

**Delta Conveyance Design & Construction Authority (DCA)
Board of Directors Meeting
Report out for Director Estremera**

Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a) Joint Exercise Powers Agreement Amendment #2

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the enclosed Resolution to Authorize the President to Execute an Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to Clarify Administrative Provisions, and to Adopt the CEQA Determination for Such Action.

Motion passed unanimously

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Stakeholder Engagement Committee Update -

The seventh meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) was held remotely via video conference on April 22.

- The SEC discussed how to move forward with committee work and community outreach in light of the Governor's and counties' Stay at Home orders due to the novel coronavirus.
- DCA highlighted how feedback from the SEC has been incorporated into some of the siting concepts that were presented at the last meeting.
- The engineering team presented information about the Southern Delta Complex, what features it would contain, how much space would be required and approximately how much construction traffic would be generated in the area.
- SEC members agreed to develop a process where they would provide presentations to the DCA Board regarding the SEC process and results thus far.

Recommended Action: Information Only

b) Stakeholder Engagement Committee Members Report Out

There were four speakers from the SEC Committee to share their experience being on the committee, both positive and negative. Speakers included: Jim Wallace, Lindsey Liebig, Karen Mann, and Mike Moran.

Recommended Action: Information Only

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Osha Meserve

Great report from SEC members. The members thought that they would have been voting on whether to continue with the meetings, however it did not happen. Thought that was a little unfair. Noted that the Delta Conveyance is a future water project and does not fall under the critical infrastructure guidelines to continue under COVID 19. Also, Ms. Meserve stated how the DCA is stating where the project/intake is going to be, instead of asking where do you think a better location would be.

c) DCA's Transition Back to the Office

DCA will continue to telework. The office modifications in progress are:

- Revise office layout to accommodate greater than 6 feet distancing, close common areas
- Protocols for distancing, sanitizing, PPE use, infectious control

- Sourcing had sanitizer, disinfectants, PPE
 - Coordination with Building Management on cleaning protocols once office is occupied
- Once Restrictions are lifted:
- Offer option for telework full or part-time
 - Avoid air transportation unless approved by DCA
 - Conduct training on new procedures

Recommended Action: Information Only

d) Proposed Draft DCA Budget for Fiscal Year 20/21

The DCA proposed draft a budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 including both a summary table as well as a more detailed itemized list. Staff will be presenting final budget for Board approval at next meeting scheduled for June 18th. The proposed \$34M budget is a significant reduction from the budget plan in current JEPA for the upcoming Fiscal Year. A written report was provided in the Board package.

Recommended Action: Information Only

e) May DCA Monthly Report

Executive Director, Kathy Mallon reported that not much changed from last month other than the procurement of General Council services permanently has been added in as a commitment in the report. A written report was provided in the Board package.

Recommended Action: Information Only

6. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) General Counsel's Report

The General Counsel continues to assist the DCA on legal matters as requested. For this month, this has included providing AB 1234 ethics training, continuing to assist with responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and related health orders, and assisting with the development of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement amendment on the agenda.

b) Treasurer's Report

The beginning cash balance for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority (Authority) at April 1, 2020 was \$4,403,945. During April 2020, receipts totaled \$797,616 representing contributions from the Department of Water Resources, Delta Conveyance Office (DCO) for payment of the Authority's obligations. Total disbursements for the month were \$4,223,033. The ending cash balance at April 30, 2020 was \$978,528.

A written report was provided in the Board package.

c) DWR Environmental Manager's Report

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is progressing through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to analyze a single-tunnel solution to modernizing and rehabilitating the water distribution system in the Delta.

DWR conducted public scoping under CEQA from January 15 through April 17, 2020; the purpose of scoping is to seek input on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), including the range of alternatives, the types of impacts, impact methodology, and potential mitigation measures. DWR is reviewing comments, sorting them by topic area, and drafting a Scoping Summary Report to document the comments received. DWR will use information received to formulate alternatives to the proposed project included in the NOP and identify methods to assess potential environmental impacts.

The next scheduled Board Meeting for the DCA will be Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.