

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
July 20, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM 12: Delta Signs Presentation: Gateway Monument and Interpretive Sign Project

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Requested Action: Receive report on Sacramento County Gateway Monument and Interpretive Sign Project

Type of Action: Informational Item

Background:

In July 2020, the Delta Protection Commission released the Delta Community Design Study Recommendations Report as a guide for policymakers and select Delta communities. In the report, action items and physical improvements were identified that could enhance the quality of life and historic character of Delta communities for residents, visitors, and business owners. One of the recommendations for the unincorporated community of Freeport was to add gateway signs or arches on Freeport Boulevard (State Highway 160) announcing that visitors are entering the Delta.

The Freeport Delta Gateway Monuments project is a two-phase project led by the Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SacDOT) that seeks to ultimately install two gateway monuments (freestanding structure or sign) and one interpretive sign in Freeport. The purpose of the project is to highlight Freeport's role as: one of the eleven designated Delta legacy communities; the Northern Gateway to the Delta; the last leg of the National Memorial Victory Highway; and an important historical place in the California gold rush.

Phase One will focus on the conceptual design of two gateway monuments along Freeport Boulevard, and an interpretative sign focusing on Freeport history. Grant funding for Phase One is administered by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy as part of their Proposition 68 Community Grant Program. The County has held three community meetings in spring and summer 2023 to introduce the project and gain concurrence on a preferred design alternative. The County will coordinate with Caltrans for preliminary approval of the monuments and signage to be placed within or adjacent to the State right-of-way. A Phase Two effort to implement the project will be dependent on a second grant allocation.

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Steve White, Chief Civil Engineer of the SacDOT Design Division, and Henry Yasui, Senior Landscape Architect/Project Manager, will present to the Commission on the Freeport Delta Gateway Monuments project, including a preferred design concept.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan):

Delta Heritage (Strategic Theme)

H.3 Support local governments in preparing and implementing Community Action Plans that emphasize the vitality and preservation of Legacy Communities.