

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) appointments (habitat and conservation entity representative and recreation representative)**

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Requested Action: **Consider appointments to DPAC – Judah Grossman (Delta habitat and conservation entity representative) and Kathy Bunton (Delta recreation representative)**

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**DPAC background:** Public Resources Code section 29753(a) requires the Commission 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.”

DPAC has met regularly since the majority of its members were appointed in March 2014. The Committee has provided input to the Commission on the Vision 2030 strategic plan and levee policy, and is poised to provide input on the proposed Land Use and Resource Management Plan update, among other matters.

The Commission appoints members to DPAC. DPAC members are appointed for three-year terms and are able to be re-appointed, according to the DPAC charter.

Delta habitat and conservation entity representative: Ryan Luster of The Nature Conservancy was appointed to DPAC in March 2014 as a Delta conservation and habitat entity representative. The Nature Conservancy is a significant landowner in the North Delta (Staten Island and McCormack-Williamson Tract, among other properties). Since that appointment, Judah Grossman of The Nature Conservancy has been attending meetings as Mr. Luster’s alternate; he is a project manager who manages the McCormack-Williamson Tract. The Commission has received an application from Mr. Grossman to be the formal appointee for this position. If appointed by the Commission, Mr. Grossman would continue Mr. Luster’s term.

Delta habitat and conservation entity representative: The Commission has been seeking a new recreation representative since the recent resignation of Jeff Hart. Following a call for nominees that was distributed through the Commission’s email distribution list, the Commission received applications from eight individuals: Samuel Crabtree (retired civil

engineer and Delta sailor/cyclist residing in Antioch), Sandra Hamlat (recreation planner for East Bay Parks Recreation District residing in Oakland), Timothy Waits (past President of Clarksburg Winegrowers and Vintners Association residing in Clarksburg), Kathy Bunton (owner of Delta Kayak Adventures residing in Antioch), James Cox (retired sportfishing charter boat Captain and President of California Striped Bass Association residing in Antioch), Tony Walter (retired engineer and longtime Delta recreationist residing in Livermore), Eric Chiu (Delta marina owner residing in Isleton) and James Mills (Delta marina executive/consultant residing in Lodi).

Commission Chair Piepho and Vice-Chair Thomson met with Executive Director Vink to review the applications, with an eye toward the current membership of DPAC and the opportunity to create greater diversity (occupation/background and geography) on the Committee. Based on this review, the Chair and Vice-Chair recommend the appointment of Kathy Bunton to DPAC.

If appointed by the Commission, Ms. Bunton would serve an initial three-year term and be eligible for reappointment.

*DPAC members are: Mark Pruner (Delta organization); Gilbert Labrie and Bill Wells (Delta business); David Strecker and Al Medvitz (Delta agriculture); Jack Michael and VACANT (Delta recreation); Melinda Terry (Delta flood entity); Barbara Daly (Delta general public); Jim Starr and Ramona Fernandez (State agency); Aaron Will and Ryan Luster (Delta conservation/habitat entity); Byron Buck (Delta water exporter); Mark Krausse (Delta utility/related infrastructure). DPAC members may designate an alternate to attend meetings in their absence.*

**DELTA PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**2016 APPLICANTS: RECREATION**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>County</b>
Samuel	Crabtree	Civil Engineer. Sailed in the Delta since 1968, cycling since 2015. Commodore of Diablo Sailing Club, Catalina 22 Sailing Association, Small Yacht Racing Association, Chair of Richmond Yacht Club River Rats	Contra Costa (Antioch)
Sandra	Hamlat	Senior Planner, East Bay Regional Parks Bike East Bay Advocacy Committee	Alameda (Oakland)
Timothy	Waits	Delta resident, past President, Clarksburg Winegrowers and Vintners Association, Class I Delta Leadership	Yolo (Clarksburg)
Kathy	Bunton	Owner, Delta Kayak Adventures kayak tour business; lead guide East Bay Regional Park District, Class I Delta Leadership	Contra Costa (Antioch)
James	Cox	Sportfishing charter captain with 44 years experience as a fishing guide in the Delta; President, California Striped Bass Association	Contra Costa (Antioch)
Tony	Walter	Retired engineer, long time Delta tourist	Contra Costa (Livermore)
Eric	Chiu	Owner, Park Delta Bay RV Resort in Isleton. Recently retired from high-tech industry, also real estate.	Sacramento (Isleton)
James	Mills	General Manager, Tower Park Marina. Director of Recreation, Merced Irrigation District; Regional VP WestRec Marinas, public and private marinas and resorts in SF Bay and Delta.	San Joaquin (Lodi)