



**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2016**

WorkNet Center
56 S. Lincoln Street, Stockton, CA 95203

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Flag Salute

Chair Piepho called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and asked Metropolitan Water District Board Chairman Randy Record to lead the flag salute.

2. Roll Call

Acting Commission Clerk Bert called the roll. Present: Chair Piepho, Vice Chair Thomson, Commissioners Winn, Villegas, Nottoli, Lofthus, Nomellini (for Scriven), van Loben Sels, Ferguson, Busch, Ferrara (for Laird), White (for Kelly), Simmons (for Johnson) and ex officio member Frazier. A quorum was established with thirteen Commissioners present. Commissioners Cabaldon and Ross were absent with no alternate.

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

John Fleming commented on the stockpiling of emergency flood materials in Stockton by the Department of Water Resources. Jacqueline Shaw commented on the proposed Delta tunnel project and on air quality in the San Joaquin Valley.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approval of July 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Nottoli and seconded by Commissioner Villegas to approve the July 21, 2016 meeting minutes; in a voice vote, the motion passed with 10 aye votes and Commissioners Nottoli, Winn and Lofthus abstaining.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Receive Executive Director report

Executive Director Vink reported on Delta Waterways Cleanup, the Delta Leadership Program, and the Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study,

and welcomed new staff members Jeannie Matthews (Commission Clerk, beginning October 3) and Riley Ashen (student assistant).

Chair Piepho asked for public comment and Melinda Terry requested that the proposed amendments to the Delta Plan be placed on the October 20 agenda and that input from reclamation districts and farm bureaus be included in the update of the Land Use and Resource Management Plan. Ms. Terry also noted the upcoming 4th Annual Heart of Oakley Festival.

6. Consider adoption of Delta Flood Preparedness Week resolution

Nicole Bert provided information on the October 22nd Delta Flood Safety Fair and presented Resolution 16-02, declaring October 17th to 22nd to be Delta Flood Preparedness Week.

Chair Piepho asked for public comment and Melinda Terry (California Central Valley Flood Control Association) thanked the Commission for presenting the Flood Safety Fair.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Thomson and seconded by Commissioner White to adopt resolution 16-02; in a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously with all thirteen Commission members present voting “aye”.

7. Receive report on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) purchase of four Delta islands (Bacon Island, Holland Island, Webb Tract and Bouldin Island) – Randy Record and Stephen Arakawa, Metropolitan Water District.

Chair Piepho introduced Metropolitan Water District representatives Randy Record, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Stephen Arakawa, Manager of Bay-Delta Initiatives, who presented information regarding MWD’s purchase of more than 20,000 acres located on five Delta islands. During Commissioner comments and questions, Chair Piepho and Vice-Chair Thomson discussed ways in which MWD could be a good neighbor in the Delta; ex officio member Frazier asked about the impacts of restoration activity on agriculture; Commissioner Nottoli asked if the islands were to be inundated year-round; Commissioner Winn asked that MWD include Delta stakeholders in preliminary discussions of potential uses; Commissioner Ferguson asked about levees; and Commissioner Nomellini asked about water quality impacts.

Chair Piepho asked for public comment. Barbara Barrigan-Parilla asked about any connection between the purchase of the islands and the proposed Delta tunnels, and how the purchase would affect MWD’s ability to invest in improvements that would reduce reliance on Delta water; Rebecca Clarks asked about any plans to flood the islands; Kathy Bunton inquired about recent activity on Holland Island creating a significant increase in truck traffic; Chris Neudeck requested an explanation of MWD’s

position opposing a permanent extension of the Delta Levees Subventions program; Al Medvitz inquired about MWD's intentions in acquiring the properties; and Rogene Reynolds commented on the priority position the islands hold in the tiered rankings for the draft Delta Levee Investment Strategy.

8. Receive report on blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) in the Delta – Dr. Peggy Lehman (California Department of Fish and Wildlife) and Kristian Lucas (Contra Costa Health Services Department)

Erik Vink introduced Dr. Peggy Lehman of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Kristian Lucas with Contra Costa Health Services Department, who both presented information on blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) in the Delta. Commissioner Villegas requested that Commission staff research and present options for Commission actions that could assist in mitigating the problem.

Chair Piepho asked for public comment, and Jacqueline Shaw proposed deep dredging of Delta waterways to reduce the impact of algae blooms.

9. Receive report on Local Food Assessment for Yolo and Sacramento Delta Communities – David Shabazian, Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Blake Roberts introduced David Shabazian from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, who presented an evaluation of possible benefits a food hub facility would bring to the Delta agricultural economy, a project completed for the Commission.

Chair Piepho asked for public comment and there was none.

11. Adjourn

Chair Piepho adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.