (ELPF) in FY 21/22	\$ 624,262	\$ 1,480,000	\$ 855,738	58%
SubTotal (HWC) in FY 21/22	\$ 113,765	\$ 255,000	\$ 141,235	55%
Subtotal (FTF for Federal FY 20)	\$ (1,207)	\$ (49,569)	\$ (48,362)	98%
Subtotal (FTF for Federal FY 21)	\$ -	\$ (107,000)	\$ (107,000)	100%
Carryover from Prior Years (*, **)		\$ 487,472		
Budget Totals (including all FTF)		\$ 2,379,041		

Figures reflect regular budget projection as of December 31, 2021

* Budget Change Proposal for \$200,000 was approved in FY 2018-19 budget - <https://esd.dof.ca.gov/dofpublic/viewBcp.html> - and then renewed in AB 128, Chapter 21 on file June 28, 2021

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WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

4th Quarter 2021 (October through December)

WEBSITE

Delta Protection Commission

5,730 Pageviews | 2,566 Users

Top 5 Pages:

Rank	Page Title	Pageviews
1.	Home Page	1,467
2.	Recreation and Tourism	554
3.	Delta Heritage Forum 2021	295
4.	NHA	248
5.	Delta Leadership Program	237

WEBSITE

Visit CA Delta

16,274 Pageviews | 8,592 Users

Top 5 Pages:

Rank	Page Title	Pageviews
1.	Home Page	2,755
2.	Best of the Delta	896
3.	What to Do	747
4.	Restaurants and Bars	593
5.	What to Do: Hunting	573



TWITTER

Delta Protection Commission @CA_DPC

7,839 Impressions, 393 followers (12 new)

Top tweet: October 15, 2021

721 Impressions, 36 Engagements

 Delta Photo of the Week Image by Kelly M. Grow "Construction crews work into the night on the temporary emergency drought barrier in the West False River in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in Contra Costa county." - [@CA_DWR](#) What else is going on? See below 



TWITTER

Visit CA Delta @visitCAdelta

1,090 Impressions | 216 followers

Top tweet: December 14, 2021

45 Impressions, 3 Engagements

Celebrate small businesses this holiday season!  Enjoy a holiday shopping  and merriment event this Saturday in Isleton from 2-6 PM. Local businesses will offer great gifts, and there will be music  and refreshments ! Visit Isleton: www.visitcadelta.com/stories/delta-narratives/legacy-communities/isleton



FACEBOOK

Delta Protection Commission

692 followers

Top post: November 4, 2021

1,679 People Reached, 128 Engagements

We are hiring for MULTIPLE positions! Would you like to help support the people that live and work in the Delta Region? Come work with us!

We are hiring for a Senior Environmental Planner to support local communities in implementing civic improvements, an Associate Governmental Program Analyst to focus on administration, and an Office Technician to focus on admin support and clerk to the Commission.

The exams for all these positions are available online - and you can apply online as well! Visit our home page at www.delta.ca.gov for more information about the positions, along with links to the exams and job postings.

Please spread the word - maybe you know someone who is looking for a job with the State of California and would love to work with a small agency like ours!



FACEBOOK

Visit CA Delta

1,685 followers

Top post: December 29, 2021

517 People Reached, 54 Engagements

Did you know the Delta is a premier spot for bird watching in the winter? Sandhill Cranes are just one of many magnificent species to see in the Delta. These migratory birds only pass through the Delta in winter, so don't miss the chance to see them! You can view these 4ft-tall cranes at various locations such as Woodbridge Ecological Reserve, Cosumnes River Preserve, and off Staten Island Road near Walnut Grove (please be respectful of farm traffic and private lands).

California Department of Fish and Wildlife offers guided tours in January and February, but they fill up fast! Visit

www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/3/Crane-Tour to register.

Explore other great birding locations, events, and activities at www.visitcalifornia.com/what-to-do/bird-watching

#DeltaWinterWednesdays #BirdingCADelta



INSTAGRAM

Delta Protection Commission

858 followers

Top post: November 4, 2021

319 Impressions, 45 Interactions

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INSTAGRAM

Visit CA Delta


1,331 followers



Top post: December 14, 2021



368 Impressions, 32 Interactions

Celebrate small businesses this holiday season!



40 Main Art Gallery is hosting a holiday shopping  and merriment event this Saturday in Isleton.

Restaurants, drinking establishments, vintage shops, the Isleton Museum (Isleton Brannan-Andrus Historical Society), and the Isleton Chamber of Commerce will all be open. Local businesses will offer great gifts, and there will be music  and refreshments .

 Join in the spirit from 2 PM to 6 PM on December 18! 

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