



Amended 5/7/26

PUBLIC NOTICE AND MEETING AGENDA
Delta Protection Commission

Monday, May 11, 2026, 5-7 p.m. (end time is approximate)
University Plaza Waterfront Hotel
110 West Fremont Street, Stockton, CA 95202

Teleconference locations

Teleconference Location #1: 49496 Hampshire Rocks Road, Big Bend, CA 95715

Teleconference Location #2: **700 H Street, Ste. 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814**
~~3361 Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140, Brentwood, CA 94513~~

Microsoft Teams meeting

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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 Draft March 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes (**Action Item**) ([p. 4](#))

Regular Agenda

5. Report on Delta Stewardship Council Activities – Chair Diane Burgis
6. Report on Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) Activities – DPAC Chair Anna Swenson
7. Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director Amanda Bohl ([p. 11](#))
8. Delta Leadership Program Graduation – DLP Coordinator Erik Vink ([p. 15](#))
9. Consider Appointments to Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) – Executive Director Amanda Bohl (**Action Item**) ([p. 17](#))
10. Consider Commission Chair Succession Plan for 2027 – Executive Director Amanda Bohl (**Action Item**) ([p. 30](#))

Closed Session

11. Discussion of potential litigation regarding the Delta Stewardship Council’s approval of Resolution 20 26-03 on April 23, 2026, largely approving DWR’s Certification of Consistency for the Delta Conveyance Project and denying the majority of appeals filed, including the Delta Protection Commission’s appeal, of the certification. (Govt. Code § 11126(e)(2)(C).)
12. Six-month Performance Evaluation of Executive Director Bohl. (Government Code Section (Govt. Code § 11126(a)(1).)

Return to Regular Agenda

13. Commissioner Comments/Announcements
14. 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. For each agenda item, the Commission will invite public comment; comments will be limited to not more than three minutes per person, or more time at the discretion of the Chair. Meeting materials will be made available on the Commission’s website prior to the meeting. Hard copies will also be available at the in-person meeting location.

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 or (916) 375-4800. 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 May 10, 2026, 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 | **Steven Ding**, San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors | **Edwin Okamura**, Cities of Contra Costa and Solano counties | **Terri Hupfer**, Cities of Sacramento and Yolo Counties | **Cameron Bregman**, Cities of San Joaquin County | **Jim Paroli**, Central Delta Reclamation Districts | **Tom Slater**, North Delta Reclamation Districts | **TBD**, South Delta Reclamation Districts | **Toks Omishakin**, CA State Transportation Agency | **Karen Ross**, CA Department of Food and Agriculture | **Wade Crowfoot**, CA Natural Resources Agency | **Matthew Dumlao**, CA State Lands Commission

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: **Rhodesia Ransom**, California State Assembly | **Jerry McNerney**, California State Senate

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Delta Protection Commission

Thursday, March 19, 5-7 p.m.

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Conference Room,
1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento, CA

and online from locations in Brentwood, Stockton, Lafayette, Fairfield and Isleton

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute – DPC Chair Diane Burgis

Chair Burgis called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Burgis welcomed California Transportation Agency designee Julia Kingsley, Commissioner and Isleton City Council Member Terry Hupfer, and Jessica Tucker-Mohl from the Attorney General’s Office.

Clerk Heather McClure called the roll. Present at roll call were Chair Burgis (online); Commissioners Oscar Villegas, Steven Ding (online), Anissa Williams, Terry Hupfer, Cameron Bregman, Tom Slater, Julie Kingsley, Christine Birdsong (online), Gloria Sandoval, and Brian Bugsch; and Ex Officio Designee Gary Prost (for Sen. Jerry McNerney). At this time a quorum was present.

Commissioner Hupfer left the meeting at 6:07 p.m., just before Item 8.

3. Public Comment

Chair Burgis asked for public comment on any items not on the agenda. There was one: Janet Lake of Freeport requested support for a community effort to create a water-access park at the Freeport Bridge. The area is being used for that anyway, but with no restroom and no garbage pickup, it is currently accumulating garbage.

Consent Agenda

4. Approval of Draft January 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Chair Burgis asked if there were any questions, comments or changes to the minutes; there were none.

Motion: Commissioner Bugsch moved and Commissioner Slater seconded approval of the minutes. It was approved on a 9-0-1 roll call vote, with Burgis, Villegas, Hupfer, Bregman, Slater, Kingsley, Birdsong, Sandoval, and Bugsch in favor and Williams abstaining.

Regular Agenda

5. Report on Delta Stewardship Council Activities – DPC Chair Diane Burgis and Legislative and Policy Advisor Audrey Cho

Chair Burgis reported that the Council had held two days of hearings on appeals of the Delta Conveyance Project Certification of Consistency with the Delta Plan, and noted that she felt discussion had been robust.

Cho reported on several items of legislation of interest to the Delta: SB 872 (McNerney) Climate change: funding priorities; AB 2218 (Kalra) Water policy: California Native American tribes; AB 2447 (Bauer-Kahan) Water Supply Protection Act; SB 895 (Wiener) California Science and Health Research Bond Act.

She noted that the Delta Science Plan was being updated, and the fifth California Climate Change Assessment was being developed. She also highlighted an Interweaving Traditional Knowledge roundtable series scheduled for June and July, co-hosted by the Delta Stewardship Council, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and California Indian Environmental Alliance.

6. Delta Conservancy Update – Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Executive Officer Campbell Ingram

Executive Officer Ingram updated the Commission about Proposition 4 funding, noting that the Legislature appropriated \$4 million of the Conservancy's \$29 million allocation and directed the Conservancy to use the money to fund the Rice Incentive Program, Bethel Island restoration, and Jersey Island acquisition. Those three projects would exceed Conservancy's allocation, so it is currently moving forward with the Rice Incentive Program.

He also reported on legislation, AB 2216, that would expand the Conservancy's boundary to allow it to do work at the watershed scale. Given that conservancies are funded based on their size, the expansion would be a significant benefit.

He also reported on legislation, SB 872, that would provide funding to Conservancy to fund levee improvements in the Delta, and noted that Conservancy is happy to play that role.

Chair Burgis asked for questions or comments from the Commission and members of the public. There were none.

7. Report on Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) Activities – DPAC Chair Anna Swenson

Neither DPAC Chair Swenson nor Vice Chair Russ Ryan were in attendance. Executive Director Amanda Bohl noted that the next DPAC meeting will be held April 7 in Stockton.

9. Golden Mussel Update – California Department of Fish and Wildlife Environmental Program Manager Martha Volkoff and the Office of Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom

At the request of Executive Director Amanda Bohl, to accommodate presenter schedules, the Commission took up Item 9 at this time.

Allie Umemoto, Legislative Director for Assm. Ransom, said the golden mussel issue is one of Ransom's top priorities this year. She has requested \$60 million in one-time funding and \$1.5 million in ongoing funding to fund contamination control sites.

She also reported Ransom would be authoring AB 2032 to acknowledge the threat of the golden mussel in the Delta to hasten the state's response to it.

Chair Burgis asked if there were any questions or comments for Umemoto. There were none, but Burgis noted how much she appreciated Ransom's proactive work on the issue.

Martha Volkoff, Environmental Program Manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, provided an overview of the detection, biology, and threat of the nonnative invasive golden mussel. Its ability to attach to hard surfaces poses a threat to infrastructure, and its feeding habits remove nutrients from the water column.

She noted that so far, response to the threat has been based on existing staff and capacity, with insufficient resources to address containment and population suppression.

So far, there have been no detections of golden mussels outside the flow of Delta water, and the state is working hard to prevent the introduction of golden mussels overland. Inside the Delta, the mussels are fouling infrastructure and watercraft.

Outreach signage and materials are being developed to encourage boaters to clean, drain, and dry their watercraft and gear. Research is underway to learn how to suppress

golden mussel populations and protect infrastructure. Monitoring is underway to detect the spread of the mussels.

Chair Burgis asked for questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Villegas offered to help promote outreach materials.

Commissioner Bregman asked about the mussels' natural predators. Volkoff said fish and potentially some aquatic birds may consume them, but it's unlikely to happen at a level that would suppress the population.

Commissioner Sandoval asked whether there are plans to do direct outreach to boaters who visit the Delta, noting that Edward Hard from State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways was attending the meeting. Hard said the Division is exploring outreach to marina owners and standing up services to provide decontamination.

Commissioner Burgis said she was moved by the slide showing the golden mussel movement through the State Water Project, and had heard that cleaning of fish screens has been accelerated due to the infestation, which Volkoff confirmed.

Burgis also asked how mussels are being removed; Volkoff noted that the mussels are scraped off. Burgis also noted it appeared that infestation would constrict flow pipelines, which Volkoff confirmed.

Burgis asked for public comment and there was one from George Hartmann.

Hartmann noted that the situation is already an emergency. On McDonald Island, siphons and drainage pipes are full of mussels. He said he would be happy to accommodate anyone from the state who wants to come out and look at the problem. He also noted that marinas are experiencing a lack of patronage.

8. Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Amanda Bohl

Executive Director Bohl noted that hiring for the vacant Commission Clerk and Senior Environmental Planner positions was in process, and she was moving forward on paperwork to fill the vacant Program Manager position. She also reported that National Heritage Area Information Officer Kira O'Donnell would go from working ½-time to ¾-time in April.

She reported two items of interest not in the written Executive Director's Report:

- Commissioner Patrick Hume has been appointed to the California Water Plan Advisory Committee, adding a Delta voice to that process.

- She reported the passing of Bob Benedetti, and asked Program Manager Blake Roberts to share a few memories of him. Roberts noted that Benedetti was instrumental in the Delta Narratives Project, the Delta Anthology Project, and probably no one had done more to support academic exploration of the Delta than he.

Chair Burgis asked if there were any questions from the Commission or comments from the public. There were none.

10. Report on National Heritage Area Progress and Recent Activities – Program Manager Blake Roberts

Program Manager Roberts reported that the National Heritage Area had been allocated full federal funding of \$500,000 for the current fiscal year, substantially increasing federal support. The increase from \$157,000 per year was due to approval last year of the NHA Management Plan.

He reported that the NHA Passport Program launched on February 28. It is part of a national program allowing participants to get passport books stamped at national parks and national heritage areas. U.S. Rep. John Garamendi, a strong supporter of the NHA, attended the launch, along with Chair Burgis and NHA Advisory Committee Vice Chair Elizabeth Patterson.

He reported the NHA Partnership Program is up to 16 partners, and shared the partnership webpage and application form.

NHA Information Officer Kira O'Donnell updated the commission on development of the Tourism Branding and Marketing Plan. The consulting firm has been conducting surveys about public awareness of the Delta and have begun working on the brand strategy. A marketing strategy will be the next step.

Chair Burgis asked if there were any questions or comments from the Commission or public. There was one: Burgis noted that the Passport Program launch event was really fun.

11. Consider Approval of the 2025 Annual Report – Information Officer Holly Heyser

Information Officer Holly Heyser briefly explained how the draft report was organized, then highlighted areas that had commanded most of Commission staff's time in 2025: the farmland conversion study, the appeal of the Delta Conveyance Project Certification of Consistency, and the NHA Passport Program. She also noted that some of the less visible routines of Commission staff consume substantial time as well: land-use review, newsletters, and Commission and committee meetings.

Chair Burgis asked if there were any comments from the Commission or public. There was one: Chair Burgis noted that she is very proud of the work that the staff does.

Motion: Commissioner Villegas moved and Commissioner Bregman seconded a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report. The motion passed on a 9-0-0 vote, with members Burgis, Villegas, Williams, Bregman, Slater, Kingsley, Birdsong, Sandoval, and Bugsch voting yes.

12. Presentation and Discussion on 2026 Workplan – Executive Director Amanda Bohl

Executive Director Bohl reported that the staff met for an off-site retreat earlier in the year to discuss priorities for a 2026 work plan:

- **Water:** The Delta Conveyance Project
- **Agriculture:** Farmland conversion study, scoping an update of the Land Use and Resource Management Plan, a Walking Wetlands Project, and exploring how to support agritourism in the Delta
- **Levees:** Increasing coordination and engagement with partner agencies, and producing a white paper on levee funding
- **Regional Economy:** Scoping an update of the levee chapter of the Economic Sustainability Plan, support a new Delta Residents Survey, participating in interagency efforts about invasive species and abandoned/derelict vessels
- **Heritage:** Implementation of the National Heritage Area Management Plan and programs
- **Recreation and Tourism:** Continue working on outreach on Clarksburg Branch Line Trail extension, as well as the Tourism, Branding and Marketing Plan
- **Education:** Supporting the Delta Protection Advisory Committee and National Heritage Area Advisory Committee
- **Leadership:** Delta Leadership Program, filling vacancies on staff, updating policies and procedures, resuming annual reviews
- **Funding:** Identifying additional funding sources, scoping an NHA small grants program

Chair Burgis noted that as part of evaluations, the Commission would soon be surveyed about Bohl's performance in advance of a six-month review to be delivered during the May Commission meeting.

Sandoval said it has been an amazing six months with Bohl.

Burgis asked for comments or questions from the Commission or public. There were none.

Closed Session Agenda

13. The Commission may meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2)(A).

Chair Burgis said there would be no closed session.

Return to Regular Agenda

14. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Chair Burgis said in May, the Commission would discuss the rotation of leadership for the Commission. She said her goal has been to stabilize, grow, and nurture the agency, and she was proud of what the Commission is doing.

She asked for any additional comments or announcements. There were none.

15. Adjourn in memory of Bob Benedetti

Chair Burgis adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Delta Protection Commission Meeting

May 11, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 7: Executive Director’s Report

Prepared by: Amanda Bohl, Executive Director

Presented by: Amanda Bohl, Executive Director

Recommended Action: Receive the Executive Director’s Report

Type of Action: Receive

ADMINISTRATION

Commission Budget Update

Budget and Spending for Delta Protection Commission - FY 25/26 Projected Budget

FY 25/26 Categories	Budget Amount	Total Expenses and Projections	Difference
Salaries/Wages and Benefits	\$1,640,000	\$1,159,000	\$481,000
Operating Expenses	\$442,800	\$861,000	(\$418,200)
Reimbursements	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Total	\$2,132,800	\$2,020,000	\$112,800

Staffing

Senior Environmental Planner – Recruitment for the Senior Environmental Planner position has concluded. The position is anticipated to be filled by June.

Administrative Analyst II - Recruitment for the Administrative Analyst II position has concluded, with the position anticipated to be filled by June.

Program Manager – The Commission is currently working with State Parks Human Resources to begin the recruitment process for this position.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

NHA Advisory Committee

The National Heritage Area (NHA) Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at the Crockett Community Center in Crockett. The agenda included a discussion of the NHA Work Plan, Passport Program locations, and proposed Information Ambassador Program.

The next NHA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at a location in Sacramento County.

Tourism Branding and Marketing Plan

Honey, the Commission's branding and marketing contractor, has completed the brand strategy and is in the process of preparing the draft brand toolkit, which includes a revised logo, colors, tagline, typography, and branding and marketing materials. Commission staff are meeting with the NHA Advisory Committee Marketing & Communications task group and the Heritage Development & Tourism task group on May 18 to provide a detailed update on Honey's activities and project timeline.

NHA Outreach

Commission staff and NHA Advisory Committee members participated in the following outreach efforts:

- **East Bay Anza 250 Symposium:** NHA Advisory Committee members Dwayne Eubanks, LeighAnn Davis, and Carol Jensen and Blake Roberts served on the planning committee for the all-day East Bay Anza 250 Symposium on April 11 in Pittsburg. The symposium explored the impact of the 1775-1776 Anza expedition that brought the first Spanish colonists to the San Francisco Bay Area, honored Indigenous legacies, and fostered dialogue about how this history informs our present. Eubanks was the committee chair and Roberts moderated a panel titled "How to Teach About the Anza Expedition and Spanish Colonialism."
- **Tribal Nations Summit:** On April 13, Committee member Karen Buhr and Blake Roberts helped staff a booth for the three Delta state agencies at the summit in Sacramento. Executive Director Amanda Bohl attended the summit with other state leaders.
- **California Natural Resources Agency Earth Day:** On April 22, Blake Roberts helped staff a booth for the three Delta state agencies at the California Natural Resources Building in Sacramento.

- **National Park Travelers Club Meet-Up:** Blake Roberts spoke to members of the National Park Travelers Club about the NHA on April 25 at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley.

Alliance of National Heritage Areas (ANHA)

Kira O'Donnell and Blake Roberts will be attending the 2026 ANHA spring meeting at the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in New York, the week of May 4.

LAND USE

Delta Conveyance Project

On April 23, 2026, the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) voted to remand the project on two Delta Plan policies. The Council denied all other appeals raised by ten separate appellant groups. The draft certification recommended that the Project be remanded on two Delta Plan policies. The Council denied all other appeals raised by ten separate appellant groups, including the Delta Protection Commission. Executive Director Amanda Bohl and Commissioner Tom Slater both provided public comments in support of a full remand.

Before proceeding with the project, the Department of Water Resources must file a new certification of consistency addressing: 1) the improvement of habitat conditions for the nonnative invasive golden mussel, and 2) potential conflicts involving the Conveyance Project's Twin Cities Complex and Sac Sewer's Harvest Water program, addressing ecosystem protection, agricultural use, groundwater recharge, and Sandhill Crane habitat.

Additionally, as part of the Council's statutory oversight role, the DWR must submit annual implementation reports to the Council starting March 1, 2028.

Additional information is available on the [Council's website](#).

Commission Land Use Comments

Commission staff conduct weekly reviews of agendas and updates from 65 agency and local government departments to ensure land use proposals comply with the DPC's Land Use and Resource Management Plan. As needed, staff send comment letters regarding projects under the authority delegated to the Executive Director in 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletters

As of April 22, the Commission had published five newsletters since the last Executive Director's Report (* denotes one of three most-clicked items in the issue; items in italics in parentheses were not in newsletter subject line):

- [Delta Happenings – April 21](#): Conveyance Decision*, Delta Lidar Map*, SR-4 and Ferry Closures, Delta Events (Old River Bridge work*) – this issue had the highest open- and link-click rates of this period.
- [Delta Happenings – April 7](#): Anza Impact, Delta Atlas*, DPC Openings, Events* (Bureau of Reclamation Bay-Delta Flow and Water Quality Monitoring Network*)
- [Delta Happenings – March 24](#): Tribal Knowledge*, Conservation Incentives, Cash for Invasive Species Ideas (events calendar*, senior environmental planner posting*)
- [Delta Happenings – March 10](#): Passport Program*, Aquatic Invasives, Conveyance Hearings (events calendar*, felony convictions for Smith Canal oil spill case*)
- [Delta Heritage Courier – March/April 2026 \(March 5\)](#): Celebrating Black Farmers, Brentwood's Poet Laureate, Springtime Snakes (Passport Program*, John Muir Camp*, Champagne Brunch at the Grand Island Mansion*)

Website Articles

Staff also published two website articles with substantial photo galleries:

- [PHOTO GALLERY: Three Sisters Gardens Spring Skills Share](#) (March 21)
- [PHOTO GALLERY: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Passport Program Kicks Off](#) (February 28)

Upcoming Delta Events

Our Delta event listing has moved to [VisitCADelta.com/events](https://www.visitcadelta.com/events).

Delta Protection Commission Meeting

May 11, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 8: Delta Leadership Program 2026 presentation

Prepared by: Erik Vink

Presented by: Erik Vink and DLP 2026 participants

Recommended Action: Receive Presentation on 2026 Delta Leadership Program Cohort and Class Projects

Type of Action: Receive

Background

The Delta Leadership Program (Program) is a joint effort of the Delta Protection Commission and Delta Leadership 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 2026 Program is the 10th group of program participants.

The 15 members of the 2026 Program concluded their four-month program with a final seminar on April 17. 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 and agriculture, and Delta heritage. 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 2026 class projects were:

Youth Explorers Program – highlighting Delta outdoor experience for youth (Cuellar-Nelson, Kirchhoff, Mullen Brosnan, Shaw)

National Heritage Area Road Trip Itineraries – highlighting suggested stops for Delta region driving tours (Bartholomew, Castaneda, Culbertson, Khalsa, Nguyen, Vanderwerff)

M-5: Multi-Benefit Habitat Restoration in the Delta – proposing a locally-informed design process to habitat restoration in the North Delta that benefits agriculture and recreation as well as flood protection (Cruz, Groth, Hauger, Johnson, Snyder)

Participants will present a summary of their class projects to the Commission.

Delta Leadership Program 2026 – Participants

- **Bret Bartholomew** (Elk Grove; Owner of Bartholomew Solutions)
- **Ashley Castaneda** (Stockton; Restore the Delta Communications Manager)
- **Gustavo Cruz** (West Sacramento; Solano County Water Agency Associate Engineer)
- **Nicole Cuellar-Nelson** (West Sacramento; District Representative with State Senator Christopher Cabaldon)
- **Jason Culbertson** (Walnut Grove; Farmer/Rancher and Reclamation District 3 Trustee)
- **Emily Groth** (Martinez; Contra Costa County Planner)
- **Alli Hauger** (Sacramento; Delta Levee Engineer with MBK Associates)
- **Jack Johnson** (West Sacramento; Assistant Deputy with Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas)
- **Bhajleen Khalsa** (Lathrop; Executive Assistant with State Senator Jerry McNerney)
- **Lisa Kirchhoff** (Courtland; Co-owner of Kirchhoff Family Wines)
- **Erin Mullen Brosnan** (Crockett; Board Member with Crockett Historical Society)
- **Minh Nguyen** (Oakley; Mortgage Lender with F&M Bank)
- **Jenni Shaw** (Walnut Creek; Curator of Education with Lindsay Wildlife Experience)
- **Sabrina Snyder** (Woodland; Senior Management Analyst with Yolo County Administrator’s Office)
- **Rachel Vanderwerff** (West Sacramento; Senior Environmental Planner with Delta Protection Commission)

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 11, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 9: Appointments to DPAC

Prepared by: Amanda Bohl, Executive Director

Presented by: Amanda Bohl, Executive Director

Recommended Action: Approve recommendations noted below

Type of Action: Vote

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 accepted applications February 10-April 17, 2026, for five seats with terms expiring in May 2026. Seven people applied for the following seats:

Delta Organization: Gia Moreno and Bret Bartholomew

Delta Agriculture Seat 1: Incumbent Jeff Iniguez

Delta Recreation: Pat Tirone, Mark Rogerson, and Dan Wilson

State Agency: Incumbent Edward Hard

Utilities-Related Infrastructure: No applications received

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

Recommended Action

Staff recommends the appointment of the following for Delta Protection Advisory Committee three-year terms:

Delta Organization: Gia Moreno

Delta Agriculture Seat 1: Incumbent Jeff Iniguez

Delta Recreation: Pat Tirone

State Agency: Incumbent Edward Hard

Utilities-Related Infrastructure: No applications received

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.

2026 APPLICATIONS

Delta Agriculture Seat 1 – One Applicant

Jeff Iniguez

Submission Date: Mar 27, 2026 3:18 PM

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 interest in the Delta.

I was born and raised near the Delta in Wilton and I currently am employed by a long time Delta farming family and I represent their interests.

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

Looking forward to learning what I need to learn more about, staying connected with all things Delta, giving back to my community and industry. Keeping agriculture in the Delta is top of my mind and I look to keeping ag interests top of mind for others.

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 have been involved in other public boards and committees- Kern Tulare Water District, Almond board of CA, CA Wine grape growers, Lodi district wine grape growers, and others. I have worked in irrigation design and management in regards to agriculture, as well as directly employed in farming for over 15 years. I am always willing to listen and learn, and come to a place of compromise over being right.

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

See above?

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

Currently I sit on the DPAC board, and I occasional attend local reclamation district meetings, I am a technical advising committee for the Almond Board of CA.

Delta Organization – Two Applicants

Bret Bartholomew

Submission Date: Apr 14, 2026 10:09 AM

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 interest in the Delta.

While I do not reside within the Delta, my work is directly connected to the region through both professional and civic involvement.

As reflected in my application for the Delta Organization seat, I serve on the Board of Directors for the California Delta Chambers & Visitors Bureau, supporting regional collaboration, tourism, and economic vitality across Delta communities. This role involves ongoing engagement with local chambers, businesses, and stakeholders across multiple counties.

I am also a participant in the Delta Leadership Program, which has provided a deeper, working understanding of the Delta's environmental, economic, and governance landscape. My interest is rooted in supporting the long-term sustainability and success of Delta communities through stronger regional coordination.

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

I am interested in serving to contribute a grounded, community-informed perspective that helps connect local voices with the Commission's work.

The Delta is a complex region with diverse and sometimes competing interests. I value the Committee's role in ensuring those perspectives are heard and thoughtfully represented. I would bring a collaborative, solutions-oriented approach focused on listening, identifying common ground, and translating input into clear, practical recommendations.

I am prepared to actively contribute and engage in the Committee's work from the outset.

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 align directly with the Delta Organization seat through my role with the California Delta Chambers & Visitors Bureau, where I support regional coordination and collaboration across Delta communities.

Through this work, I regularly engage with stakeholders across multiple counties, including local chambers, businesses, and community organizations. This has strengthened my understanding of the Delta's regional dynamics and the importance of balancing diverse interests.

I bring a collaborative, solutions-oriented approach and the ability to:

- Engage stakeholders and facilitate productive dialogue
- Build partnerships across communities and organizations
- Clearly communicate complex topics to broad audiences
- Synthesize diverse perspectives into actionable recommendations
- Navigate and contribute effectively within public processes

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

I am a 6th-generation Elk Grove resident with deep roots in the greater Delta region, with both personal and professional ties to its communities.

Professionally, I lead Bartholomew Solutions, where I work with businesses, nonprofits, and community initiatives on partnership development, community engagement, and strategic communication. I also operate a local media platform reaching over 20,000 residents and approximately 500,000 views per month, providing insight into community priorities and effective public communication.

In addition, I currently serve as Vice Chair of the City of Elk Grove Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee and Chair of the Cosumnes Community Services District Park Advisory Committee. These roles involve public accountability, community input, and working within government processes.

I serve on the Board of Directors for the California Delta Chambers & Visitors Bureau and Sacramento Area Creeks Council, supporting regional coordination and environmental awareness. I am also a member of the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society and past President of the Elk Grove Historical Society, reflecting my longstanding commitment to preserving and understanding the region's history.

My participation in the Delta Leadership Program has further strengthened my understanding of key Delta issues, including land use, water, agriculture, and economic development.

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

- Vice Chair, City of Elk Grove Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee
- Chair, Cosumnes Community Services District Park Advisory Committee

Gia Moreno

Submission Date: Apr 13, 2026 2:59 PM

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 interest in the Delta.

I am a 5th generation resident of Hood. My family helped to build Hood. I grew up in the Delta and I am currently on several boards and committees for Delta Organizations. I also work at Delta High School and Clarksburg Middle School.

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

I want to help to make positive changes in the Delta. I want to work with people that want to keep the Delta intact and help it become sustainable to generations to come.

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 have been a community activist and advocate for most of my life. I have served on many boards and committees for different community and social/environmental justice organizations. My experience on multiple Delta organizations and as someone that grew up here, I have a wide range of experience in this specific area.

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

I have been on the Pear Fair Planning committee for 8 years. The Hood Community Council for 8 years. The Delta National Heritage Area committees for over 5 years. I was on the DCDCA Stakeholder Engagement Committee for 2 years. I was on the board of the Washington Neighborhood Center for 5 years. I was an event Chair and volunteer for the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project for multiple years. I have been in leadership at multiple levels for the California Teachers Association for over 10 years.

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

Hood Community Council

Delta National Heritage Area Committee

CTA

River Delta United Teachers Association

National Educators Association

Pear Fair Planning Committee

Delta Recreation Seat 1 – Three Applicants

Mark Rogerson

Submission Date: Feb 10, 2026 1:11 PM

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 interest in the Delta.

I live in Walnut Grove and have an Insurance agency in Walnut Grove as well.

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

Now that I am semi-retired, I have more time to rededicate myself to preserve and improve the quality of life in the Delta.

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 have participated in several community groups related to events and fundraising to benefit community members of the Delta.

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

I have been employed in the hospitality business and financial services industry in the Delta for more than four decades and was the founder of the Walnut Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and it's President for more than ten years. I was instrumental in the creation and maintenance of the public dock on the Sacramento River in Walnut Grove.

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

I currently sit as the Chairman of the Board of the Walnut Grove Fire Protection District / Department, an organization that I have been active in since 1996. I am a past-president and current member of the Rotary Club of Walnut Grove.

Pat Tirone

Submission Date: Apr 15, 2026 11:07 PM

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 interest in the Delta.

While I do not reside within the Delta, I operate Delta Sculling Center, a nonprofit organization that provides year-round, on-water programming in the San Joaquin Delta.

Our work engages youth, adults, and adaptive athletes in human-powered recreation while emphasizing boating safety, access, and environmental connection.

My interest in the Delta is grounded in both daily use and advocacy. I am actively involved in efforts to improve waterway safety, expand inclusive access to recreation, and ensure that the Delta remains a viable and welcoming resource for diverse communities.

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

I wish to serve to help elevate the role of recreation—particularly human-powered and community-based recreation—in the Delta. Through my work leading Delta Sculling Center, I am on the water regularly and see both the opportunities and challenges facing recreational users, especially around safety and access.

I would bring a grounded, user-based perspective and work to ensure that Delta planning reflects the needs of diverse communities who rely on the waterways for recreation, connection, and wellbeing.

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 bring both practical, on-the-water experience and organizational leadership to this role. As Executive Director and Head Coach of Delta Sculling Center, I oversee year-round recreational programming on Delta waterways serving youth, adults, and adaptive athletes, with a strong emphasis on boating safety.

This work provides a detailed, day-to-day understanding of waterway conditions, traffic patterns, and the interaction between human-powered and motorized vessels, along with active engagement in local conversations around safety and access.

My doctoral training in Family and Community Education and in Physical Therapy informs my approach to designing safe, accessible, and inclusive recreational programming.

I would bring a consistent, user-based perspective to the recreation seat, along with the ability to translate on-the-water experience into practical recommendations that support safe and sustainable recreational use of the Delta.

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

My work is centered on providing safe, inclusive access to the Delta through human-powered recreation. As Executive Director and Head Coach of Delta Sculling Center, I lead

year-round rowing programs on Delta waterways serving youth, adults, and adaptive athletes, with a strong emphasis on boating safety and responsible use.

I am on the water multiple days each week and have developed a practical understanding of waterway conditions, traffic patterns, and safety challenges related to mixed-use recreation. I have also been actively engaged with local partners and agencies on issues of water safety and access.

Since 2019, I have been involved in the development of the Delta Aquatic Center, a community-centered initiative to expand equitable access to water-based recreation, safety education, and wellness programming on the Delta.

My background in education, healthcare, and nonprofit leadership supports a focus on safety, inclusion, and community-based access to the Delta.

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

None currently. My primary focus has been on leading and developing Delta Sculling Center and advancing the Delta Aquatic Center initiative.

Dan Wilson

Submission Date: Apr 8, 2026 9:09 AM

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 interest in the Delta.

I live in the Clarksburg. My family farms in Clarksburg.

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

My family and I have lived in Clarksburg for 5 generations now. The delta is our home. We love it, respect it, and want it to be wonderful ourselves for our posterity. We want to be good stewards of the gift of the Delta.

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 part of a family that has lived in Clarksburg for 5 generations now. I would like us to have many more generations that love to live here and love their community. My family not only farms here, we live here and are involved with the community. To recreate here, we go to local events, go wine tasting at local wineries (we have multiple wine club

memberships), we go boating, to local concerts at wineries and other venues in Clarksburg, Locke, Hood, Freeport, Isleton, etc.

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

When I was younger I would work at our family's tasting room during weddings or other events we would have. I have done clean up on levies in the Clarksburg area (my father organized a lot of the clean up). One I graduated high school, I joined the Pipefitters Union and have helped build and maintain some of the wineries in the area as well as other infrastructure.

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

None

State Agency – One Applicant

Edward Hard

Submission Date: Mar 15, 2026 10:21 AM

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 interest in the Delta.

The nature of my interest in the Delta is for providing the best possible recreational experience for both in and out of the Delta residents and visitors.

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

I would like to serve on the Delta Protection Advisory Committee to listen, engage and contribute effective outcomes that satisfy the goals and objectives of the Delta Plan.

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 span some twenty-nine years in the natural resource protection, water management, stewardship, community organizing, governance and land use planning fields. My background, training, and experience will provide the Delta Protection Advisory Committee with an exceptional level of unique expertise in California's integrated resource management opportunities.

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

My role in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta is to serve California's lead agency, the California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) in managing and controlling invasive aquatic plants for the environment, public health, and economy. My role also functions as a statewide provider of grant funding to prevent invasive mussels from damaging water reservoirs across the state.

In the Delta, I cooperatively and collaboratively work with non-governmental organizations, local, state, and federal agencies throughout DBW's authorized 101,000 acres of the Sacramento- San Joaquin Bay-Delta, its tributaries and the Suisun Marsh. I ensure all actions taken on behalf of the lead agency comply with all applicable laws and regulations and in an environmentally sound and economically practical manner.

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

Delta Protection Advisory Committee, State Agency representative for California State Parks in the recreational arena.

Delta Protection Commission Meeting

May 11, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 10: Delta Protection Commission Chair Succession Planning

Prepared by: Amanda Bohl

Presented by: Amanda Bohl

Recommended Action: Approve Chair Succession Plan for 2027

Type of Action: Vote

Background

Pursuant to the provisions of the 1992 Delta Protection Act and the 2009 Delta Reform Act, the fifteen-member Delta Protection Commission (Commission) includes the following members or their designees (Public Resources Code (PRC) 29735):

- One member of the Board of Supervisors of each of the five counties within the Delta (Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo), whose supervisorial district is within the Primary Zone
- An elected city council member representing the County of San Joaquin
- An elected city council member representing the Counties of Contra Costa and Solano (on a rotating basis)
- An elected city council member from the regional and area councils of government representing the Counties of Sacramento and Yolo
- One member of the board of directors of the North Delta Water Agency
- One member of the board of directors of the Central Delta Water Agency
- One member of the board of directors of the South Delta Water Agency
- Secretary of Transportation
- Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency
- Secretary of Food and Agriculture
- Executive Officer of the State Lands Commission
- Two ex-officio members of the Commission, representing the Senate and Assembly.

Pursuant to PRC 29739(b), the Commission's chair shall serve for two years and be elected from among the five county supervisors. The chair is also a member of the Delta Stewardship Council.

The Commission’s current chair (2025-2026) is Diane Burgis, representing Contra Costa County. Previous chairs and their two-year terms, include:

2023-2024	Diane Burgis, Contra Costa County
2021-2022	Don Nottoli, Sacramento County
2019-2020	Oscar Villegas, Yolo County
2017-2018	Skip Thomson, Solano County
2016-2017	Mary Piepho, Contra Costa County
2014-2015	Larry Ruhstaller, San Joaquin County (term began October 1, 2013)
2010-2013	Don Nottoli, Sacramento County

Current Status

In November 2012, the Commission adopted a policy to establish a rotation of the chair position among the counties represented on the Commission (see November 2012 minutes, Attachment 1). Pursuant to those procedures, the order of rotation is, as follows: San Joaquin County, Contra Costa County, Solano County, Yolo County, and Sacramento County.

Chair Burgis was first elected chair in November 2022 for a term to commence in January 2023 and re-elected for a second term as chair in January 2024. Chair Burgis’s first term, per the succession order, would have been filled by San Joaquin County, however, there was concern at the time that the San Joaquin County supervisor was too new to the Board of Supervisors and the Commission. Chair Burgis’s second term coincided with the Department of Water Resources’ recent submission of a certification of consistency with the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) regarding its geotechnical analysis for the Delta Conveyance Project and the Commission wanted to ensure consistent leadership on the Council while the Project was pending.

With Chair Burgis’s second term ending at the end of 2026, the Commission may want to consider the following factors as it considers which county will next host the chair’s position:

- Pursuant to the policy the Commission previously adopted, Solano County would be next in line to fill the Chair’s role. However, Supervisor Vasquez is retiring and the person elected to represent his district will be new to the Solano County Board of Supervisors and the Commission.

- If the Commission wants to preserve the order created in November 2012, but remains concerned about experience as a supervisor in serving as chair, the Commission could skip Solano County and move to Yolo County.
- San Joaquin County has not held the chair position since 2015. The San Joaquin representative was first elected as a supervisor in 2022. His term ends in January 2027 and he is running for re-election.
- The Commission could also choose the next chair without observing the previously adopted policy.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends discussion and approval of a succession plan for 2027.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan)

This agenda item supports the *Commission Leadership and Development* strategic theme: The Delta Protection Commission demonstrates effective and efficient leadership by developing and supporting Commission members and providing expert Commission staff.

Attachment 1

Summary Minutes of the Delta Protection Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

City of West Sacramento Community Center
1075 West Capitol Avenue
West Sacramento, California 95691

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Flag Salute.

Chair Nottoli called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Chair Nottoli; Commissioners, Bugsch, Eggman, Ferguson, Ferrara, McGowan Ruhstaller, Schubert, van Loben Sels, Vasquez (for Vice Chair Reagan), and ex-officio member Schellendorf.

Absent: Commissioners Cabaldon, Frazier, Piepho and Scriven.

3. Public Comment. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Commission on Items Not on the Agenda.

No one addressed the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve Minutes of September 27, 2012.

5. Adopt Commission Meeting Dates, Including Alternate Dates for 2013.

Commissioner Ruhstaller moved approval of the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Eggman seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Discuss and Approve Election Procedures for the Positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission—in Accordance With Public Resources Code §29739 and §29752.

Mike Machado, Executive Director reported that Commissioners Ruhstaller and Piepho asked that discussion of election procedures for the positions of Chairperson and Vice

Chairperson be placed on the agenda. Specifically, he asked that the position of Chair be handled on a rotating basis between the Counties, with San Joaquin County first, followed by Contra Costa, Solano, Yolo and Sacramento respectively.

Commissioner Ruhstaller stated that he brought the subject up because the current Vice Chair resigned his position and would leave the Commission by December 31st; therefore creating a vacancy. He said he felt it was reasonable that the position of Chair be filled on a rotating basis particularly since the new legislation stated that the position must be filled by a Supervisor.

Commissioner Eggman asked if only County Supervisors were eligible for the position as members of the Commission represent a multitude of agencies. Jessica Tucker Mohl, Office of the Attorney General responded yes.

Commissioner Ferguson asked if legislation provided for the position of Vice Chair.

Ms. Tucker Mohl responded no.

Commissioner Vasquez moved that following a vacancy in the position of Chair of the Commission, the Vice Chair shall be nominated for the position of Chair and an election for the position of Chair, pursuant to section 23739 of the Public Resources Code shall commence; Commissioner Ruhstaller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Vasquez moved that following a vacancy in the position of Vice Chair of the Commission, the position of Vice Chair shall move into the position of Chair, and the Vice Chair position will be that of a Board of Supervisor; and, following a vacancy in the position of Vice Chair of the Commission, a Commission member identified in subdivision (a) of Section 29735 shall be nominated for the position of Vice Chair and an election for the position of Vice Chair shall follow the nomination. Commissioner Ruhstaller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

7. Election to Fill the Vacant Position of Vice-Chair, for a Term of Two Years to Commence November 14, 2012.

Mike Machado reported that the Commission received a letter from Mike Reagan giving his resignation as Vice Chair but would remain on the Commission until December 31st. Therefore, an election would need to take place.

Commissioner Ferrara moved to elect Larry Ruhstaller as Vice Chair of the Commission; Commissioner Vasquez seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

8. Adopt Resolution DPC 05-12 Specifying Boundaries for Unincorporated Towns in the Primary Zone of the Delta, in Accordance with Public Resources Code §29728.

Mike Machado reported that the above referenced Resolution would allow the Commission to bring into compliance the stating of the boundaries of unincorporated towns in Sacramento and Yolo Counties, as consistent with the Delta Protection Act of 1992. The Act defines the difference between the Primary and Secondary Zones with respect to unincorporated towns. Those areas within the boundaries of residential, industrial, and municipal zoning would be in the Secondary Zone and everything outside those boundaries would be considered in the Primary Zone. Mr. Machado stated that based on Commission staff review, the proposed maps are deemed to be in compliance with the Act and are the same maps being used by the DSC for the Delta Plan. He said adoption of the maps does place a pall over unincorporated towns in terms of what counties may be able to exercise as it relates to the conformity of the Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP)—which is enforceable as law and outside the purview of the Commission. He also said the Commission would be called upon to evaluate issues that may arise between the Counties and limitations imposed by the Delta Plan.

Chair Nottoli added that he was in favor of the maps as they give county planning departments some flexibility and guidance to make land use decisions that go hand in hand with good applications of planning procedures.

Cindy Storelli, Sacramento County Community Development noted that Sacramento County is unusual in that it has quite a few lots with residential and/or commercial zoning which are outside of the unincorporated towns throughout the Delta. She said the County is willing to work with the Commission so that the landowners that may want to expand on those lots will be able to do so.

Jessica Tucker Mohl noted that the LURMP is a set of policies and standards that is not as tight as language in the Delta Plan; therefore, the Commission should think about strengthening the language during the next LURMP update cycle.

Commissioner Ruhstaller asked if counties would be frozen with respect to growth or would flexibility be allowed once the Resolution was adopted and the Delta Plan approved. He also asked if the LURMP, the Delta Plan, and Counties' General Plans be in alignment in the future. Mike Machado responded that this type of oversight often takes place when trying to draft legislation, but it is not in the Commission's purview to act beyond the Management Plan.

Commissioner Schellendorf noted that until there is a problem with the legislation, the Delta Stewardship Council would be unwilling to consider any modifications—which leaves Communities “caught” in the hopes the Delta Plan will lead to a road map.

Commissioner van Loben Sels stated that the Commission must find a process to allow small communities grow. He said the Commission and counties should let the Delta Stewardship Council know it is drawing a hard line—which is not good for the Delta communities.

Commissioner Ruhstaller moved to adopt Resolution DPC 05-12 specifying boundaries for unincorporated towns in the Primary Zone of the Delta; Commissioner Shubert seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

9. Update on Delta Working Landscapes Program (DWL).

Mike Machado reported the Commission convened a Delta Working Landscapes Workshop in October in Walnut Grove. The workshop was designed to explain the program and its benefits for private landowners to combine environmental stewardship while protecting agriculture. Panelists included government representatives as well as farmers who discussed the pros and cons of such a project.

10. Update on Risk Assessment and Emergency Preparedness Relating to Delta Plan and Department of Water Resources Grant.

Mike Machado reported that met with CalEMA and Department of Water Resources to see what role the Commission could play with respect to Senate Bill 27.

11. Update on Projects Proposed by the Coalition to Support Delta Projects.

Mr. Machado noted the Coalition submitted 42 projects with no priorities; however was asked by the DSC to assign a priority.

Commissioner Ruhstaller noted that a panel will be facilitated at CSAC to discuss the projects.

12. Report From the Executive Director, Including Informational Updates on Activities and other Delta Initiatives.

Mike Machado highlighted a few of the activities of Commission staff to date—including participation in a multi-jurisdictional meeting regarding risk assessment and levee standards; presentations on the Delta Plan before the CORO Los Angeles Foundation, Sacramento County, and the Senate Select Committee on Delta Stewardship and Sustainability. Other activities include monthly meetings with the Coalition to Support

Delta Projects, and meetings with the Yolo Resource Conservation and Development staff regarding Delta Working Landscapes.

13. Comments and Announcements From Members of the Commission.

Commissioner Eggman announced that this would be her last meeting as she was elected to the State Assembly. She also noted that Commissioner Frazier was elected to the Assembly.

Mike Machado announced the Commission staff received a letter from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy requesting a joint meeting between the two groups. Chair Nottoli responded the Commission would discuss the topic in January.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.