



## PUBLIC NOTICE AND MEETING AGENDA

### Delta Protection Commission

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 5-7 p.m. (end time is approximate)  
The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Drive, Rio Vista, CA 94571

#### 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.

#### Consent Agenda

4. Approval of March 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes **(p. 3)**

#### Regular Agenda

5. Report on Delta Stewardship Council Activities – Chair Diane Burgis
6. Delta as Place Presentation – Ken Baccetti, President, CA Striped Bass Association, Isleton Chapter
7. Report on Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) Activities – Anna Swenson, DPAC Chair
8. Executive Director’s Report – Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director **(p. 8)**
9. Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Act – Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director **(p. 15)**
10. Delta Leadership Program Graduation – Erik Vink, DLP Coordinator **(p. 22)**
11. Appointments to Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) – Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director **(p. 25)**
12. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

### 13. Adjourn

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.

### **Questions, Comments, and Requests**

If you have any questions or have a request for reasonable modification or accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Delta Protection Commission at [dpc@delta.ca.gov](mailto:dpc@delta.ca.gov) or (916) 375-4800. Attachments and additional information can be found on the Delta Protection Commission website: [delta.ca.gov](http://delta.ca.gov).

Comments submitted to [submit@delta.ca.gov](mailto:submit@delta.ca.gov) by noon on May 15, 2024, 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.

### **Delta Protection Commission Members**

**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 | **Tom Patti**, San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors | **Anissa Williams**, 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 | **Jennifer Lucchesi**, CA State Lands Commission

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** **Carlos Villapudua**, California State Assembly | **Susan Talamantes Eggman**, California State Senate

# **DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

## **Delta Protection Commission**

Tuesday, March 7, 2024, 5 p.m.  
The Willow Ballroom and Event Center, 10724 CA-160, Hood, CA 95639

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Call to order and Flag Salute**

Chair Diane Burgis called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

#### **2. Welcome and Roll Call**

Commission Clerk Heather McClure called the roll. Present at roll call: Chair Burgis, Vice Chair John Vasquez, Commissioners Oscar Villegas, Pat Hume, Paul Steele, Alan Nakanishi, Jim Paroli, Tom Slater, Jennifer Lucchesi, Christine Birdsong (for Karen Ross), and Nancy Vogel (for Wade Crowfoot). Commissioners Tom Patti, Ron Kott, Nick Mussi, Toks Omishakin; and ex-officio members Senator Talamantes Eggman, and Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua were absent with no alternate present. At this time, we did have a quorum present.

#### **3. Public Comment – an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission regarding items not on the agenda.**

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **4. Approval of January 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Vasquez and seconded by Commissioner Vogel to approve the January 18, 2024, meeting minutes; in a voice vote, the motion passed 10-0-0, all Commissioners present voting aye with the exception of Chair Burgis, who recused herself because she wasn't present at the January meeting.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **5. Report on Delta Stewardship Council Activities**

Chair Burgis reported that the Stewardship Council met for two days. The first day was focused on the Conveyance Project. The second day's focus was the Bay-Delta Adapts Plan. She commented that Contra Costa County will be bringing the Bay-Delta

Conservation and Bay-Delta Adapts plans together at some point and is interested to see how well both plans work together.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

## **6. Delta as Place Presentation**

Mike Campbell, Board Vice President of Friends of the 1883 Clarksburg Schoolhouse, gave a slideshow of the oldest known schoolhouse in the Delta, covering its history and the restoration project he was a part of. His pictures showed its beginning in 1883 having only two rooms as the Merritt Elementary School, with an additional room added before the school's closing in 1923. He noted it was the largest building in the community at that time. The restoration began in 2015 when it was moved to its new location in Clarksburg and raised a foot above the floodplain. As the completion of the project is near, the building's purpose is still unknown. Proposals as a repository for the history of Clarksburg, a Delta Welcome Center, and a K-6 public charter school are being considered.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

## **7. Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) Report**

DPAC Chair Anna Swenson, full of emotion, reported "with deep sadness and regret" that recently appointed DPAC member Gerry Goodie had passed at the age of 67. She described him as a vibrant member of the Sacramento community and a "huge volunteer," mentioning his involvement with the Rotary, the Delta Chambers, and the Delta Leadership Program, as well as a lengthy list of activities he pursued. On top of being a dedicated family man and friend to so many, she labeled him a true "Champion of the Delta."

Commissioner Steele recalled Goodie's great devotion to the Delta, saying he was always involved and fought for it until the day he died.

Commissioner Hume stated Gerry poured a lot of himself into the Delta with a "stature that cast a long shadow."

Chair Burgis said his was an amazing life and an amazing man who will be greatly missed. The meeting was to be adjourned in Gerry Goodie's memory.

Anna Swensen ended by noting the February 6 meeting topics on Broadband in the Delta, the Delta Cross Channel, and the Delta Conveyance Project.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

## **8. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Bruce Blodgett spoke on the opportunity to extend the Great Delta Trail from West Sacramento to Clarksburg through grant funding. The application for the grant will be submitted on February 29. He then brought up an item regarding Commission Land Use that had not been included in the packet, the Zanker Green Waste Facility. A comment letter has been submitted based on concerns of lost resources in the Primary Zone. He said there will be a copy in the packet the next meeting. Another item not in his written report was the National Academy of Sciences study on State Water Project Operations, for which he participated in a panel the week prior in Davis. He found it to be of significance particularly to the Delta Counties Coalition and suggested everyone follow this.

Executive Director Blodgett touched on the great job Information Officer Holly Heyser is doing moving Commission communications forward through all avenues of social media. He referred to the highlights in his report on page 9 and the upcoming Delta events on page 10.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

## **9. Delta Sustainable Insurance Model**

UC Davis PhD student Kathleen Schaefer presented on Community Based Climate Insurance, a pilot program she is trying to implement in Isleton. They formed the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD), a task force board to facilitate the development of a disaster recovery plan with community input. She said the appeal of this insurance model is better affordability and quicker payout than the current National Flood Insurance program. But even more, the current model is not serving the communities it needs to and “felt like paying for other people’s disasters in other communities.” She came today to ask for assistance with putting the grant funds in place and to work with the City of Isleton to implement this program.

Legal Counsel Carlos Mejia stated he was not clear on what was being asked and wanted to know if staff had a recommendation.

Executive Director Blodgett responded that more time was needed to consider a recommendation and questioned if there were enough staff to carry out her request.

Chair Burgis asked for clarification on what was being asked of the Commission.

Commissioner Steele asked what he needed to do to get this accomplished. Then came to the conclusion that he would come up with a plan, bring that to Legal Counsel Mejia to look over, and after passing legal inspection it will be brought back to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Villegas asked for a staff analysis and then a staff recommendation before he would be able to give his response.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was none.

## **10. Approval of the National Heritage Area Management Plan**

Program Manager Blake Roberts expressed what a long journey this has been since March 12, 2019, when it was formally designated a National Heritage Area (NHA). The very first project was to develop this Management Plan and he called out the members of the NHA Management Plan Advisory Committee who were present at tonight's meeting: Vice Chair Elizabeth Patterson, Janet Lake, Mike Campbell, and Bruce Blodgett, who is the Chair. He gave a brief overview of the six chapters and the appendices, then outlined the goals: Interpretation, Resource Stewardship, Heritage Tourism, Partnerships, and Organization. Roberts reported that at last count, there were 45 letters of commitment and support from various partnerships that are incorporated into the plan. He distributed a summary of public comments and the responses to each comment, which led to revisions in the draft plan.

Executive Director Blodgett clarified that tonight was not a final approval of the plan but approving to forward the plan to the National Park Service for its review, and once we get their final feedback it will come back to the Commission for further approval.

Chair Burgis asked what the funding amount will be qualified for if approved. Roberts responded that once we get approval it is anticipated at \$400,000-\$500,000. Chair Burgis commented that federal representatives keep bringing up \$1,000,000. She then asked what the monies will be used for, and Blake responded grants, staffing, and events such as the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States.

Commissioner Villegas added that he would like it brought back to the Commission for further discussion on how to use the funding.

Executive Director Blodgett clarified that there is a \$1,000,000 potential every year, but they (Congress) are only allocating \$500,000 at this time.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there were three:

Anna Swensen had a question regarding the public comment from Katherine Marquez of the California Department of Water Resources mentioning there may be an opportunity to coordinate between Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program and the NHA. Blake responded that it is just conjecture at this point.

Elizabeth Patterson commented how rewarding the experience was to be on the Committee and thanked everyone for this project.

Kathleen Schaefer commented how important stories are to the Delta as Roberts had said and encouraged collecting all the stories of the Delta floods. She brought up the reason for the location of Sutter's Fort was due to the Native Americans telling the stories of the floods.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Villegas and seconded by Commissioner Steele to approve the National Heritage Area Management Plan moving forward; in a voice vote, the motion passed 11-0-0 with all Commissioners present voting aye.

### **11. Appointments to Delta Protection Advisory Committee**

Executive Director Blodgett reported that we had one applicant for the tribal seat, Steven Hutchason, who is the Historic Preservation Officer for the Wilton Rancheria tribe. He gave his recommendation for Hutchason to serve for that position.

Chair Burgis asked for public comment and there was one:

Anna Swensen, DPAC Chair, commented that she was super excited to have him on the committee.

**Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Hume and seconded by Commissioner Villegas to appoint Steven Hutchason for the tribal representative seat to the Delta Protection Advisory Committee; in a voice vote, the motion passed 11-0-0 with all Commissioners present voting aye.

### **12. Commissioner Comments/Announcements**

Commissioner Steele announced that the skate park in Isleton is finally complete.

### **13. Adjourn**

Chair Burgis adjourned the meeting in memory of Gerry Goodie and in celebration of all he did to make the world a better place. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

# Delta Protection Commission Meeting

May 16, 2024

## AGENDA ITEM 8: Executive Director’s Report

**Prepared by:** Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director

**Presented by:** Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director

**Recommended Action:** Receive the Executive Director’s Report

**Type of Action:** Receive

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## Commission Budget Update

Budget and Spending for Delta Protection Commission - FY 23/24  
Budget to Actuals as of 3/31/2024

<b>FY 23-24 Categories</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Total Expenses and Projections</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Salaries and Wages	\$1,515,000	\$1,164,557	\$350,443
Operating Expenses	\$821,000	\$533,816	\$287,184
Total	\$2,336,000	\$1,698,373	\$637,627

## National Heritage Area

After Commission approval of the National Heritage Area management plan at their March 7 meeting, Commission staff prepared and formally submitted the plan on March 12 for approval by the Secretary of the Interior. National Park Service and Department of the Interior staff are currently reviewing the plan. Commission staff are continuing to conduct outreach to tribes as part of our tribal consultation process for the management plan.

## Delta Heritage Forum

The sixth annual Delta Heritage Forum, a free, full-day event each year focused on preserving and telling Delta stories, and providing opportunities for partnerships, collaboration, and networking, is scheduled for Friday, November 15, 2024. Additional information about the Forum, including location, will be forthcoming.

## Commission Land Use Comments

Commission staff have provided comments on the Contra Costa County General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and are working with Contra Costa County staff to assemble a package making necessary findings for consistency of the General Plan with

the Delta Protection Act for Commission Consideration (the date of submittal is to be determined).

Commission staff have also prepared a comment letter on the application to Sacramento County for a use permit for the Twin Cities Composting Facility. The facility is located on the north side of Twin Cities Road, west of Interstate 5, in the Delta Primary Zone on Parcel 146-0080-040-0000. The letter was reviewed by the Executive Director and submitted to the County on March 4, 2024. The letter argues that the conversion of agricultural land in the Delta Primary Zone is inconsistent with the Delta Protection Act's goals of protecting agriculture and natural resources in that region. The letter is also enclosed with this package of materials.

Commission staff also completed weekly land use reviews for all five counties in the Delta Primary Zone and the constituent cities, special districts, transportation agencies, and other ancillary departments within these counties. Review consisted of:

- Checking the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) webpage for notices of documents and decisions posted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
- Checking the Sacramento and San Francisco US Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division public notices regarding permits for Sections 10 and 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act in the Delta Primary Zone.
- Reviewing agendas posted for public agencies including transportation agencies, county departments, special districts, and cities for all five counties in the Delta Primary Zone.

Primary issues staff are tracking consist of:

- A proposed solar farm in the Secondary Zone on Bethel Island that is not subject to our land use authority, but we can comment on with regard to effects on the Primary Zone, and;
- A proposed subdivision in Oakley in the Secondary Zone that is not subject to our land use authority, but we can comment on with regard to effects on the Primary Zone.

## **Contracting**

Caltrans District 10 recently cancelled a contract to reimburse the Delta Protection Commission for a scope of work to place interpretive and wayfinding signs in the Delta. Commission staff had worked diligently to make the contract workable if feasible. Caltrans District 10 put boilerplate contract language in the contract which required the

Commission to procure an engineering consultant to prepare engineered plans before obtaining rights-of-entry to Caltrans right-of-way for sign placement. The contracting and oversight requirements of this procurement process are more aligned with major municipalities receiving “local assistance” Caltrans funding but are not within the scope of what the Commission does.

### **Delta Leadership Program**

Erik Vink and our consultants wrapped up the class eight of the Delta Leadership Program with multiple seminars since our last meeting. Erik also was able to arrange a tour for the group by boat of the Delta hosted by the USGS. Tonight, they will be providing their presentation to you about their experience.

### **Commission Communications**

We are increasing communications on our website, newsletters, and social media to raise awareness of the DPC’s work, knowledge of Delta events, and appreciation of the Delta as a place. The following items have been among the most popular since our last report to you (platform in parentheses, \* indicates DPC program, involvement, or sponsorship):

- \*Asian New Year in Isleton – photos (Facebook, Instagram – top post of the year on both platforms)
- \*Delta Leadership Program – a place for reflection – photos (Facebook)
- \*Great California Delta Trail addition (*Delta Happenings*, Instagram)
- “Hidden Figures – Women of the Delta,” at the Walnut Grove Library (*Delta Heritage Courier*)
- \*Delta NHA Management Plan (*Delta Heritage Courier*, Instagram).
- Delta Stewardship Council flood risk tool (*Delta Happenings*)
- Gerry Goodie memorial (*Delta Happenings*)
- State Parks aquatic invasive plant control to begin (*Delta Happenings*)

### **Upcoming Delta Events**

- May 17-19: Stockton Flavor Fest
- June 1: 2024 Watermelon Street Fair
- June 1: National Trails Day
- June 1-9: California Invasive Species Action Week
- June 4: DPAC meeting, location TBD
- June 14-15: The City of Isleton Crawdad Festival
- June 15: Oakley Juneteenth
- July 18: DPC meeting in Oakley

## DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION

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March 4, 2024

Leanne Mueller, Senior Planner  
Sacramento County  
Planning and Environmental Review  
827 7th Street, Room 225  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Mueller:

We are providing comments on the application for a use permit for the Twin Cities Composting Facility located on the north side of Twin Cities Road, west of Interstate 5, in the Delta community on Parcel 146-0080-040-0000. As defined in the Delta Protection Act (the "Act,"), this proposed facility occurs in the Primary Zone of the Delta. As used in the Act the Primary Zone means "*the delta land and water area of primary state concern and statewide significance which is situated within the boundaries of the delta*" (California Public Resources Code Section 29728).

The Delta Protection Commission is a state agency charged with ensuring orderly, balanced conservation and development of Delta land resources and improved flood protection in the Primary Zone. The Commission reviews projects within the broad framework of the Delta Protection Act of 1992 and Delta Reform Act of 2009, which declare that the State's basic goals for the Delta are to provide a more reliable water supply for California and protect, restore and enhance the Delta ecosystem "*in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place*" (Public Resources Code section 29702(a) and Water Code section 85054).

We understand that the County must issue a discretionary use permit for this facility and must conduct design review. This letter provides our comments and the results of our

initial review of the project for consistency with the Act (California Public Resources Code Section 29700 et seq.) as well as our Land Use and Resource Management Plan (required by California Public Resources Code Section 29760), and our Economic Sustainability Plan (required by California Public Resources Code Section 29759).

Proposed local government-approved projects within the primary zone of the Legal Delta must be consistent with the Commission’s Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP) (California Public Resources Code Sections 29700-29780). California Public Resources Code Section 29760(b) states that the Land Use and Resource Management Plan “*shall. . .preserve and protect agricultural viability*” and “*shall. . .protect the delta from any development that results in any significant loss of habitat or agricultural land.*” “Development” is defined by the Delta Protection Act as “*the placement of. . . any solid material or structure*” over land or water in the Primary Zone of the Delta (California Public Resources Code Section 29723(a)). A list of excepted activities that are not regulated as development are provided in California Public Resources Code Section 29723(b). None of these exceptions apply to the proposed facility thus it is regulated “development” within the meaning of the Act.

The Land Use and Resource Management Plan provides the following policy:

*“The priority land use of areas in the Primary Zone shall be oriented toward agriculture and open space. If agriculture is no longer appropriate, land uses that protect other beneficial uses of Delta resources and that would not adversely affect agriculture on surrounding lands or the viability or cost of levee maintenance, may be permitted”* (Delta Protection Commission 2010:12).

In addition to regulating development, the Delta Protection Commission is required to plan for and promote the economic sustainability of the Delta under the Act. The Commission prepares an economic sustainability plan to promote the “*continued socioeconomic sustainability of agriculture and its infrastructure*” in the Delta (California Public Resources Code Section 29759(b)(2)).

The applicant’s biological assessment indicates that the current project would result in the permanent loss of 39.4 acres of agricultural land (Madrone 2023). Between present and 2014, over 12,000 acres of farmland have been lost in the Delta (Delta Stewardship Council 2024). Our planning work documents that agriculture is the main economic driver of the Delta economy (Delta Protection Commission 2012:274). A dollar of agricultural crop revenue generates three to five times greater regional income than other leading revenue sources such as recreation or tourism (Delta Protection Commission 2012:274).

For these reasons, the project would contribute to the incremental loss of agricultural land and the reduction of economic sustainability in the Delta.

The natural resource goals for the Delta also include the goal to “*preserve and protect the natural resources of the Delta [and to] encourage compatibility between agricultural practices and wildlife habitat.*” (Delta Protection Commission 2010:18).

The land in the project area proposed for conversion serves as foraging habitat for various raptor species including but not limited to Swainson’s hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) (Madrone 2023). Swainson’s hawk is listed as a threatened species by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW 2024). CDFW must make the determination for a “threatened” listing based on facts demonstrating the presence of one or more of the factors provided in California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 670.1(i)(1)(A), including “*present or threatened modification or destruction of [a species]’ habitat.*” The primary threat to Swainson’s hawk is loss of suitable foraging habitat, including suitable agricultural foraging habitat (CDFW 2016:3). The conversion of this parcel would reduce habitat for a threatened species that CDFW has identified as contributing factor to decline of the species consistent with its listing process and five-year review under California law (CDFW 2016).

To review the facts, the proposed facility:

- Falls inside the Primary Zone of the Delta subject to our Plan,
- Is inconsistent with the statutory mandates of California Public Resources Code Sections 29759 and Section 29760(b) to protect agricultural land and economic sustainability because it would permanently convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses in the Primary Zone,
- Is inconsistent with the natural resource policy goals of our Land Use and Resource Management Plan adopted under California Public Resources Code Section 29760 because it would reduce habitat for a threatened species, and thus contribute to one of the factors CDFW has identified as a cause of the species’ decline.

Note that California Public Resources Code Section 29770 allows “any aggrieved person” the right to appeal land use decisions taken in the primary zone for inconsistency with the Act or our Plan. The exact language states: “*the ground for an appeal and the commission consideration of an appeal shall be that an action, as to land located exclusively within the primary zone, is inconsistent with the resource management plan, the approved portions of local government general plans that implement the resource management plan, or this division [i.e. the Act]*” (California Public Resources Code Section 29770).

In closing, our contention with this project is not about its merits. It appears to be a valuable facility; however, it is in a location that makes it incompatible with California law and our mandate to protect the Primary Zone of the Delta.

Sincerely,



Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director  
Delta Protection Commission

CC: Patrick Hume, Supervisor, Sacramento County

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# Delta Protection Commission Meeting

May 16, 2024

## AGENDA ITEM 9: Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Act

**Prepared by:** Bruce Blodgett

**Presented by:** Bruce Blodgett

**Recommended Action: Support federal legislation to provide funding to address abandoned vessels in the Delta**

**Type of Action:** Vote

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### Background

The problem with the ever-growing number of abandoned vessels in the Delta continues to create hazards in the Delta. We have been supportive of state legislation that sought funding and prioritization for the removal of these hazards. Federal legislation was just introduced by Congressman Garamendi offering another approach to identifying and addressing this issue.

Their legislation would have the Coast Guard work with federal and state agencies to establish a national inventory of covered vessels that are abandoned. In working with these partners, the Army Corps would be “authorized to remove from the waters of the United States any abandoned vessel or any vessel under the control of the United States by reason of seizure or forfeiture pursuant to any law...”.

### Recommended Action

**Support federal legislation to provide for the removal of abandoned vessels.**

### ***Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan)***

Recreation and Tourism (Strategic Theme)

- R.3 Promote and encourage Delta-wide coordination and collaboration on boating, boating safety and related programs.
- 3.1 Coordinate partnerships that reduce abandoned vessels in Delta waterways by improving title transfer procedures, implementing incentives and penalties to prevent abandonment and developing abatement funding sources.



## A BILL

To provide for the removal of abandoned vessels, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removal Act of 2024”.

### SEC. 2. ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the chapter heading by striking “BARGES” and inserting “VESSELS”;

(2) by inserting before section 4701 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS

#### “§ 4710. Definitions

“In this subchapter:

“(1) ABANDON.—The term ‘abandon’ means to moor, strand, wreck, sink, or leave a covered vessel unattended for longer than 45 days.

“(2) COVERED VESSEL.—The term ‘covered vessel’ means a vessel that is not a barge to which subchapter I applies.

“(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

#### “§ 4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited

“(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a covered vessel may not abandon such vessel on the navigable waters of the United States.

“(b) DETERMINATION OF ABANDONMENT.—

“(1) NOTIFICATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a covered vessel that appears to be abandoned, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall—

“(i) attempt to identify the owner using the vessel registration number, hull identification number, or any other information that can be reasonably inferred or gathered; and

“(ii) notify such owner—

“(I) of the penalty described in subsection (c); and

“(II) that the vessel will be removed at the expense of the owner if the Commandant determines that the vessel is abandoned and the owner does not remove or account for the vessel.

“(B) FORM.—The Commandant shall provide the notice required under subparagraph (A)—

“(i) if the owner can be identified, via certified mail or other appropriate forms determined by the Commandant; or

“(ii) if the owner cannot be identified, via an announcement in a local publication and on a website maintained by the Coast Guard.

“(2) DETERMINATION.—The Commandant shall make a determination not earlier than 45 days after the date on which the Commandant provides the notification required under paragraph (1) of whether a covered vessel described in such paragraph is abandoned.

“(c) PENALTY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may assess a civil penalty of not more than \$500 against an owner or operator of a covered vessel determined to be abandoned under subsection (b) for a violation of subsection (a).

“(2) LIABILITY IN REM.—The owner or operator of a covered vessel shall also be liable in rem for a penalty imposed under paragraph (1).

“(d) VESSELS NOT ABANDONED.—The Commandant may not determine that a covered vessel is abandoned under this section if—

“(1) such vessel is located at a federally approved or State approved mooring area or anchorage;

“(2) such vessel is located on private property with the permission of the owner of such property;

“(3) the owner or operator of such vessel provides a notification to the Commandant that—

“(A) indicates the location of the vessel;

“(B) indicates that the vessel is not abandoned; and

“(C) contains documentation proving that the vessel is allowed to be in such location; or

“(4) the Commandant determines that such an abandonment determination would not be in the public interest.

**“§ 4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Commandant, in consultation with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and relevant State agencies, shall establish and maintain a national inventory of covered vessels that are abandoned.

“(b) CONTENTS.—The inventory established and maintained under subsection (a) shall include data on each vessel, including geographic information system data related to the location of each such vessel.

“(c) PUBLICATION.—The Commandant shall make the inventory established under subsection (a) publicly available on a website of the Coast Guard.

“(d) REPORTING OF POTENTIALLY ABANDONED VESSELS.—In carrying out this section, the Commandant shall develop a process by which—

“(1) a State, Indian Tribe, or person may report a covered vessel that may be abandoned to the Commandant for potential inclusion in the inventory established under subsection (a); and

“(2) the Commandant shall review any such report and add such vessel to the inventory if the Commandant determines that the reported vessel is abandoned pursuant to section 4711.”.

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, and the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall issue regulations with respect to the procedures for determining that a vessel is abandoned for the purposes of subchapter II of chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code (as added by this section).

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 4701—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “chapter” and inserting “subchapter”; and

(B) in paragraph (2) by striking “chapter” and inserting “subchapter”;

(2) in section 4703 by striking “chapter” and inserting “subchapter”;

(3) in section 4704 by striking “chapter” each place it appears and inserting “subchapter”; and

(4) in section 4705 by striking “chapter” and inserting “subchapter”.

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting before the item relating to section 4701 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES”; AND

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER II—VESSELS

“4710. Definitions.

“4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited.

“4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels.”.

### **SEC. 3. OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE REMOVAL.**

The removal and disposal of an abandoned vessel under the direction of an on-scene coordinator appointed under the National Contingency Plan developed under section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321) shall be deemed to be a removal action under such section for purposes of section 9509 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### **SEC. 4. USES OF OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1012(a) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2712(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (5)(D), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) the payment of costs associated with the collection and disposal of an abandoned vessel, including a derelict vessel, by the President if—

“(A) such collection and disposal is determined to be in the public interest by the Federal Government, a State, or an Indian tribe; and

“(B) a determination that the vessel is abandoned is made by the Commandant of the Coast Guard in accordance with section 4711 of title 46, United States Code.”.

(b) COSTS OF COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED OR DERELICT VESSELS.—

(1) CUMULATIVE COSTS.—The cumulative cost for the collection and disposal of abandoned vessels, including derelict vessels, described in section 1012(a)(6) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (as added by subsection (a)) in a calendar year shall be deemed to be a single incident for purposes of section 9509 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) LIABILITY.—The owner of any abandoned vessel, including a derelict vessel, collected and disposed of using funds from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund pursuant to section 1012(a)(6) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (as added by subsection (a)) shall be liable to the United States for the costs of such collection and disposal and such costs shall be deemed to be amounts described in section 9509(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9509(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting before the period at the end “, except with respect to section 1012(a)(6) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990”.

## **SEC. 5. REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASING FEDERALLY AUCTIONED VESSELS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 571 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

### **“§ 57112. Requirements for purchasing federally auctioned vessels**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to purchase a covered vessel from the Federal government, a person shall provide proof of—

“(1) liability insurance for the operator of such covered vessel;

“(2) proof of financial resources sufficient to cover maintenance costs of such covered vessel; and

“(3) with respect to a covered vessel requiring documentation under chapter 121, an admiralty bond or stipulation.

“(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘covered vessel’ means—

“(1) a government owned vessel disposed of in accordance with this part and section 548 of title 40;

“(2) a vessel seized or forfeited pursuant to any law, and auctioned by the Federal government, including a vessel seized or forfeited pursuant to section 7301 or 7302 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

“(3) a fishing vessel seized or forfeited pursuant to section 310 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1860).”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 571 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“57112. Requirements for purchasing federally auctioned vessels.”.

## **SEC. 6. REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIVE OR ABANDONED VESSELS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 19 of the Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C. 414) is amended—

(1) by striking by striking “SEC. 19. (a) That whenever” and inserting the following:

**“SEC. 19. VESSEL REMOVAL BY SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.**

“(a) REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIVE VESSELS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—That whenever”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “described in this section” and inserting “described in this subsection”; and

(B) by striking “under subsection (a)” and inserting “under paragraph (1)”;

(3) by striking “(b) The owner” and inserting the following:

“(2) LIABILITY OF OWNER, LESSEE, OR OPERATOR.—The owner”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VESSEL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army is authorized to remove from the waters of the United States any abandoned vessel or any vessel under the control of the United States by reason of seizure or forfeiture pursuant to any law, that does not obstruct the navigation of such waters, if—

“(A) such removal is determined to be in the public interest by the Federal Government, a State, or an Indian tribe; and

“(B) in the case of a vessel that is not under the control of the United States by reason of seizure or forfeiture, the Commandant of the Coast Guard makes a determination that the vessel is abandoned in accordance with section 4711 of title 46, United States Code.

“(2) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS.—In removing a vessel under this section that is under the control of the United States by reason of seizure or forfeiture, the Secretary shall enter into an interagency agreement with the head of the Federal department, agency, or instrumentality that has control of such vessel.

“(3) LIABILITY.—The owner of any vessel described in paragraph (1) that is not under the control of the United States by reason of seizure or forfeiture shall be liable to the United States for the costs of removal and disposal of such vessel.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1115 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4235; 102 Stat. 4026) is repealed.

# Delta Protection Commission Meeting

May 16, 2024

## AGENDA ITEM 10: Delta Leadership Program 2024 presentation

**Prepared by:** Erik Vink

**Presented by:** Erik Vink and the DLP

**Recommended Action: Receive presentation on 2024 Delta Leadership Program and class projects**

**Type of Action:** Receive

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### Background

The Delta Leadership Program is a joint effort of the Delta Protection Commission and Delta Regional Foundation to cultivate the best in the region's existing leadership and assist in the development of informed and energetic leaders for the Delta's future. The 2024 Program is the eighth group of program participants.

The fourteen members of Delta Leadership Program 2024 concluded their four-month program with a final seminar on April 19. Over the course of five day-long seminars, participants learned from expert speakers about a range of complex issues affecting the Delta, including Delta legislation and State policy, water, public safety, boating and recreation, Delta environment, the Delta National Heritage Area and the regional economy. Participants also took part in exercises and presentations to enhance personal leadership skills. Participants heard from both Delta interests and those outside the Delta who hold differing perspectives on some of the most controversial issues facing the region (for example, water exports).

The Program required participants to develop a class project benefiting the Delta. Project goals focused on providing a direct benefit to the Delta and created an opportunity to form new relationships, demonstrate leadership, and practice teamwork. Delta Leadership Program participants will present a summary of their class projects to the Commission.

### Delta Leadership Program 2024 – Participants

- **Priti Agarwal** (Alameda County: Recent volunteer with Lodi Sandhill Crane Festival, nearly 20-year career in Bay Area corporate positions–Director, Manager, Analyst)

- **Matthew Brown** (San Joaquin County: Banking officer–Bank of Stockton since 2019, Bank of Rio Vista from 2011-2018, 3rd generation Rio Vistan, Walnut Grove Rotary Club since 2015, graduate of Leadership Lodi)
- **Tim Cook** (Yolo County: Co-owner of Meyer and Cook Insurance Co.–Walnut Grove, Walnut Grove Rotary Club, Walnut Grove Fire Department–former Captain, Clarksburg Cub Scouts Pack 83 Den Leader)
- **Cintia Cortez** (San Joaquin County: Restore the Delta–Policy Analyst since March 2022)
- **Alice LLano** (Yolo County: Pear farmer in Clarksburg, community volunteer–school parent teacher council, Friends of Clarksburg Library, Clarksburg Rotary Club)
- **Krystal Moreno** (Placer County: Traditional Ecological Knowledge Program Manager–Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians since 2018, DSC Adaptive Management Forum Advisory Board member, volunteer competitive softball coach)
- **Mackenzie Owens** (San Joaquin County: Restore the Delta–Media and Communications Coordinator, Community Based Organization Advisory Committee for Estuary Youth Council–part of San Francisco Estuary Partnership)
- **Min Park** (Contra Costa County: Bethel Island community volunteer–Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District), professional career in hospitality industry–New York, Oklahoma, Hawaii, and Bay Area restaurants, including Executive Director of Greens Restaurant)
- **Samar Salma** (Solano County: External Affairs Specialist with FEMA, Certified California Naturalist)
- **Jacylyn Stokes** (San Joaquin County: Walnut Grove grape grower, board member of Lodi Winegrape Commission, California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, Class 52)
- **Malissa Tayaba** (El Dorado County: Vice Chair and Director of Traditional Ecological Knowledge for Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians–and other positions since 2008, member of Delta Conveyance Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee)
- **Patricia Tirone** (San Joaquin County: Founder of Delta Sculling Center in Stockton, advocate for building the Delta Aquatic Center in Stockton)
- **Katie Wiley** (Sacramento County: Marketing Manager for numerous Delta businesses–Wimpy’s, Al’s Place, Fosters Bighorn, Delta recreationist)
- **Nancy Young** (San Joaquin County: Mayor, City of Tracy–on City Council since 2012, deep community involvement with numerous organizations in Tracy)

## **Recommended Action**

Receive presentation on Delta Leadership Program class projects.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan)

Education and Outreach (Strategic Theme)

O.1 Ensure consistent, proactive communications between and among Delta interests and decision makers.

1.3.3 Foster communication between Delta interests for improved, coordinated action.

# Delta Protection Commission Meeting

May 16, 2024

## AGENDA ITEM 11: Appointments to DPAC

**Prepared by:** Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director

**Presented by:** Bruce Blodgett, Executive Director

**Recommended Action:** Approve recommendations noted below.

**Type of Action:** Vote

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### Background

The Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) was created by the Delta Protection Act, Public Resources Code Section 29753(a).

The Committee provides recommendations to the Delta Protection Commission on diverse interests within the Delta, including the Delta's ecosystem, water supply, socioeconomic sustainability, recreation, agriculture, flood control, environment, water resources, utility infrastructure, and other Delta issues. This seventeen-member committee is appointed by the Commission and meets regularly; members serve three-year terms and may be re-appointed. Meetings are open to the public.

The Commission opened applications on March 11, 2024, for five seats with terms expiring in May 2024, as well as for the seat of the late Gerry Goodie, whom the Commission appointed in January. Seven people applied for the following seats:

**Delta Agriculture (Seat 2) – incumbent Craig Watanabe:** Jerred Dixon, Jeff Iniguez

**Delta Business (Seat 2) – incumbent Robyn Brown not seeking reappointment:**  
Gerry Goodie Jr., Emily Pappalardo

**Delta Cultural Preservation – incumbent Douglas Hsia:** (no additional applicants)

**Delta General Public (Seat 2) – vacant due to the death of Gerry Goodie Sr.:**  
Katherine Wiley

**Delta Recreation (Seat 2) – incumbent Morris Lum:** Jeremy Favaloro, Morris Lum

**State Agency (Seat 2) – incumbent Erin Chappell:** (no additional applicants)

Their applications follow this staff report, in alphabetical order by seat, then by name.

## **Recommended Action**

Staff recommends the appointment of Craig Watanabe (Delta Ag 2), Emily Pappalardo (Delta Business 2), Douglas Hsia (Delta Cultural Preservation), Katherine Wiley (Delta General Public 2), Morris Lum (Delta Recreation 2) and Erin Chappell (State Agency 2) to DPAC for 3-year terms. In three years, these seats plus our new tribal seat will again be subject to approval or reappointment.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan)

### **Education and Outreach**

O.1 Ensure consistent, proactive communication between and among Delta interests and decision-makers.

1.3 Foster two-way communication throughout the Delta.

1.3.1 Actively seek input and opinions from the diverse populations of the Delta to inform decisions impacting the region.

1.3.2 Provide a forum for residents, businesses, and Delta interests to participate in decisions affecting the Delta.

1.4 Support an active and engaged Delta Protection Advisory Committee structure, including utilizing expert workgroups, to provide recommendations to the Commission.

## **DPAC Application for Agriculture Seat 2: Jerred Dixon**

**Submission Date:** Mar 12, 2024, 11:57 a.m.

**Name:** Jerred Dixon

**Address:** Walnut Grove

### **Please select the opening you're applying for: Delta Agriculture (Seat 2)**

If you do not live in the Delta, please describe the property or business you own or operate in the Delta, or the nature of your recreational interest in the Delta.

Director of Staten Island Preserve, President of RD 38, trustee of RD 2110,

#### **1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee.**

My goal for the committee and also the delta is to preserve as much as I can for the future generations.

#### **2. Describe your qualifications - for the committee in general and the seat you're applying for in particular - and skills that would benefit this committee.**

My biggest contribution to the committee would be the ability to rationally see both sides of issues. I've been a farmer my whole life but understand the innerworkings of governance and conservation.

#### **3. Describe your background, employment, volunteer work or other efforts, as they relate to the Delta.**

5th generation farmer, conservationist, 5 years working closely with DWR, TNC, and other NGOs in the delta.

#### **4. List any committees, commissions, councils, etc. that you currently belong to.**

delta leadership, RD 38, RD 2110

## **DPAC Application for Agriculture Seat 2: Jeff Iniguez**

Email and physical addresses and telephone numbers redacted for applicant privacy.

**Submission Date:** Apr 12, 2024, 3:56 p.m.

**Name:** Jeff Iniguez

**Address:** Clarksburg

**Please select the opening you're applying for:** Delta Agriculture (Seat 2)

**If you do not live in the Delta, please describe the property or business you own or operate in the Delta, or the nature of your recreational interest in the Delta.**

I live in Clarksburg, as well as work for a family farming operation that is in Clarksburg.

### **1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee.**

I am looking for a way in which to give back to my community, and this seems like a good fit. Not only is my livelihood directly impacted by decision made about the Delta, but I believe the Delta is an important and unique aspect of California that needs stewardship to help preserve it for generations to come. I am also eager to learn more about the Delta and how I can better contribute.

### **2. Describe your qualifications - for the committee in general and the seat you're applying for in particular - and skills that would benefit this committee.**

I like to think that I have a good balance of pragmatism and idealism when it comes to problem solving and life in general. I believe I am a consensus builder who can communicate with a wide range of individuals. I am not afraid to share my opinion, but do not feel the need to be the loudest voice in the room. I enjoy working in a team to tackle hard problems, and don't mind getting my hands dirty. I have been working in production agriculture for 15 years with a variety of crops under a variety of growing regions. I have a base of working knowledge in most topics production agriculture and State water systems. In the past I have volunteered as a director on the Kern-Tulare Water District.

### **3. Describe your background, employment, volunteer work or other efforts, as they relate to the Delta.**

Other than living and working in the Delta, I have participated in the visiting of the State Capitol to voice my pro-agriculture and pro-Delta water rights opinions to lawmakers.

### **4. List any committees, commissions, councils, etc. that you currently belong to.**

I do not sit on any other committees at the moment, but I try to participate as a member of the public for: Reclamation District 999, Yolo County Resource Conservation District, Yolo County Farm Bureau, Sacramento Food Policy Council

**DPAC Application for Business Seat 2: Gerald Goodie**

Email and physical addresses and telephone numbers redacted for applicant privacy.

**Submission Date:** Apr 9, 2024, 8:58 p.m.

**Name:** Gerald Goodie

**Address:** Walnut Grove

Primary phone

**Please select the opening you're applying for:**

Delta Business (Seat 2)

**If you do not live in the Delta, please describe the property or business you own or operate in the Delta, or the nature of your recreational interest in the Delta.**

General Manager and resident at Wimpy's

**1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee.**

To learn more about the delta and be a part of keeping it's outstanding legacy. I also would like to carry on my father's legacy of encouraging others to enjoy the Delta

**2. Describe your qualifications - for the committee in general and the seat you're applying for in particular - and skills that would benefit this committee.**

Youthful Delta business operator and owner with a degree in hospitality management that has been been enjoying the Delta for over 30 years.

**3. Describe your background, employment, volunteer work or other efforts, as they relate to the Delta.**

Current operator and owner of Wimpy's, with a background in hospitality management including 10 years of experience in different roles between Disney, Marriott, and SoFi Stadium.

**4. List any committees, commissions, councils, etc. that you currently belong to.**

Walnut Grove Rotary. Delta APAPA

## **DPAC Application for Business Seat 2: Emily Pappalardo**

**Submission Date:** Apr 2, 2024, 10:24 p.m.

**Name:** Emily Pappalardo

**Address:** Sacramento

**Please select the opening you're applying for:** Delta Business (Seat 2)

**If you do not live in the Delta, please describe the property or business you own or operate in the Delta, or the nature of your recreational interest in the Delta.**

I am a principal engineer and partner in DCC Engineering Co. Inc. located in Walnut Grove. We are consultant engineers to several Reclamation Districts in the North Delta as well as provide permitting, planning, and architectural services to the Delta community.

I also have an interest in Steamboat Resort, a private boat club and residence on the north end of Steamboat Slough where I was raised. I operate an Airbnb there as well as assist in the running of the boat club. This is also my recreational interest in the Delta. My favorite hobbies are kayaking on Steamboat Slough and wakeboarding. This is shared by our club members who have been enjoying the beauty of the Delta and Steamboat Slough for decades.

Additionally, I am a long time volunteer and lover of the Courtland Pear Fair. Which is one of the longest running fairs celebrating the harvest of a historic crop in the Delta.

### **1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee.**

I would like to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee because I would like to see the unique Delta community, waterways, and environment survive for future generations. The Delta is a treasure of California, but requires partnerships and work to be done to protect the Delta and all of the services it provides locally and beyond. DPAC can be a forum to do so.

### **2. Describe your qualifications - for the committee in general and the seat you're applying for in particular - and skills that would benefit this committee.**

Since learning about a proposed isolated conveyance in my final years studying architecture at Cal Poly, I dove into researching California water history and isolated conveyance itself. I have been following, researching and commenting on the proposed conveyance facilities for the last 15 years. This interest in water policy and Delta conveyance led me to get my masters degree at UC Davis in Civil and Environmental

Engineering. I focused my coursework on Delta related issues as UC Davis had developed several papers on the Delta and its future. I felt I could help make a true difference in the Delta as an engineer and support the backbone of the Delta, the levee system. I have been working in this capacity for the past 10 years. Additionally, growing up in the north Delta, I have intimate knowledge of the place and community. I believe my experience as well as my passion for the Delta will be a beneficial addition to this committee.

**3. Describe your background, employment, volunteer work or other efforts, as they relate to the Delta.**

Degrees - Bachelors of Architecture from California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo (2009) and Masters in Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Davis (2014)

I am a licensed Engineer as of 2018 and am a Certified Floodplain Manager (2017)

I began working at DCC Engineering in 2006. I worked there part time while I was in school. I worked for MBK Engineers from 2017 to 2023 performing similar tasks as I had at DCC for various other Reclamation Districts in the Delta. I then returned to DCC Engineering as a partner where I work today.

I was part of the first Delta Leadership Class and recently joined the Board of the Delta Leadership Foundation.

I have been a member of the Walnut Grove Rotary Club since 2009 and have been a volunteer for the Courtland Pear Fair since 2009 as well.

I grew up on Steamboat Slough and help manage the boat club there.

**4. List any committees, commissions, councils, etc. that you currently belong to.**

Walnut Grove Rotary Member (incoming president for 2024-2025)

Pear Fair Committee Volunteer

Delta Leadership Foundation Board Member

Associate Member of the Central Valley Flood Control Association

## **DPAC Application for General Public Seat 2: Katherine Wiley**

**Submission Date:** Mar 12, 2024, 9:53 p.m.

**Name:** Katherine Wiley

**Address:** Galt

**Please select the opening you're applying for:** General Public (Seat 2)

**If you do not live in the Delta, please describe the property or business you own or operate in the Delta, or the nature of your recreational interest in the Delta.**

Though I don't live in the Delta community proper, a third of my business at K. Wiley Marketing & Design is located in the towns of Rio Vista, Walnut Grove and Locke. Plus, my husband and I have owned a houseboat birthed at Walnut Grove for the past eight years, are avid boaters, and spend most of our free time on the river.

### **1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee.**

The Delta Protection Advisory Committee is near and dear to my heart for a couple of reasons-- not only was it incredibly important to my late friend and mentor Gerry Goodie, but the preservation of the California Delta, its natural resources, native species, communities, inhabitants, and the businesses that call it their home is one of my paramount concerns. As a mother and Delta enthusiast, my goal is to help protect it as best I can so that it can be enjoyed by my children and their future families for many years to come.

### **2. Describe your qualifications - for the committee in general and the seat you're applying for in particular - and skills that would benefit this committee.**

My qualifications for General Public Seat 2 are that I am a Delta recreationalist, business owner, and major event planner for the area. My skillset includes top level social media, web design and graphic design-- with and without the use of paid advertising-- in the very niche Delta economy. Many of the events I have planned have grossed tens of thousands of dollars, all without the use of any major pay-per-click platforms or extensive print campaigning. Disseminating Delta-related information-- and garnering participation from the posting of that information-- in an affordable and effective way is my specialty!

**3. Describe your background, employment, volunteer work or other efforts, as they relate to the Delta.**

As a current member of the Delta Leadership Program Class of 2024, I feel like I am uniquely poised to take the knowledge that I have learned from the course and apply it to the issues at hand. Not only am I getting information from the uppermost echelon of Delta leaders and players, I am learning how to think, act, and create change as a Delta leader myself.

**4. List any committees, commissions, councils, etc. that you currently belong to.**

Delta Leadership Program Class of 2024.

**DPAC Application for Recreation Seat 2: Jeremy Favaloro**

**Submission Date:** Mar 12, 2024, 11:41 a.m.

**Name:** Jeremy Favaloro

**Address:** Walnut Grove

**Please select the opening you're applying for:** Delta Recreation (Seat 2)

**If you do not live in the Delta, please describe the property or business you own or operate in the Delta, or the nature of your recreational interest in the Delta.**

I live in the delta region.

**1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee.**

To help with protecting the deltas well being as well as what the delta provides for people.

**2. Describe your qualifications - for the committee in general and the seat you're applying for in particular - and skills that would benefit this committee.**

Construction practices (overview)

I am an avid hunter and fisherman that is on the delta and have seen changes over the years and would like to help voice its changes in the future.

**3. Describe your background, employment, volunteer work or other efforts, as they relate to the Delta.**

Construction manager for a landscaping company.

**4. List any committees, commissions, councils, etc. that you currently belong to.**

None

## **DPAC Application for Recreation Seat 2: Morris Lum**

**Submission Date:** Mar 12, 2024, 4:57 p.m.

**Name:** Morris Lum

**Address:** Sacramento

**Please select the opening you're applying for:** Delta Recreation (Seat 2)

**If you do not live in the Delta, please describe the property or business you own or operate in the Delta, or the nature of your recreational interest in the Delta.**

Director , RBOC

Recreational Boaters of California

Delta Chamber of Commerce, member

45yr NAR Emeritus Broker, National Assoc of Realtors

### **1. Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee.**

I hope to share knowledge and concerns of recreational boaters to the delta protection commission. And to share knowledge to the recreational boater to the activities of the Delta Protection Commission.

### **2. Describe your qualifications - for the committee in general and the seat you're applying for in particular - and skills that would benefit this committee.**

I am a boater member of Sacramento Yacht Club, Sportsmen Yacht Club in Antioch, and delegate to Pacific Inter Club Yacht Assoc of Northern CA. I am a member of the Delta Chamber of Commerce And a director for Recreational Boaters of CA.

### **3. Describe your background, employment, volunteer work or other efforts, as they relate to the Delta.**

As a director of RBOC I attend meetings of the Division of Boating and Water Ways, the Delta Protection Commission, the Delta Independent Science Board, USGS in the Delta and report their activities to the boat community

### **4. List any committees, commissions, councils, etc. that you currently belong to.**

- Delta Chamber of Commerce
- Sacramento River Delta Historical Society board

- Sacramento History Alliance board
- Delegate PICYA, Pacific Inter Club Yacht Assoc
- Director, RBOC Recreational Boaters of CA
- President, CA Striped Bass Assoc West Delta Chapter