Delta Protection Commission Meeting
May 19, 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 continue to report that the EIR and EIS for the project are expected to be released in June/July 2022 for a likely 90-day comment period. Under this timeline, Commission staff expect to bring EIR/EIS comments to the Commission at the September 2022 Commission meeting. DWR has also continued its soil investigations following a winter hiatus (and a court order allowing the work to proceed in spite of landowner objections), and indicates that the Community Benefit Framework (a precursor of the Community Benefits Program) will be released soon.

Caltrans Clean CA Grant: Commission staff are developing an Interagency Agreement with Caltrans and conducting preliminary work to identify potential sign locations (including a site visit with Caltrans District 10 staff). Commission staff have also begun public outreach with county transportation staff, DPAC, and Clarksburg Citizen Advisory Committee, and will present to other community groups in June.

Welcome to the Delta NHA Signs: The Commission has received its initial encroachment permit from Caltrans District 3, and the Delta NHA welcome signs are slated for installation by the CA Conservation Corps at five locations in Sacramento and Yolo counties (Interstate 80 west of Sacramento, State Route (SR) 84/Jefferson Blvd, Hood-Franklin Road southbound offramp, Twin Cities Road southbound offramp, and SR 160 north of the SR 12 intersection) in the next several months. The signs are a project of the Delta Marketing Task Force implementing the Delta Five-Year Marketing Plan, a joint effort of the Commission and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. Additional signs in San Joaquin and Contra Costa counties will be placed following encroachment permit approvals.

Delta Stewardship Council Lookout Slough Appeal: The Delta Stewardship Council heard the Delta Plan appeal on the Lookout Slough habitat restoration project at its April 28 hearing and denied the appeal by Liberty Island Access, allowing the DWR project to proceed with Delta

Plan certification. I submitted comments on the Council staff's interpretation of Delta Plan Policy DP P2 and what constitutes substantial evidence in the record, taking care to acknowledge the Council had sufficient grounds to deny the Lookout Slough appeal without relying upon an interpretation of DP P2 that would create an unfortunate precedent for the future.

Delta National Heritage Area: The NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee met on May 5 to discuss draft components of the management plan, including the vision and mission statements, heritage development and tourism and resource stewardship objectives, strategies, and roles, and interpretive resource inventory. The next NHA Advisory Committee meetings are planned for June 2 and July 7, 2022. Our consultants have been conducting additional outreach through meetings, an online survey, and stakeholder interviews.

Commission Staffing: Associate Governmental Program Analyst Claire Cooey elected to return to her previous position at Department of Managed Health Care, and the Commission will seek to again fill this position.

Commission Land Use Comments: The chart below lists the land use comment letters prepared by Commission staff from March 11, 2022 through May 9, 2022.

Land Use Projects – Comment Letters
March 11, 2022 through May 9, 2022

County	Project Description	Authority	Primary (P) or Secondary (S) Zone or D (Delta-wide)	Comments
Contra Costa	West False River Drought Salinity Barrier	Non jurisdictional project that may affect Delta resources	P	Evaluate barrier's impacts to surface water elevations and increased water temperatures in West False River and nearby waterways, recreational boating in West False River, and traffic. Consider mitigation to minimize recreation impacts.

County	Project Description	Authority	Primary (P) or Secondary (S) Zone or D (Delta-wide)	Comments
Sacramento	McCormack-Williamson Tract Levee Modification and Habitat Restoration Project	Non jurisdictional project that may affect Delta resources; Delta Trail	P	Support projects that provide needed flood protection and stability for the Delta and restore natural habitat. Consider possible locations for trails and potentially incorporate these into the Great CA Delta Trail.
Sacramento	Hood Community Septic Conversion (Public sewer service for up to 141 parcels)	Jurisdictional project	P	Support projects that expand water, wastewater, and other utility services to rural areas of the Delta.
Sacramento	Georgiana Slough Salmonid Migratory Barrier	Non jurisdictional project that may affect Delta resources	P	Consider potential impacts to the passage of deep draft vessels through Georgiana Slough; coordinate with local reclamation districts to ensure project will not impact critical levee repair activities.
San Joaquin	Bacon Island Levee Rehabilitation Project	Jurisdictional project	P	Support projects that provide needed flood protection and stability for the Delta.
Yolo	AT&T Jefferson Blvd. Cell Phone Tower Project	Jurisdictional project	P	Support projects that provide permanent wireless access within the Delta; encourage consideration of visual impacts on the surrounding landscape.

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Multiple	Mokelumne Aqueducts Resiliency Project (Replacement of two Mokelumne Aqueducts with 16.5-mile tunnel and associated facilities)	Jurisdictional project	P, S	Concerned about construction-related project impacts and potential loss of prime farmland; EIR should evaluate impacts to land use and planning, noise, agriculture, geology and soils (including levees), drainage facilities, and tunnel material disposition.

Upcoming Events: Delta public events are slowly coming online. The following public meetings are still anticipated to be held.

May

May 19 – Delta Protection Commission Meeting
www.delta.ca.gov/commission-meetings

May 21 - Asian Pacific Heritage Spring Festival - LOCKE
www.locke-foundation.org

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

June

Jun 3-5 - San Joaquin County Fair 2019 - STOCKTON
www.sanjoaquinfair.com

Jun 4-12 - California Invasive Species Action Week (CISAW) - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
www.wildlife.ca.gov/CISAW

June 23 – Delta Stewardship Council Meeting
www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings

July

Jul 2 - CA Free Fishing Day - CALIFORNIA
www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/fishing/free-fishing-days

July 4 – Venice Island Fireworks at Mandeville Tip – STOCKTON

July 21 – Delta Protection Commission Meeting
www.delta.ca.gov/commission-meetings

July 27 – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Meeting
www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov/board-meeting-materials

July 28 – Delta Stewardship Council Meeting
www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings

July 31 - Pear Fair - COURTLAND
www.pearfair.com

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	$ 118,107	$ 169,072	$ 50,964	30%
Economic Sustainability	$ 87,532	$ 108,720	$ 21,188	19%
Levees/Emergency Response	$ 49,406	$ 60,150	$ 10,743	18%
Recreation	$ 172,064	$ 217,316	$ 45,252	21%
Delta Heritage (General)	$ 79,160	$ 145,061	$ 65,901	45%
Delta Heritage (NHA)	$ 158,210	$ 126,247	$ (31,963)	-25%
Outreach & Education	$ 128,661	$ 165,061	$ 36,400	22%
Administration & Capacity Building	$ 161,013	$ 210,364	$ 49,351	23%
SUBTOTALS; SALARIES AND WAGES	**$ 954,154**	**$ 1,201,991**	**$ 247,837**	**21%**
CONTRACTS AND INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS (*, **)	$ 199,679	$ 785,288	$ 585,609	75%
GENERAL EXPENSE	$ 200,774	$ 192,880	$ (7,894)	-4%
SUBTOTALS; OPERATING EXPENSES	**$ 400,453**	**$ 978,168**	**$ 577,716**	**59%**
Grand Total Expenses for FY 21/22	**$ 1,354,607**	**$ 2,180,159**	**$ 825,553**	**38%**
SubTotal (ELPF) in FY 21/22	$ 1,188,479	$ 1,480,000	$ 291,521	20%
SubTotal (HWC) in FY 21/22	$ 166,128	$ 255,000	$ 88,872	35%
Subtotal (FTF for Federal FY 20)	$ -	$ (49,569)	$ (49,569)	100%
Subtotal (FTF for Federal FY 21)	$ (107,644)	$ (157,500)	$ (49,856)	32%
Carryover from Prior Years (*, **)		$ 487,472		
Budget Totals (inlcuding all FTF)		**$ 2,429,541**		

Figures reflect regular budget projection as of April 30, 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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WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

1st Quarter 2022 (January through March)

WEBSITES

Delta Protection Commission

6,248 Pageviews | 2,516 Users

Top 5 Pages:

Rank	Page Title	Pageviews
1.	Home Page	1,760
2.	Commission Meetings	364
3.	Staff	322
4.	DPC Committee	303
5.	NHA	297

WEBSITES

Visit CA Delta

17,836 Pageviews | 9,631 Users

Top 5 Pages:

Rank	Page Title	Pageviews
1.	Home Page	2,669
2.	What to Do	882
3.	Locke Historical District	878
4.	St Patrick's Parade	828
5.	Camping and RV Parks	786

TWITTER

Delta Protection Commission @CA_DPC

5,015 Impressions, 393 followers (10 new)

Top tweet: February 3, 2022
988 Impressions, 41 Engagements

Learn about the cultural and natural history of Cosumnes River. Join a guided hike on Saturday to learn about the Plains Miwok people, landscape, and wildlife. This free 3.5 mile hike is perfect for the whole family!
Register: http://eventbrite.com/e/natural-and-cultural-history-hike-at-cosumnes-river-preserve-tickets-225941636517
#DiscoverDeltaHeritage

TWITTER

Visit CA Delta @visitCAdelta

862 Impressions | 217 followers (3 new)
Top tweet: February 15, 2022
247 Impressions, 15 Engagements

Waterfowl are abundant and a vital part of the Delta ecosystem. They are also central to two very popular recreational activities in our region: birding and hunting. Can you get all your 🦆's in a row and name the species below?

FACEBOOK

Delta Protection Commission

736 followers

Top post: February 28, 2022
401 People Reached, 39 Engagements

Welcome Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua! Assemblymember Villapudua (D-Stockton) was appointed to the Delta Protection Commission. He will serve as the representative for the California State Assembly.

"California's beautiful Delta is home to a massively diverse ecosystem that is relied upon by our agriculture community and the state at large. The Delta's ability to flourish is of critical importance for the future of California's water and agriculture needs," said Assemblymember Villapudua. "It is an honor to serve on this commission to help analyze and execute the long-term management plans for its sustainable future. Thank you, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon for this appointment."

FACEBOOK

Visit CA Delta

906 followers

Top post: March 9, 2022
1,112 People Reached, 111 Engagements

☆ People of the Delta: Demi Stewart, Bridge Tender ☆

The Delta is full of contradictions, timeless quiet sloughs, picturesque farms, historic towns, and shops blending seamlessly with up-to-the-minute styles of sleek late-model ski boats and sea kayaks, tiny houses, and high-tech ag machinery. Its history of both innovation and tradition has ebbed and flowed much like the tide, carried down over generations. The innovations of yesterday become the beloved traditions of today.

See full post at:
https://www.facebook.com/visitcadelta/posts/3150154391903581

INSTAGRAM

Delta Protection Commission

903 followers

Top post: January 19, 2022
38 Likes

The January/February Delta Heritage Courier is out now! Stay updated with this bimonthly newsletter.

The National Heritage Area (NHA) Management Plan is in development. Your input is valuable for voicing the needs of the community, we hope you will join us for the next meeting on February 3.

Also, check out Delta heritage-related events, funding opportunities and more!
Read it here:
content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/bulletins/30565d7
#DiscoverDeltaHeritage

INSTAGRAM

Visit CA Delta

1,356 followers visitcadelta.com/stories/delta-bridges

Top post: February 2, 2022
47 Likes

The Delta is full of unique and varied bridges connecting the 52 islands that make up the area. These bridges are an important part of our infrastructure as they connect the Delta's communities. Plus, they make for fun adventures in sightseeing! Winter in the Delta is a great time of year to go for a drive and see the bridges against the backdrop of flowing waterways.

Which is your favorite bridge? Comment below!

Explore the Delta's bridges at
visitcadelta.com/stories/delta-bridges

#DeltaWinterWednesdays