

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
March 17, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM 11: Caltrans Clean California grant

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Requested Action: Receive update on Caltrans Clean California grant and consider one-time authorization for Executive Director to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation to receive funding in a total amount not to exceed \$430,000

Type of Action: Action

Background: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 10 awarded the Commission a \$430,000 grant in December 2021 from the Clean California initiative to install wayfinding and interpretative signs in the Delta. The need for increased signage was identified through development of the Delta Marketing Task Force’s Delta Tourism 5-Year Marketing Plan. To address this issue, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, with funding from the Delta Stewardship Council, partnered with the Commission to create the Delta Sign Plan in June 2018. The Plan provides a unified graphic theme for signs in the Delta and identifies potential locations for wayfinding and entrance signs.

The project funded by the Clean California grant includes design and installation of up to 25 wayfinding signs and 10 interpretative signs located in the Delta on state routes and, if possible, nearby county road locations. The sign locations will be located within Caltrans Districts 3 (Sacramento and Yolo counties) and 10 (San Joaquin County). The sign designs, locations, and features will be informed by the Delta Sign Plan, Caltrans design and safety standards, and stakeholder and community input.

The Commission must execute an interagency Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to receive funding for the project. The Cooperative Agreement describes the project purpose, Commission’s scope of work, Caltrans and Commission roles and responsibilities, and project budget. The Agreement also includes provisions related to funding, construction, standards, and permitting, among others. Executive Director signature delegation authority was approved at the Commission’s June 27, 2013 meeting, and requires that all contracts in excess of \$100,000 shall first be approved by the Commission.

The following table summarizes the Commission’s proposed scope of work and schedule:

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Task #	Task	Estimated Completion Date
1	Signage Designs and Locations	June 2022
2	Permitting and Environmental Compliance	August 2022
3	Maintenance Agreement	August 2022
4	Signage Printing and Installation	December 2022
5	Public Engagement and Outreach	<i>Continuous</i>
6	Contract Administration	March 2023

The total estimated cost for these activities is \$430,000, all of which will be covered by the Clean California grant. A portion of the total amount will be allocated to Caltrans District 10 to support activities under Task 1, 2, and 3. Pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement, Caltrans staff will be responsible for quality management and serve as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act. Caltrans staff will also provide input on the sign locations and designs.

Requested Action: Approve one-time authorization for Executive Director to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Transportation to receive funding in a total amount not to exceed \$430,000.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan):

Regional Economy (Strategic Theme)

E.1 Identify regional community needs and opportunities to maximize Delta regional benefits.

E.2.2 Advocate for necessary infrastructure improvements with state and local government and other partners.

Recreation and Tourism (Strategic Theme)

R.1 Partner with public agencies and private entities to increase and expand recreation and tourism in the Delta to all.

R.2.4 Develop partnerships to promote the Delta as a unique destination region to potential visitors, in-state, nationally, and internationally.