



**Delta Protection Commission Meeting  
Thursday, October 20, 2016**

City of West Sacramento Community Center  
1100 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order/Flag Salute**

Chair Piepho called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and asked Senator Lois Wolk to lead the flag salute.

**2. Roll Call**

Commission Clerk Matthews called the roll. Present: Chair Piepho, Vice Chair Thomson, Commissioners Cabaldon, Ferguson, Johnson, Lofthus, van Loben Sels, Villegas, Ferrara (for Laird), Lester-Moffitt (for Ross) and Miller (for Winn). Subsequent to the roll call, Commissioner Nottoli arrived at 7:15 p.m. Commissioners Kelly, Bugsch and Scriven were absent without alternates. A quorum was established with eleven Commissioners present at roll call.

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

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. Approval of September 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Villegas to approve the September 15, 2016 meeting minutes; in a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously with 11 aye votes.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**5. Recognition of Senator Lois Wolk**

Chair Piepho gave a warm thank you to Senator Lois Wolk and described her accomplishments for the Delta during her tenure. In appreciation of Senator Wolk's 14 years of work in the State Legislature, Chair Piepho requested adoption of Resolution 16-03.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Villegas to approve Resolution 16-03; in a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously with 11 aye votes.

Comments of thanks and gratitude for Senator Wolk's outstanding work in the Delta were made by Chair Piepho, Vice Chair Thomson, and Commissioners Cabaldon, Villegas and Lester-Moffitt. Chair Piepho and Delta Regional Foundation President Moni Van Camp presented Senator Wolk with a framed print by artist Gregory Kondos.

Senator Wolk spoke briefly about her career and hopes for the Delta. She thanked the Commission for the recognition and the opportunity to serve.

**6. Receive Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Vink started out with a thank you to Senator Wolk for her years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the Delta.

Mr. Vink gave an update on the Delta Waterways Cleanup held on September 17, 2016 (over 350 volunteers and approximately 14 tons of trash were removed at five Delta locations captained by Commission staff and volunteers); announced that the 3rd annual Delta Flood Safety Fair would be held on October 22 and that 2017 flood preparedness calendars were mailed to postal addresses in the primary zone; announced that the Delta Protection Advisory Committee will meet on October 25 in Walnut Grove and is scheduled to discuss the findings and recommendation of the Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study, and; described the Governor's veto message on SB 554, legislation to extend the sunset for the 75% State cost share for the Delta Levee Subventions Program, also mentioning Commission support positions for the legislation.

**7. Receive Delta Conservancy Report**

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Executive Officer Campbell Ingram gave a report on recent activities including the Proposition 1 grant program, the update of the Conservancy's strategic plan and the Cache Slough regional restoration planning effort.

**8. Receive Report from DWR Division of Flood Management**

Eric Koch, DWR Acting Chief for Division of Flood Management, presented information on DWR's Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction (SCFRR)

program (part of Proposition 1E), explained the emergency flood-fight stockpiles that have been created in Stockton and Rio Vista and would be used in the event of a levee breach or flood emergency, and described Delta-specific provisions of the federal Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) legislation.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the amount of rock that was used to repair Jones Tract in 2004 relative to the stockpiles created today; Mr. Koch promised to provide this information to the Commission.

The Solano County Water Agency and Yolo County will be submitting applications for Phase 1 of the SCFRR Program for Rio Vista and Clarksburg, respectively. Staff requested that the Commission authorize the Chair to send letters of support to DWR on behalf of SCWA and Yolo County.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Vice Chair Thomson and seconded by Commissioner Villegas to authorize the Chair to send support letters for the DWR Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program, amended to include the amount for SCWA grant request and statement that the commission voted on this matter; in a voice vote the motion was approved 10-0-1 with all 11 Commission members present at roll call voting aye except for Commissioner Ferrara who abstained due to the grant request coming to a department under jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Agency.

**9. Receive Report on Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study:**

Project Manager Jennifer Ruffolo and consultant Richard McCann from M.Cubed described the final stakeholder workshop and draft findings and recommendations for the Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District Feasibility Study. The staff recommendation is to accept comments on the draft findings and recommendations and prepare a final report on the project for consideration at the Commission's November 17 meeting.

Commissioner Cabaldon commented on the urban/suburban areas of the Delta and the reliance on local support to fund their levee improvements; he cautioned against drawing too many conclusions from the suggested archetypes. In response to the suggestion that upstream floodwater diverters should support Delta levee improvements, he stated that Delta flood waters are sent downstream of the Delta and can create flood problems there also.

Melinda Terry of the California Central Valley Flood Control Association provided public comment and expressed concern over incorrect statements in the report; she requested more time to review the report and asked the Commission to

make needed corrections. Executive Director Vink committed to working with Ms. Terry and others to make needed corrections.

**10. Commissioner Comments and Announcements**

Chair Piepho announced various meetings in November including the biennial Bay- Delta Science Conference. Chair Piepho also forwarded a recommendation from alternate Commission member Simmons about the alternate Commission member representing the cities of Solano and Contra Costa County; he suggested that the alternate Commission member be from the other county, to offer an opportunity to prepare for being the primary Commission member. It was suggested by Commissioner Cabaldon that the Commission statute addresses this matter.

**11. Adjourn**

Chair Piepho adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.