

AGENDA ITEM 6: Delta Protection Advisory Committee appointments

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Requested Action: Commission approval of additional Delta Protection Advisory Committee member

Background: Public Resources Code section 29753(a) requires DPC to appoint at least one advisory committee to provide recommendations regarding the diverse interests in the Delta. The statute further states that “the advisory committee shall include representatives of state agencies and other stakeholders with interests in the Delta’s ecosystem, water supply, and socioeconomic sustainability, including, but not limited to, its recreational, agricultural, flood control, environmental, and water resources, and state, local and utility infrastructure. The Commission shall encourage participation of various federal agencies, including the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and others as appropriate.”

At its January 2014 meeting, DPC approved a revised charter for the DPAC, including 15 members representing the following categories: Delta business (2); Delta agriculture (2); Delta recreation (2); Delta flood entity (1); Delta organization (1); Delta general public (1); State agency (2); Delta conservation/habitat entity (2); Delta water exporter (1); and Delta utility/related infrastructure (1). Thirteen of these fifteen members were appointed at the March 2014 DPC meeting (see below), with remaining vacancies for a State agency representative and a Delta utility/related infrastructure representative.

Since the March 2014 meeting, DPC has received an additional application for membership on the DPAC from Ramona Fernandez of California Department of Parks and Recreation. Her application is attached. DPAC members will serve for three year terms and can be re-appointed.

DPAC members appointed at the March 2014 DPC meeting: Gilbert Labrie and Bill Wells (Delta business); David Strecker and Al Medvitz (Delta agriculture); Jack Michael and Jeff Hart (Delta recreation); Melinda Terry (Delta flood entity); Mark Pruner (Delta organization); Barbara Daly (Delta general public); Jim Starr (State agency); Aaron Will and Ryan Luster (Delta conservation/habitat entity); Byron Buck (Delta water exporter)