

AGENDA ITEM 9: Delta Conservancy Proposition 1 grant awards

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Requested Action: Receive report on Proposition 1 grant awards recommended for funding by Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

Background: Proposition 1 provided \$50 million in funding for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy “for competitive grants for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities”. Proposition 1 also requires the Delta Conservancy to consult with the Commission on its grantmaking activities.

Following discussions with the Conservancy, it was agreed that the Commission will be involved in the following ways:

- Commission staff will receive copies of pre-proposals submitted to the Conservancy so the Commission staff may vet any potential local agency/landowner concern
- Commission staff will be invited to participate in the evaluation of full proposals the Conservancy will evaluate for funding
- The final list of recommended grants will be presented at a Commission meeting prior to consideration by the Conservancy at its board meeting

The Commission (through its Executive Director) participated with Conservancy staff in April as an outside reviewer for the 13 full proposals submitted to the Delta Conservancy for review, as did staff from the California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

In advance of the Conservancy’s May 25 meeting, a list of projects recommended for funding will be released on May 17 and will be available for Commission member review at the May 19 meeting.

Laura Jensen, Proposition 1 program manager for the Delta Conservancy, will present to the Commission on the Prop. 1 review process and the list of projects that will be recommended for funding at the May 25 Delta Conservancy meeting.