

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

Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 18, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- (a) None.

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- (a) Consider Passing Resolution Adopting the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Allowable Travel Expenses Policy

Last month the Board approved Amendment No. 2 (Amendment) to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA). In part, this Amendment allows the DCA to adopt and utilize a travel policy for its contractors and consultants. This policy must be approved by the Board of Directors by resolution and then forwarded to the Department of Water Resources. Additional details are in the meeting packet

**Approved Unanimously**

- (b) DCA Budget for Fiscal Year 20/21

A written report was provided in the Board package. In summary, the DCA Board is required to approve the annual fiscal budget for operation of the DCA organization. For Fiscal Year 2020/21, the proposed annual budget is \$34M, consistent with the level of expenditure of the current 2019/20 fiscal year (forecasted at approximately \$36.4M). Over 70% of the proposed new annual budget (\$24M) is dedicated to engineering and field work along with the permitting management and property access necessary to support the technical work.

**Recommended Action: Adopt Fiscal Year 20/21 Budget**

**Approved Unanimously**

- (c) Introduction to DCA Program Controls - Mr. Waleed AbouKhadra, Manager

A written report was provided in the Board package. Mr. AbouKhadra presented on some key aspects of the DCA Program Controls including, an update on development of a new program control plans, systems and procedures. Mr. AbouKhadra reported that Phase I and II of E-Builder Program Management Information System implementation have been completed, they launched the risk management program, and developed a SharePoint Document Management System.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

- (d) June DCA Monthly Report – Kathryn Mallon

A written report was provided in the Board package

Topics highlighted in the report include:

- Engineering & Field Work
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Program Management/Controls
- Budget
- Contract
- Schedule

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

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(e) Stakeholder Engagement Committee Update

A written report was provided in the Board package

Meeting highlights:

The eighth meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) was held remotely via video conference on May 27, 2020:

- DWR provided an update on the CEQA process and scoping comments received.
- The DCA team presented information about traffic and logistics improvements, explained how DCA is incorporating SEC feedback, provided updated map books and shared virtual tour information.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

(f) Stakeholder Engagement Committee Members Report Out

No written report provided in packet. Verbal updates by three SEC Members

- Sean Wirth, SEC Member, Environmental NGO – Terrestrial, Organization: Save the Sandhill Cranes and Sierra Club
- Anna Swenson, SEC Member, Yolo County at Large, Organization: North Delta Cares
- Gilbert Casio, SEC Member, Ex-Officio, Organization: Engineer with Reclamation Districts

All three member updates echoed the same message, that they appreciated the opportunity to speak to the DCA and are thankful to be a part of the SEC. Their main concerns are the impacts to the community and environment. They would also like to be more involved on decisions regarding placement of intakes and access roads that are interrupting the Sandhill Cranes refuge.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

(g) Independent Technical Review of Intakes – Phil Ryan

A written report was provided in the Board package. In summary, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) has assembled world-class experts to develop conceptual engineering work to help define the project alternatives and to identify ways to avoid or minimize impacts that will be analyzed as a part of the environmental review process.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

## 8. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) General Counsel's Report - Joshua Nelson, General Counsel

A written report was provided in the Board package. In summary, the General Counsel continues to assist the DCA on legal matters as requested. This includes finalizing and executing the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement amendment. It has now been signed and approved by the State. COVID-19 remains an important topic, and legal's office continues to assist staff with re-opening. Lastly, the DCA continues to receive and respond to Public Records Act requests.

(b) Treasurer's Report - Katano Kasaine

A written report was provided in the Board package. In summary, the beginning cash balance for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority at May 1, 2020, was \$978,528. During May 2020, receipts totaled \$2,953,266 representing contributions from the Department of Water Resources, Delta Conveyance Office for payment of the Authority's obligations. Total disbursements for the month were \$3,135,080. The ending cash balance as of May 31, 2020 was \$796,714.

- (c) DWR Environmental Manager's Report - Carolyn Buckman, DWR Environmental Manager  
A written report was provided in the Board package. In summary, 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.
- (d) Verbal Reports, if any  
None.

**General Comment:** Anna Swenson, SEC Member stated that she's disappointed that the DCA is consulting with PG&E. She said that they have consistently shown that they have a lot of legal work ahead of them due to all the fires that they were responsible for. She would like the DCA to select from a different pool of experts. She stated that she did not see any local engineering firms that have a lot of history and generations of knowledge under their belt. She would like to encourage the DCA to select these people because the Delta is a very specialized area, we need to be able to rely on these Delta experts. Also, please do not encourage PG&E because using them does not give the DCA credibility.

**The next scheduled Board Meeting for the DCA will be Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.**