

AGENDA ITEM 11: **Division of Boating and Waterways – Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**

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Recent initiatives to better understand and address invasive aquatic plant challenges in the Delta have highlighted the complexity of their management and the existing regulatory environment to control them. A group of public agencies, including California Department of Parks and Recreation - Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), United States Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Department of Water Resources (DWR) and other public agency representatives and private individuals, are seeking to develop a more holistic and comprehensive approach to aquatic invasive species control in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and its tributaries (Delta).

As the legislatively-designated entity for controlling invasive aquatic plants in the Delta and its tributaries, DBW has a lead role in implementing and facilitating a more collaborative and comprehensive approach to invasive aquatic plant management. The next phase of DBW’s implementation of this approach is to prepare program documentation necessary to implement the comprehensive approach beginning in the 2018 treatment season. These documents will address all potential treatment methodologies, and will be applied to prior and new invasive plant species. The documents, which will be prepared over the next seven to ten months, include:

- Programmatic Biological Assessment (BA) for Federal Endangered Species Act compliance
- Programmatic EIR/EIS for CEQA, NEPA, and CESA compliance
- A Delta AIS Management Plan, in coordination with CDFW’s update to the CA AIS Management Plan
- River and Harbors Act Section 10 Permit compliance

Lynn Sadler, Deputy Director of California State Parks and Recreation, will present information to the Commission on this program documentation and planned efforts for Delta aquatic invasive species control in 2017.