



**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 2016**

Jean Harvie Community Center
14273 River Road, Walnut Grove, CA 95690

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Flag Salute

Chair Piepho called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and initiated the flag salute.

2. Roll Call

Acting Commission Clerk Bert called the roll. Present: Chair Piepho, Vice Chair Thomson, Commissioners Miller (for Winn), Villegas, Johnson, Cabaldon, Scriven, van Loben Sels, Lester-Moffitt (for Ross), and Ruiz (for Ferguson). A quorum was established with ten Commissioners present. Commissioners Bugsch and Ferrara (for Laird) arrived at 5:41 p.m., Commissioner Nottoli arrived at 5:49 p.m., and ex-officio Commissioner Galgiani arrived at 6:32 p.m. Commissioners Lofthus and Kelly were absent with no alternate.

3. Welcome and Public Comment. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Melinda Terry (CA Central Valley Flood Control Association and Delta Protection Advisory Committee member) spoke on the need for levee maintenance training for Reclamation District managers and on blue-green algae, and Barbara Daly (Delta Protection Advisory Committee member) mentioned upcoming Delta events: the Taste of the Delta fundraiser on July 30 and the Courtland Pear Fair on July 31.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of May 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Villegas to approve the May 19, 2016 meeting minutes; in a voice vote, the motion passed with all nine Commission members present at roll call voting “aye” and Vice-Chair Thomson abstaining.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Receive Executive Director report

Executive Director Vink provided highlights on the Delta Heritage Area Initiative (DelHAI), the purchase of Delta islands by Metropolitan Water District, and an update on Commission staffing and budget, welcoming Acting Assistant Executive Director Natasha Nelson as a new Commission staff member and introducing summer interns David Wheeler (UC Santa Cruz student) and Kristi Lin (UC Davis student). Chair Piepho asked for public comment and there was none.

6. Consider appointments to Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) per Public Resources Code § 29753(a)

Executive Director Vink reported on the vacancy for a Delta recreation entity representative on DPAC and the suggested change in designated representative for The Nature Conservancy as a Delta habitat and conservation entity DPAC member. Chair Piepho and Vice Chair Thomson reviewed the applicants for the Delta recreation representative and recommended the appointment of Kathy Bunton, owner of Delta Kayak Adventures and an Antioch resident. DPAC appointments are for three-year terms and members are appointed by the Commission.

Chair Piepho asked for public comment and there was none.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Cabaldon to approve the DPAC appointments of Kathy Bunton as a Delta recreation entity representative (three year term) and Judah Grossman as a habitat and conservation entity representative to serve the remainder of Ryan Luster's term. In a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously with all thirteen Commission members present voting "aye".

7. Receive report on McDonald Island gas field and other select Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) facilities in the Delta region – Mark Krausse, PG&E

Mark Krausse, PG&E Senior Director for State Agency Relations and a member of the Delta Protection Advisory Committee (representing utilities and related infrastructure), gave a brief overview of the PG&E facilities in the Delta region and a detailed account of the procedures taken to address a "bubbling leak" at the McDonald Island natural gas storage facility.

Chair Piepho asked for public comment and there was none.

8. Receive presentation on Delta Stewardship Council/Delta Plan update – Randy Fiorini (Chair), Delta Stewardship Council

Chair Piepho introduced Randy Fiorini, Chairman of the Delta Stewardship Council. Mr. Fiorini discussed the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan implementation actions, including the Delta Agency Science Workshop, the Delta Independent Science Board, the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee and the Delta Levee Investment Strategy. He also discussed recent Council efforts related to the proposed Delta Plan amendment on water conveyance, storage and operations; National Heritage Area legislative efforts; invasive aquatic weeds; and wildlife friendly farming.

Following a question by Vice Chair Thomson about the Council's intention to appeal the trial judge's decision invalidating the Delta Plan, Chair Piepho asked for public comment and there was none.

9. Receive update on Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District (DFRMAD) Feasibility Study project – Jennifer Ruffolo

Project Manager Ruffolo and representatives of the project contractor team (Richard McCann and Steven Moss of M.Cubed, Scott McCreary of Concur, and Robert Twiss) provided an overview of progress on the project. Commission members asked questions and provided comments about the effort: Commissioner Scriven (the relationship of the effort to DWR), Commissioner Cabaldon (concerns over ending up with more concepts rather than closer to implementing a solution, the formation of a single agency, and over-analysis of minor beneficiaries) and Commissioner Johnson (levee funding in the State budget and proposed next steps). Commission DFRMAD subcommittee member Ferrara praised Ruffolo and the M.Cubed team for the work done so far.

Chair Piepho asked for public comment; Melinda Terry asked about determining the proportion of benefit and stated that any governance proposal should not replace levee maintaining agencies and reclamation districts.

10. Receive report on update of Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP) per Public Resources Code § 29760 – Erik Vink

Executive Director Vink summarized the issues that have emerged since the last update of the LURMP in 2010. He mentioned the background reports that consultant John Hart is preparing, and the land use issues that Commission staff are seeking additional guidance on from the LURMP.

Commission members asked questions and provided comments. Chair Piepho suggested a five-county planning department meeting to discuss the LURMP update. Commissioner Nottoli noted the interwoven nature of county general plans and the

LURMP, and advised care in addressing jurisdictional authority. Commissioner Cabaldon stated that the updated LURMP should confine itself to state-level issues and not interfere with local government planning, suggesting Council of Governments transportation planning for local jurisdictions as a model. Vice-Chair Thomson advocated protections for agricultural land. Commissioner Johnson spoke in support of Chair Piepho's meeting idea.

Chair Piepho asked for public comment and there was none.

11. Adjourn

Chair Piepho adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.