

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

AGENDA ITEM 7: Executive Director Report

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Requested Action: **Receive Executive Director report**

Type of Action: Information

Commission Update

Delta Conveyance Project: Department of Water Resources Delta Conveyance Office (DCO) staff report that the EIR and EIS for the project are expected to be released in mid-2022. Staff also continue to engage on the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation on historic and cultural resources, and will meet with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff, Delta county representatives, and interested local groups on March 16.

Broadband in the Delta: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant submitted in August 2021 as a partnership between City of Isleton, Sacramento and Yolo counties, Clarksburg Fire Protection District, and internet service provider DigitalPath, Inc. (with extensive involvement from the Commission) was unsuccessful. Analysis indicates that the NTIA selected mostly very large (\$20 to 35 million) projects in only 12 states and one territory. However, the partnership has an excellent project, and is redirecting energy into seeking funding from multiple state and federal broadband grant programs within the American Rescue Plan Act (such as Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (such as the Affordable Connectivity Program). In addition, initiatives at the state level overseen or coordinated by the Department of Technology and the Middle Mile Advisory Committee are being tracked for opportunities.

Delta National Heritage Area: The NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee met on March 3 to discuss the management plan vision and mission statements and interpretive themes. The next NHA Advisory Committee meetings are planned for April 7 and May 5, 2022. Task groups will also be meeting over the next two months. An online survey on the NHA management plan, which is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SacSanDeltaNHASurvey>, is open from March 8 through April 7.

Commission Staffing: The Commission welcomes Debbie Spencer as a retired annuitant (Staff Services Analyst) working part-time on the Clean California grant administrative duties.

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Commission Land Use Comments: There were no land use comment letters prepared by Commission staff from January 13, 2022 through March 10, 2022.

Upcoming Events: Delta public events are starting to return. The following public events are scheduled.

March

Women’s History Month

March 23 – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Meeting

www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov/board-meeting-materials

March 24 – Delta Stewardship Council Meeting

www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings

April

April 28 – Delta Stewardship Council Meeting

www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings

April 30 – California Duck Days

www.yolobasin.org/californiaduckdays

April 30- Delta Century Bike Ride

www.stocktonbikeclub.org/deltacentury/

May

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

May 6 through 8 – San Joaquin Asparagus Festival

www.sanjoaquinasperagusfestival.net

May 12 through 15 – Contra Costa County Fair

www.contracostafair.com

May 19 – Delta Protection Commission Meeting

www.delta.ca.gov/commission-meetings

May 25 – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Meeting

www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov/board-meeting-materials

May 26 – Delta Stewardship Council Meeting

www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings

Delta Protection Commission Projects Update – March 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 and monitors DCA board meetings. Staff also monitors the U.S Army Corps of Engineers NEPA process, and participates with representatives of Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa and Yolo counties as a consulting party in the NHPA Section 106 cultural resources consultation process hosted by the Corps. A draft Programmatic Agreement under Section 106 has been circulated by the Corps to the consulting parties for comment by March 25, 2022.
Great California Delta Trail Master Plan (GCDTMP)	Virginia Gardiner	GCDTMP provides a framework for local and state agency trail development decisions.	The Master Plan was approved by the Commission at the January 20, 2022 meeting. Staff will work with partners around the Delta who are developing trail segments that may be eligible for designation as part of the Great Delta Trail system.
National Heritage Area Management Plan	Blake Roberts	Long-term plan for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area initiated in 2020	The NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee met on March 3 to discuss the management plan vision and mission statements and interpretive themes. The next NHA Advisory Committee meetings are planned for April 7 and May 5, 2022. The task groups will also be meeting over the next two months. An online NHA management plan survey is open from March 8 through April 7, available at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SacSanDeltaNHASurvey .
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. Installation will be by the CA Conservation Corps at 11 locations around the Delta selected by the Delta Marketing Task Force. Caltrans encroachment permits for sign installation from Districts 3, 4 and 10 are in process; prior to installation Maintenance Agreements must be concluded.</p>
<p>Clean California Wayfinding and Interpretive Signs</p>	<p>Kirsten Pringle</p>	<p>Using Clean CA Grant to install signs along Caltrans right-of-way</p>	<p>Staff are seeking Commission approval (3/17/22) for Executive Director to sign a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans; still negotiating language in agreement. Scheduling site visits for possible sign locations.</p>
<p>Delta Community Action Plan Implementation</p>	<p>Kirsten Pringle</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 & environs</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>Commission staff continue to work on the VisitCADelta website to offer a more robust platform with a wider range of content. Planning for increased collaboration in 2022 between the Delta Marketing Campaign efforts and an interim Delta NHA Communications Plan. 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	\$ 89,638	\$ 169,072	\$ 79,434	47%
Economic Sustainability	\$ 66,376	\$ 108,720	\$ 42,344	39%
Levees/Emergency Response	\$ 38,401	\$ 60,150	\$ 21,749	36%
Recreation	\$ 131,903	\$ 217,316	\$ 85,414	39%
Delta Heritage (General)	\$ 56,769	\$ 145,061	\$ 88,292	61%
Delta Heritage (NHA)	\$ 113,944	\$ 126,247	\$ 12,303	10%
Outreach & Education	\$ 99,430	\$ 165,061	\$ 65,631	40%
Administration & Capacity Building	\$ 119,393	\$ 210,364	\$ 90,971	43%
SUBTOTALS; SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 715,853	\$ 1,201,991	\$ 486,138	40%
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	\$ 935,847	\$ 2,180,159	\$ 1,244,312	57%
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)	\$ -	\$ (49,569)	\$ (49,569)	100%
Subtotal (FTF for Federal FY 21)	\$ (86,087)	\$ (157,500)	\$ (71,413)	45%
Carryover from Prior Years (*, **)	-	\$ 487,472	-	-
Budget Totals (including all FTF)	-	\$ 2,429,541	-	-

Figures reflect regular budget projection as of February 28, 2022

* 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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