

To: Board of Directors
From: Norma J. Camacho, CEO

Chief Executive Officer Bulletin Week of December 7 –13, 2018

Board Executive Limitation Policy EL-7:

The Board Appointed Officers shall inform and support the Board in its work. Further, a BAO shall 1) inform the Board of relevant trends, anticipated adverse media coverage, or material external and internal changes, particularly changes in the assumptions upon which any Board policy has previously been established and 2) report in a timely manner an actual or anticipated noncompliance with any policy of the Board.

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Upcoming meeting dates and times for Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Board of Directors and the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Board of Directors.

A meeting of the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Board of Directors will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the SWC Large Conference Room, 1121 L Street, Suite 1050, Sacramento, CA. The agenda will be posted on the website on Monday, December 10, 2018 (www.dcdca.org/#meetings).

The regular meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018, from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA. The agenda will be posted on the website by Friday, December 14, 2018 (www.dcdca.org/#meetings).

For further information, please contact Nina Hawk at (408) 630-2736.

2018 Community Event Season a Success

As 2018 draws to a close, the district is able to report a successful community event season that demonstrates the district's continued commitment to community engagement. The district sponsored and participated in dozens of civic and community events in each Director's districts that provided the district with the opportunity to highlight the board and the district's priorities and programs.

Through this unique program, district board members and staff participated in events that drew together hundreds of thousands of people across Santa Clara County and provided the opportunity for board members and staff to connect directly with tens of thousands of people from our diverse community. This outreach included messaging on water conservation, rebates, the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, and flood awareness and preparedness, to name just a few board priorities and district programs. These events also allowed board members to update residents on district projects and initiatives, including winter preparedness, a particularly important focus as we start and end each year in the rainy season.

A major highlight of the season was the debut of the district water truck in March 2018. Since that time, the water truck has been a very popular engagement tool across the county, and it continues to be one of the most requested aspects of district community engagement. A list of preliminary events for 2019 will be submitted to the board's Non-Agenda packet in January for the board's information.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 630-2884.

Department of Water Resources Withdraws Certification of California Water Fix

On December 7, 2018, Department of Water Resources (DWR) Director Karla Nemeth withdrew DWR's certification that the California WaterFix is consistent with the Delta Plan via a letter sent to the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC).

DSC Chair Randy Fiorini had stated in the November 15, 2018, workshop that DWR "has filed its certification of consistency before it was ready to demonstrate consistency with the Delta Plan." He suggested that DWR withdraw its certification so that DWR and the DSC could resume early consultation. Councilmember Frank Damrell, Jr. concurred. With three (3) of the seven (7) DSC members recused due to financial conflicts of interest, there are not sufficient votes to reject the nine (9) appeals of the DWR certification.

A certification of consistency is required by the Delta Reform Act of 2009 for all "covered actions" in the Delta. The California Water Fix is a "covered action," which must have a certification to proceed. DWR's withdrawal of the certification will end ex parte communication limits and enable the DSC to resume early consultation with DWR.

For further information, please contact Rachael Gibson at (408) 630-2884.

Upper Llagas Flood Control Project Milestone Celebration

Since the 1960's, the Upper Llagas Project (Project) has been targeted as a need by multiple agencies and many in the south county. Outgoing City of Morgan Hill Mayor Steve Tate has chosen to commemorate his last day in office with an Upper Llagas Flood Control Project Celebration. This event will highlight the interagency collaborative effort which produced the posting of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the federal registry. The celebration is being held in Morgan Hill on the morning of Wednesday, December 12, 2018.

Speaking points will be provided for Director Varela who is slated to speak along with Major Steve Tate. The district social media is coordinated with the City of Morgan Hill and will repost event information. Elected officials identified as being key to the Project will also be notified of the event. The district is working hand in hand with City of Morgan Hill staff on planning.

Acquisition of all parcels for Phase 1 construction (Reaches 4 and 7a, portion of Reach 5 and Lake Silveira) have been completed, with parcels to be purchased for Phase 2 construction by April 2019. The district is tentatively scheduling the construction advertisement of Phase 1 of the Project for board consideration on January 22, 2019.

Construction is anticipated to start in late Spring 2019 and will help keep the local community safe from potential flooding during major storm events. When complete, the Project will provide flood protection for 1,100 homes, 500 businesses, and over 1,300 acres of agricultural land within the cities of Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and the unincorporated area of San Martin. The Project's estimated cost is \$125M, which will be partially funded by Safe Clean Water Bond and Clean Safe Creeks Program.

For further information, please contact Rick Callender at (408) 630-2017.

Purchasing and Consultant Contracts Process Improvements – Progress Update

The district is initiating changes to streamline processes and improve access to information regarding purchasing and consultant contracts. Notable changes include the following:

- A comprehensive list of all district agreements and consultant contracts currently kept in paper form on shelves, are being scanned and the functional aspects of the list have been improved. Both the detailed list and scanned documents will be fully accessible to the district through the district's internal website.
- The old paper Purchase Requisition (PR) forms have been replaced by an electronic form. This change provided an opportunity to streamline processes with intent to improve the processing time of PR's.
- The district maintains both internal and external website content regarding purchasing and consultant contracts. The district has been deeply engaged at revising and improving website content with intention to promote best practices in procurement, provide guidance aligned with the contract process improvements, and make it easier to obtain information for both district staff and external firms that want to do business with the district. The internal website will be rolled out in January 2019, and the external website in February 2019.

For further information, please contact Tina Yoke at (408) 630-2385.

Re-initiation of Consultation on the Long-term Operations of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project

During the week of December 4, 2018, the district participated in several meetings held by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) on the re-initiation of consultation on the long-term operations of the State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP). In August 2016, Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources began the process of revising the biological opinions for project operations by requesting to re-initiate consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service under the Endangered Species Act. The request was made in order to address new information available since the 2008 and 2009 biological opinions were issued and in response to the continuing decline in abundance of several fish species.

During the meetings that took place the week of December 4, 2018, Reclamation provided an overview of the current process including how they plan to comply with the very aggressive schedule dictated by the October 2018, Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West. They also described their proposed project description and alternatives for analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act. Through these meetings Reclamation solicited input from SWP and CVP water contractors, environmental organizations, and other interested parties. The district is reviewing the materials and providing input, as warranted.

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