

AGENDA ITEM 7: Executive Director report – November 17, 2016

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Requested Action: **Receive report**

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Program and Project Update

1. **Delta Leadership Program:** The application deadline for the 2017 Delta Leadership Program is November 18. Commission staff would appreciate help from members of the Commission in evaluating and selecting the 2017 class, with the final selection to occur by December 9. The first session will be held at the State Capitol on January 13, 2017, with four additional day-long sessions to follow.
2. **Delta Flood Risk Management Assessment District (DFRMAD) Feasibility Study:** Commission staff is currently working with the M.Cubed team on the draft final report and also meeting with Delta reclamation districts and engineers to address concerns and comments. The draft report will be presented to the Commission Subcommittee on December 8; written comments will be due by December 23 so that staff can prepare responses to comments and finalize the draft report in time for Commission consideration at the January 19 meeting.
3. **Economic Sustainability Plan (ESP) Update:** The Commission received funding in the FY 2016-17 budget to complete a partial update of the ESP focusing on agriculture. I have been meeting with Commission members to review a proposed scope of work for the effort, and am in the process of revising the scope so the Commission can release a request for proposals to secure consultant assistance with this effort. It is anticipated that the Commission will review proposals in early 2017 and that the work will be completed prior to the end of 2017.
4. **DWR Emergency Rock Stockpiles in the Delta:** As was discussed by DWR’s Eric Koch at the October 20 Commission meeting, DWR has created emergency stockpiles of rock and other flood-sighting materials at facilities in Rio Vista and Stockton. The Rio Vista facility is where the rock decommissioned from the 2015 West False River drought barrier was placed. In response to a question at the October 20 meeting about the amount of rock used to repair the 2004 Jones Tract levee breach compared to the amount of rock used to create the West False River drought barrier and the amount that will be stockpiled at the Rio Vista and Stockton locations, Mr. Koch replied that 211,500 tons of rock were needed to cap and close the Jones Tract levee breach; the West False

River drought barrier required over 115,000 tons; the rock capacity at the Rio Vista facility is 460,000 tons (currently 308,000 tons in storage), and the rock capacity at the Stockton facility is 150,000 tons (currently 40,000 tons in storage).

5. **Commission Land Use Comments:** As part of the Commission’s responsibility to ensure that local land use decisions in the Delta are consistent with the Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP), staff prepare comment letters to advise local agencies on their projects’ consistency with the LURMP; the Commission also frequently comments on State and federal projects that would impact Delta resources. The chart below lists the comment letters prepared by Commission staff from September 9 through November 10, 2016.

**Land Use Projects – Comment Letters
September 9 through November 10, 2016**

County	Project Description	Authority	Primary (P) or Secondary (S) Zone or D (Delta-wide)	Comments
Yolo	City of West Sacramento General Plan Update	Project in the Secondary Zone that impacts Primary Zone resources; Great CA Delta Trail	S	Clarification on Primary Zone boundary; encourage recognition of Great CA Delta Trail in document.

Administrative Update

1. **Budget Update:** The Commission’s FY 16-17 budget of \$1,489,000, roll-over of contract funding from previous fiscal years and reimbursements from DWR and DSC, combined with projected spending, show a slight surplus of funding at year’s end; see page 3.

Upcoming Events:

November 26 – Small Business Saturday in Isleton, Walnut Grove and Clarksburg

December 2 - First Friday Gallery Walk, Walnut Grove

www.facebook.com/events/721593197962722/

December 3 - Delta Reflections Lighted Boat Parade, Marina West Yacht Club www.mwyc.org

December 10 - Bethel Island Lighted Boat Parade, San Joaquin Yacht Club

<http://bethelisland-chamber.com/event/lighted-boat-parade>

December 10 - Discovery Bay Lighted Boat Parade, Discovery Bay Yacht Club

<https://dbyc.com/event-2075526>