



PUBLIC NOTICE AND MEETING AGENDA

Delta Protection Commission

Thursday, November 16, 2023

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (*End time of the meeting is approximate*)

Sacramento Yacht Club

3365 Chicory Loop, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Agenda

1. Call to order and Flag Salute
2. Welcome & Roll Call
3. Public Comment – an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission regarding items not on the agenda
4. Report on Delta Stewardship Council Activities – Chair Diane Burgis
5. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Consent Agenda

6. Consider Approval of Draft September 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes
7. Consider Approval of 2024 meeting schedule

Regular Agenda

8. Public Comment on the National Heritage Area Management Plan – Blake Roberts
9. Discuss proposed greenwaste facility at Interstate 5 and Twin Cities Road – Bruce Blodgett
10. Receive Executive Director Report – Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director
11. Receive Delta as Place Report – yacht clubs and boating in the Delta – Morris Lum

12. Receive Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report – Anna Swenson (DPAC Chair)
13. Adjourn

Delta Protection Commission - Membership

Diane Burgis, Chair

*Contra Costa County Board
of Supervisors*

John Vasquez, Vice Chair

*Solano County Board of
Supervisors*

Oscar Villegas

*Yolo County Board of
Supervisors*

Patrick Hume

*Sacramento County Board
of Supervisors*

Steve Ding

*San Joaquin County Board
of Supervisors*

Ron Kott

*Cities of Contra Costa and
Solano Counties*

Paul Steele

*Cities of Sacramento and
Yolo Counties*

Alan Nakanishi

*Cities of San Joaquin
County*

Jim Paroli

*Central Delta Reclamation
Districts*

Tom Slater

*North Delta Reclamation
Districts*

Nick Mussi

*South Delta Reclamation
Districts*

Toks Omishakin

*CA State Transportation
Agency*

Karen Ross

*CA Department of Food and
Agriculture*

Wade Crowfoot

CA Natural Resources Agency

Brian Bugsch

CA State Lands Commission

Ex Officio Members

Carlos Villapudua

California State Assembly

Susan Talamantes Eggman

California State Senate

Additional Information

If you have any questions or have a request for reasonable modification or accommodation due to a disability, please contact Debra Waltman at debra.waltman@delta.ca.gov or 530-650-6362. Attachments and additional information can be found on the Delta Protection Commission website: delta.ca.gov

Comments submitted to submit@delta.ca.gov by noon on September 21, 2023, will be shared with Commissioners prior to the meeting to the extent possible. Public comments on each agenda item will follow the order of: 1) emailed comments, 2) those verbally requesting to make comments after notice offered by Chair during meeting.

The agenda items listed above may be considered in a different order at the Commission meeting, subject to the discretion of the Chair. At the discretion of the Commission, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon

and may be subject to action. The Commission welcomes and encourages participation in its meetings. The Commission limits testimony to not more than three minutes per person, or more time at the discretion of the Chair.



DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES
Delta Protection Commission Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2023

Village West Marina and Resort
6649 Embarcadero Drive
Stockton, CA 95219

1. Call to order

Chair Burgis called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and Commissioner Patti led the meeting participants in a flag salute.

2. Welcome and roll call

Commission Clerk Morgan Matz called the roll. Present at roll call: Chair Burgis, Vice Chair Vasquez, Commissioners Villegas, Hume, Steele, Slater, Patti (for Ding), Ruiz (for Mussi), Agar (for Omishakin), and Vogel (for Crowfoot), as well as ex-officio designee Udang (for Sen. Talamantes Eggman) and ex-officio designee McCann (for Assemblymember Villapudua). Commissioners Kott, Nakanishi, Paroli, Ross, and Bugsch were absent with no alternate present.

3. Public comment - Opportunity for the public to address the Commission regarding items not on the agenda

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

4. Report on Delta Stewardship Council Activities

Chair Burgis announced that members of the Council had recently been led by the Department of Water Resources and the Delta Conveyance Design Construction Authority on a tour of sites

related to the Delta Conveyance Project, and that at its last meeting the Council had received an informational presentation about educational opportunities in the Delta.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

5. Commissioner comments/announcements

Commissioner Agar drew attention to the updated map of Caltrans construction projects in the Delta region that had been distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. He also announced that Caltrans would be participating in California's Coastal Clean-Up Day on September 23, and continues its beautification efforts through the Clean California program; that Caltrans is working to make equipment and personnel available to assist California residents during potential severe weather events during the coming winter; that the QuickMap application, which provides up-to-date information about all Caltrans road closures, is available for download; that Caltrans District 10's org chart showing contact information for all deputies has been updated and would be distributed to Commissioners soon; and that Caltrans has numerous job and internship opportunities available.

Commissioner Steele announced that further information is needed regarding permitting and other requirements before construction can start on a new boat launch and water park in Isleton, but that those projects are otherwise nearly ready; that a revitalization effort in Wilson Park will begin on October 1; that despite some challenges, the Crawdad Festival had been held for the first time in 16 years and plans to repeat the event next year are in the works; and that the Spam Festival is still set to occur in February 2024.

Commissioner Slater announced that the grape harvest throughout the state had been damaged and delayed by unfavorable weather, and distributed a handout outlining relevant economic information organized by county.

Commissioner Vogel announced that DWR recently released the California Water Plan, which is an extensively detailed water usage plan that is required to be published every five years; the plan will be open for public comment until October 19, and is available online. A webinar regarding the plan will be held on October 3 and 4.

Commissioner Hume announced that he recently served as co-host of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander Public Affairs Association's Save The Delta forum. Speakers at the event included the Commission's own Blake Roberts, Delta Protection Advisory Committee Chair Anna Swenson, and others.

Commissioner Burgis announced that Contra Costa County is struggling to combat invasive oriental fruit flies with quarantine measures; that the Contra Costa County Sheriff's office had volunteered boats for use during Coastal Clean-Up Day; that Bethel Island and Knightsen have both been experiencing drainage issues; that the County will begin convening an ad hoc

committee on sea level rise; and that the City of Discovery Bay has been battling invasive weeds.

Commissioner Villegas announced that he is hosting a clean-up effort in the secondary zone of the Delta along the Sacramento River near the Tower Bridge.

Ex-officio designee Udang announced that the Stockton East Water District is undertaking efforts to prepare for potential severe winter weather.

It was noted that Commissioner Christine Birdsong (for Ross) arrived at 5:28 p.m.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

6. Consider approval of July 20, 2023, meeting minutes

Motion: It was moved by Vice Chair Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Hume to approve the July 20, 2023, meeting minutes; in a voice vote, the motion passed 11-0-0 with all Commissioners present voting aye.

7. National Heritage Area (NHA) Management Plan update

Program Manager Blake Roberts provided a progress update on the National Heritage Area Management Plan, including a summary of important considerations and required components of the Plan; outreach efforts undertaken by Commission staff, including the formation of focused committees and task groups, tribal consultation, public workshops, the Delta Heritage Forum, and online surveys and interviews; planned chapter topics; established goals of the Plan; interpretive themes; and supporting themes. He also outlined a schedule of production for the Plan, which aims to make a draft of the Plan available for Commission review and public release by the end of 2023, and a final version of the Plan available for review by the National Park Service and Department of Interior by March 12, 2024.

Mr. Roberts also presented a brief summary of other projects underway related to the development of the NHA including sign production and placement, a marketing plan update, a passport program, a Junior Ranger program, Operation Pollination, and America 250.

Commissioner Vogel invited Mr. Roberts to ask for assistance from Commissioners when needed.

Commissioner Steele suggested that those involved in the NHA can attend city council meetings in cities included in the NHA in order to better understand their needs and available resources.

Commissioner Villegas suggested involving the state legislature in NHA efforts.

Commissioner Vasquez commended efforts to reach out to Delta native tribes.

Mr. Roberts further acknowledged that the current boundaries of the NHA do not include all relevant areas in the Delta; however, advice from other NHAs indicates that official boundaries have only a limited impact on development efforts and can be changed through legislation later.

Executive Director Bruce Blodgett suggested that the Commission appoint a subcommittee to review NHA materials before the next Commission meeting in order to streamline the presentation and approval of that material. Chair Burgis and Commissioner Villegas volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Hume and seconded by Vice Chair Vasquez to appoint Chair Burgis and Commissioner Villegas to a subcommittee to review NHA materials before the next Commission meeting; in a voice vote, the motion passed 10-0-0 with all Commissioners present voting aye.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

8. Receive Executive Director report

Executive Director Bruce Blodgett reminded Commissioners that Commission staff had assembled and made available informational binders containing essential information regarding the Commission's present and historic programs as well as important legislative documents and various other documents that guide the Commission's work, and encouraged any Commissioner who had not received a binder to take at least one before leaving the meeting.

He announced that the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement regarding the Delta Conveyance Project are expected to be released soon, and that the Commission is still in the process of finding a cultural heritage consultant; that hiring efforts to fill the Commission's vacant Environmental Planner position are ongoing, and that efforts to replace outgoing Commission Clerk Morgan Matz had begun; and that due to ongoing poor performance by the Department of General Services Office of Human Resources, the Commission is searching for another organization to take on human resources responsibilities with the support of the California Natural Resources Agency.

He further announced that he and Program Manager Blake Roberts will be attending an NHA conference in Massachusetts from October 1 to October 6, and will be returning to Washington D.C. along with Chair Burgis to meet with members of Congress in February 2024; that efforts to install welcome signs at various locations in the Delta are ongoing but have been delayed for unknown reasons by the California Conservation Corps; that the Commission is working with the Delta Conservancy to use funding allocated for emergency response to develop quick-response public communication channels throughout the Delta; and that the Commission is looking into ways to partner with organizations that are combating invasive plants and abandoned vessels in Delta waterways, including promotion of a Delta 311 mobile reporting app.

Finally, he drew attention to various upcoming events in the Delta listed in the written report.

Commissioner Vogel commented that the next installment of the CNRA speaker series, which will feature Mr. Roberts, will take place on October 31.

It was noted that Commissioner Patti left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

9. Receive Delta As Place report

Deputy Port Director of Regulatory and Public Affairs for the Port of Stockton, Jeff Wingfield, delivered a presentation on current activities at the Port of Stockton, detailing the capabilities and limitations of the port and the economic impact of recent port activity and top imports and exports. He also drew attention to the port's importance to the city of Stockton, highlighting its workforce development efforts, partnerships with local schools, Delta waterway cleanup efforts, "Green Marine" certification, beneficial dredge material reuse program, and local infrastructure improvements.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

10. Receive Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) report

DPAC Chair Anna Swenson reported that a variety of topics had been discussed at the most recent DPAC meeting, including invasive plants and abandoned vessels. These conversations were valuable, but the Committee realized that discussion would benefit from a more focused approach and requested guidance from the Commission on pressing issues facing Delta stakeholders. She also stated that members of the Committee support the initiative to amend its charter to add two additional members.

Finally, she announced that the next DPAC meeting will take place on October 10.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

11. Consider amending DPAC Charter to add one tribal representative and one additional public member (PRC § 29753)

Executive Director Bruce Blodgett reiterated that all members of DPAC support the proposed charter amendment.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Villegas and seconded by Commissioner Hume to amend the DPAC charter to add one tribal representative and one additional public member; in a voice vote, the motion passed 10-0-0 with all Commissioners present voting aye.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none

12. Bagley-Keene training

Commission legal counsel Carlos Mejia delivered a presentation explaining the requirements for public meetings set forth in the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, including new requirements for public meetings held via teleconference.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

13. Adjourn

Chair Burgis adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Delta Protection Commission Meeting

November 16, 2023

AGENDA ITEM 7: 2024 Commission Meeting Dates

Prepared by: Bruce Blodgett

Presented by: Bruce Blodgett

Requested Action: **Approve Commission's 2024 meeting calendar**

Type of Action: Action Item (Consent)

Based on the 2023 Commission meeting calendar (meetings on the 3rd Thursday of odd-numbered months, with alternate meeting dates on the 3rd Thursday of even-numbered months), the 2023 meeting schedule is proposed as follows:

- January 18, 2024
- March 7 or 21, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- July 18, 2024
- September 19, 2024
- November 21, 2024

In addition, the alternate Commission meeting dates would be scheduled as noted below. These meetings would only be held if called by the Commission Chair.

- February 15, 2024
- April 18, 2024
- June 20, 2024
- August 15, 2024
- October 17, 2024
- December 19, 2024

Recommended Action: Commission staff recommends the Commission approve the Commission meeting calendar.

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
November 16, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM 8: National Heritage Area Management Plan Update

Prepared by: Blake Roberts

Presented by: Blake Roberts

Requested Action: Receive report on National Heritage Area Management Plan

Background:

The Delta Reform Act of 2009 and Delta Plan Recommendation DP R1 called on the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) to pursue federal designation of the Delta as a National Heritage Area (Water Code Section 85301(b)(1)). Legislation establishing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) and designating the Commission as the local coordinating entity was signed into law on March 12, 2019.

The Commission's first primary task is to prepare and receive approval from the Secretary of Interior for a Management Plan. The Congressional deadline for submitting the Management Plan is March 12, 2024, five years after designation. The Management Plan will outline the significance and purpose of the NHA, as well as the activities that the Commission and a regional network of partners will undertake over the next ten to fifteen years. The Commission has worked with the NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee (NHA Advisory Committee) and four advisory task groups, Point Heritage Development Consulting, LLC (PointHDC), and California State Parks to prepare major elements of the plan.

Outreach to Date:

The management planning process has focused on:

- Assessing needs and opportunities in the region regarding interpretation, resource stewardship and enhancement, and heritage development and tourism.
- Determining the appropriate role of the Commission as the local coordinating entity and how the Commission can manage the NHA's day-to-day work.
- Identifying partners in potential focus areas.
- Preparing draft goals, objectives, and strategies for interpretation, resource stewardship and enhancement, heritage development and tourism, partnerships, and organization.

As part of this process, Commission staff have worked with PointHDC and California State Parks to conduct the following outreach activities:

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- Meeting with the NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee 17 times between January 2021 to the present. The committee includes 15 voting members appointed by the Commission and ex officio members from different organizations.
- Meeting with four task groups – Heritage Development and Tourism, Interpretive Planning, Organization, and Resource Stewardship – to discuss specific topics.
- Two in-person public meetings in Benicia and Walnut Grove in August 2021.
- Session on the management plan topics at the 2021 and 2022 Delta Heritage Forum.
- Two online surveys, one intended for the public and the other for interpretive providers such as historical societies and museums.
- Interviews with stakeholders and interpretive providers.
- Meetings with tribal officials to discuss the management plan and interpretive plan.

Next Steps:

Commission staff and the PointHDC team are currently preparing the draft management plan for Commission, NHA Advisory Committee, and National Park Service review. Initial Commission review is being performed by a Commission subcommittee, consisting of Chair Burgis and Commissioner Villegas, that was created at the September 2023 meeting. The NHA Advisory Committee will be reviewing a full draft when completed. The management plan includes the following chapters (status is as of late October):

1. Introduction and Foundation – Under review by Commission subcommittee.
2. Interpretation – Commission staff preparing draft for PointHDC and then National Park Service review.
3. Resource Stewardship and Enhancement – Under review by Commission subcommittee.
4. Heritage Development and Tourism – Commission staff and PointHDC are responding to National Park Service comments; under review by Commission subcommittee.
5. Partnerships – Commission staff and PointHDC are responding to National Park Service comments; under review by the Commission subcommittee.
6. Business Plan – Under Commission staff review, then will be delivered to National Park Service for review.
7. Implementation Plan and Evaluation – PointHDC is preparing draft for Commission staff and then National Park Service review.

As part of preparation of the draft plan, we are:

- Developing an implementation plan for goals, objectives, actions, budget, and timeline.
- Identifying the ways in which the goals, objectives, and strategies will meet Congressional requirements.
- Collaborating with partners to determine roles and contributions in undertaking actions in the management plan and securing commitments from partners.

Commission staff will present on the contents of the draft management plan.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan):

Delta Heritage (Strategic Theme)

H.2 Protect and promote the tribal, cultural, and historical resources of the Delta.

2.1 Implement the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area.

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

To: Project Review Committee

Subject: PLNP2023-00154. Twin Cities Composting Facility (UPP-DRS). A Use Permit And Design Review For A Property Located On The West Side Of Interstate 5 And Approximately 0.3 Miles North Of Twin Cities Road In The Delta Community.

Decision Body: Planning Commission

APN: 146-0080-040

Supervisory District: Hume

Contact: Kimber Gutierrez, Senior Planner, (916) 874-7529, gutierrezk@saccounty.gov

Details of Request:

1. A **Use Permit** to allow a greenwaste facility in Agricultural – 80 acres (AG-80) zoning district.
2. A **Design Review** to determine substantial compliance with the *Sacramento County Countywide Design Guidelines* (Design Guidelines).

Applicant and Property Owner:

Zanker Road Resource Management, LLC
610 East Gish Road
San Jose, CA 95112
Contact: Abel Pereira

Project Engineer:

RICK Engineering
5620 Friars Road
San Diego, CA 92110
Contact: Scott Lillibridge

Summary of Key Points:

- Application and Project Status. The submitted application was deemed incomplete on July 14, 2023. A number of Zoning Code use regulations and development standards are currently not being met by the proposed project. Staff recommended the project be revised to meet as many regulations and standards as possible. If there are any standards that cannot be met, a Special Development Permit will be needed to request a deviation.
- Project Location and Setting. The project is located on the west side of Interstate 5, approximately 0.3 miles north of Twin Cities Road in the Delta community. The subject site is 80.43 acres in size and contains agricultural land. The site contains a drainage channel, a cluster of trees and no structures.

PLNP2023-00154. Twin Cities Composting Facility.

- Community Context. The site is zoned AG-80 and is predominately surrounded by agricultural land with the exception of a solar facility to the south and a light industrial processing facility across Interstate 5 to the east.
- Site History. There is a prior entitlement listed for the subject site from 2009. The proposed project consisted of a Use Permit to allow a small-scale borrow site for the purpose of creating a seven acre irrigation pond (PLNP2009-00067). There was also a grading permit started for the project, but was closed because of the need for a Use Permit (2009-70004).
- Project Description. The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a greenwaste and composting facility capable of processing up to 145,000 tons per year of green, wood, and other organic materials into compost, wood chips, and other products. The facility will include a scale house structure for weighing inbound and outbound transactions; a 24-foot by 60-foot modular office structure that will be utilized as an office/breakroom; and a 30,000 square foot receiving structure that will receive and prepare incoming organic materials for composting.
- Operations will occur on the western portion of the site on an elevated operations pad approximately 32-acres in size. The western portion will also include a lined contact stormwater basin intended to collect contact run-off from the operations pad.
- An access road extending from Twin Cities Road will provide access to the facility from the south.
- The Planning Commission is the Decision Body for this item.

Attachments:

ATT 1 - Project Maps (Aerial and Zoning Maps)

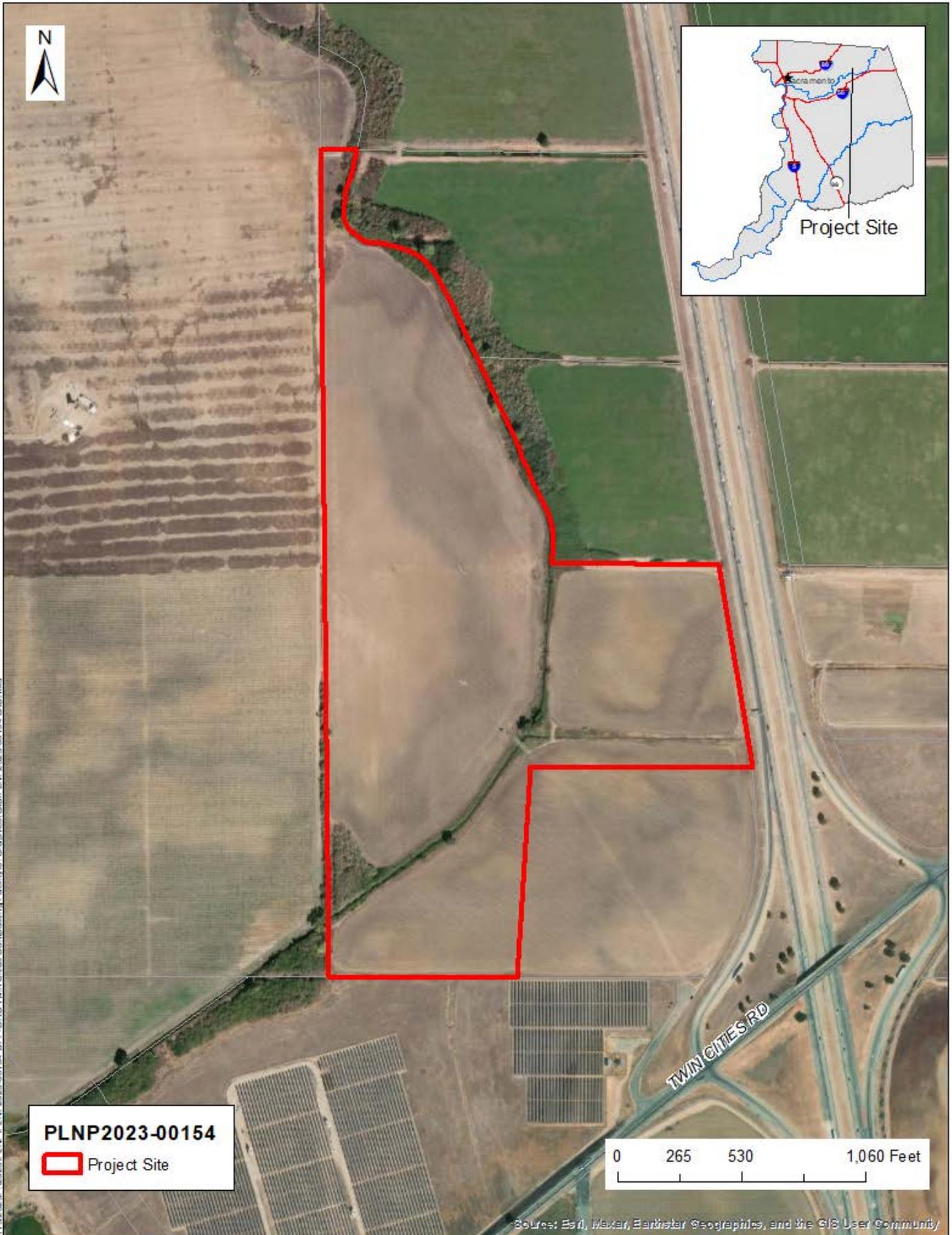
ATT 2 - Justification Statement

ATT 3 - Exhibits (Existing Site Plan, Preliminary Grading and Drainage Plan, Cross Sections, Landscape Plan, Floor Plan, Elevations, Renderings)

For more information about the project, visit the [Planning Project Viewer](#) enter the project application number, PLNP2023-00154.

For more information about the subject parcel, visit [parcel viewer](#) and enter the project address or assessor parcel number.

Attachment 1: Project Maps Aerial



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JOHN GARAMENDI
UNITED STATES CONGRESS

October 24, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Sacramento
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I write in opposition to the proposed location of the Zanker garbage processing facility at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Twin Cities Road: one of four access points to the historic Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This urban garbage composting and recycling dump should instead be located at the County's existing landfill in east Sacramento County, where there is necessary infrastructure and zoning.

I strongly request that you consider the future of the Delta. In 2019, the United States Congress passed my legislation establishing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area. It was signed into law by then-President Trump. The law recognized this extraordinary natural area and its rich history. Never during the nine-year journey of my legislation through Congress was a garbage dump in the Delta ever contemplated. In fact, this federal law (Section 6001(a)(4) of Public Law 116-9) designating the National Heritage Area was enacted to help preserve the Delta from proposed development that will harm its historic, cultural, and natural heritage.

Sacramento County is one of the five Delta counties that requested and supported my National Heritage legislation. In the many letters and public statements over the years supporting my legislation, the Board of Supervisors cited the environmental, historical, and cultural values of the Delta. It would be counter to this extensive history of support for Sacramento County to now site a garbage facility in this historic area. The area around the Interstate 5 and Twin Cities Road junction is ecologically and historically unique. The Sacramento, Mokelumne, and Consumnes Rivers merge nearby, creating an extraordinary ecological wonderland of interconnected sloughs and wetlands. From time to time, these rivers flood the area serving notice that nature decides what happens here. And nature has created a unique environment found nowhere else along the Pacific Flyway spanning North and South America. Countless bird, fish, and other wildlife species, as well terrestrial and aquatic plants thrive here. The annual migration of waterfowl fills the fall and winter skies with the sound of geese, swans, storks, and ducks of every kind.

The northern Delta is a fertile agricultural region with successful family farms and related businesses. The historic Chinese American community of Locke is on the western edge of this wonderland of natural life, farms, and immigrant history. So, it is no surprise that the State of California has over the last 40 years passed three specific laws to advance the protection of the

resources of this area. In 1985, the Delta Meadows River Park was created. In 1987, the Consumnes River Preserve followed, and the Chinese American community of Locke was designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1990. Also, the California State Legislature has enacted laws establishing two regional agencies to help conserve this unique historic and natural area: the Delta Protection Commission in 1992 (Delta Protection Act) and the Delta Stewardship Council in 2009 (Delta Reform Act).

In every season, tourists, painters, photographers, hunters, fishermen, water skiers, and boaters flock to this extraordinary place that has been singled out by federal and state law for protection. It is outrageous that anyone would attempt to build a four-story high steel garbage processing facility with rotting piles of wet urban garbage and plant waste at the very door to one of California's wonders. Locating such a dump at this location is an affront to the sensibilities of any half-awake individual. The promoters suggest that this location at the intersections of Interstate 5 and Twin Cities Road is ideal because "there are no homes nearby." They want everyone to ignore the homes of the most unique gathering of natural life anywhere on the entire western coasts of North and South America.

- **Flooding and Incompatibly:** A facility to process wet garbage from the urban cities of Sacramento County should not be in any part of the Delta, and certainly not in a flood zone where the rotting piles of waste would be washed into the natural waterways of the Delta, polluting the groundwater and sloughs. Seasonal flooding is common on the very land identified for the site.
- **Toxic Emissions and Fire Issues:** Garbage recycling, composting, and mulching emit smelly methane gas from the rotting piles of recycled farm and urban waste. Is this why Zanker chose a place where there are no homes? These toxic emissions and the heat generated in the process can and have created fires in similar facilities. This will be a continuing problem for the local volunteer fire agencies.
- **Zoning Issues:** Sacramento County's general land-use plan and zoning designates the proposed site as Ag-80: That is Agricultural Cropland with an 80-acre minimum. The proposed urban garbage composting facility is not an agricultural crop or even an agricultural activity.
- **Traffic Issues:** The sitemap indicates that the minimum 14 heavy-duty garbage trucks that will arrive and exit daily must make two sharp righthand turns if they arrive on I-5 south. If they arrive from the east, they will bear down on traffic entering Twin Cities Road from the I-5 south offramp. Exiting trucks will make lefthand turns against oncoming traffic moving west. The short sight distance creates another danger. The current site plan does not envision any safety or traffic improvements to the I-5 off- or on-ramps and to Twin Cities Road necessary to assure safe access to the garbage disposal site. The I-5 ramps are now heavily impacted by numerous long-haul trucks that are taking the federally required rest break.
- **Alternative Sites:** There are other locations in Sacramento County for this proposed garbage composting and recycling dump. The existing landfill site in east County already

has the necessary infrastructure and zoning: Weight scales, office buildings, access roads, electric power, telecommunications, and water and environment pollution monitoring are there now.

The proposed Zanker urban garbage composting and mulching facility should not be located in the Delta at the intersection of I-5 and Twin Cities Road. Such a garbage facility is incompatible with the area's ecology, existing farming, historic communities, and the multiple state and federal designations that recognize the uniqueness of the area. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering my views.

Sincerely,



JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress

CC: Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento
Delta Protection Commission
Delta Stewardship Council

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
November 16, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM 10: Receive Executive Director report

Prepared by: Bruce Blodgett

Presented by: Bruce Blodgett

Requested Action: Receive Executive Director Report

Type of Action: Informational only

Commission Update

Delta Conveyance Project: The Final Environmental Impact Report for the Conveyance project is reported to be on track for release in December 2023. Release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is anticipated to follow in 2024, but no timeline for that has been announced.

Commission staff will continue to participate in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation on historic and cultural resources. Currently no information has been provided by the Corps of Engineers regarding status of the process. Commission staff expect that an RFP will soon be issued for a consultant specializing in NHPA Section 106 consultation to assist us in this endeavor.

Commission Staffing Update: The Senior Environmental Planner position posting closed on October 10, and we will be conducting interviews. We are in the process of offering this position to one of the applicants.

Morgan Matz, the Commission Clerk, transferred to another department effective September 30. The application period for his replacement closed October 13, and interviews have been conducted. We are working with DGS to fill this position.

Commission Budget Update:

Budget and Spending for Delta Protection Commission - FY 23/24
Budget to Actuals as of 10/31/2023

FY 23-24 Categories	Budget Amount	Total Expenses and Projections	Difference
Salaries and Wages	\$1,515,000	\$1,171,630	\$343,370
Operating Expenses	\$821,000	\$914,883	\$(93,883)
Total	\$2,336,000	\$2,086,513	\$249,487

National Heritage Area (NHA): The NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee met on October 12 to receive updates on draft sections of the Management Plan. The committee is expected to meet December 7 to review the draft management plan.

“Welcome to the Delta National Heritage Area” Signs: Commission staff are investigating alternate contractors, such as working with county roads and transportation staff, to install the signs given the staffing issues with the current contractor.

Socioeconomic Indicators Report Update: The Commission’s Socioeconomic Indicators Report (2019) provides a quantitative snapshot for benchmarking policy progress in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta region. It presents a set of statistical indicators including population, jobs and economy, agriculture, housing and roads and education, that are intended to be replicated periodically to monitor and track the socioeconomic health and vitality of the Delta region. Recommended in the Economic Sustainability Plan, the study was initiated in 2017 and published in 2019 and is intended to be repeated approximately every five years. Partnering with the Delta Stewardship Council, the Commission is working with a team to update the report using the 2020 Census and other data. The report is anticipated for presentation to the Commission in early 2024.

Clean California Grant Signs: A contract with State Parks for preparation of the sign content is executed. More progress is expected upon filling the Senior Environmental Planner position.

Delta Conservancy Wildfire Funds: The conservancy is expected to award these funds in 2024.

Commission Land Use Comments: Commission staff land use activities included project reviews and monitoring, and virtual attendance at several meetings including boards of supervisors, scoping, and zoning administrator meetings. Staff land use reviews have not generated comment letters during this period.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 17: Nominations/applications deadline for 2024 Delta Leadership Program:

<https://delta.ca.gov/nominations-open-for-2024-delta-leadership-program-deadline-11-17-23/>

Nov. 16-17: Delta Stewardship Council meets

Nov. 30: Delta Invasive Species Symposium

Dec. 14-15: Delta Stewardship Council meets

Dec. 15: Application deadline for tribal and general-public seats on the Delta Protection

Advisory Committee: <https://delta.ca.gov/delta-protection-advisory-committee-openings-deadline-dec-15-2023/>

DPC November 16, 2023, meeting – Agenda Item 10 (Executive Director Report)

Subscribe to our bi-weekly Delta Happenings newsletter to learn about more upcoming Delta events: delta.ca.gov/get-connected.

Outreach opportunities:

Oct. 1-6 ED and Program Manager Roberts attended Alliance of National Heritage Areas conference in Stockbridge Massachusetts

Oct. 10, DPAC meeting at Wimpy's Marina

Oct. 11, SJ County Flood Ready meeting

Oct. 12, NHA Advisory Committee meeting

Oct. 17, Central Delta Water Agency

Oct. 19, Zoom meeting with Congressman Garamendi

Oct. 25, Delta Conservancy

Oct. 26, Delta Stewardship Council

Oct. 30, Zanker Greenwaste project meeting

Oct. 31, Blake on CNRA speaker series about NHA

Nov. 1, South Delta Water Agency

Nov. 2, CNRA All directors meeting

Nov. 6, Chair Burgis and Commissioner Villegas review of management plan

Nov. 8, California Association of Wine Grape Growers function honoring Commissioner Slater

Nov. 14, Central Delta Water Agency

Nov. 15, Delta legislative tour