

Date: Friday, July 17, 2020  
From: Garth Hall, Acting COO

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

Regular Meeting, Thursday, July 16, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

(a) DCA Investment Policy

Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution and Delegated authority to the Treasure to invest DCA's funds for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

There were minor changes to some of the items. The changes align with the DCA Investment Policy and changes in CA code. A more in-depth report is included in Board packet.

**Recommendation: APPROVED**

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

(a) Biennial Board of Directors Officer Appointments and Resolution Updating the Bylaws

**APPROVED RESOLUTION; and APPOINTED OFFICERS BY MOTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**President: Richard Atwater, MWD**

**Vice President: Sarah Palmer, SWC At Large**

**Secretary: Steve Blois, MWD**

**Treasurer: Katano Kasaine**

**Updated bylaws, 2-year now begins in July rather than May**

(b) July DCA Monthly Report

A written report was provided in the Board packet

Topics highlighted in the report include:

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

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

(c) Field Work Activities for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

KEY GOALS OF GEOTECHNICAL PLAN FOR FY20/21

- Supplement existing DWR database and address data gaps in historical data
- Refine data on DCP alignments
- Further existing data for possible future use, including:
  - ~ Validation of geophysical methods
  - ~ Evaluation of satellite-based tools to monitor regional subsidence

A detailed presentation is included in the Board packet.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

(d) Tunnel Independent Technical Review No. 2 - Findings and DCA Response

Ms. Mallon reported that The Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority 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.

Mr. Steve Dubnewych gave a technical presentation regarding Tunnels and Shafts 2<sup>nd</sup> Independent Technical review. A detailed presentation is included in the Board packet.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

(e) DCA Leadership Spotlight – Gwen Buchholtz, Environmental Manager

Introduction of the DCA Environmental Liaison Team and provided the team overview, 2019-2020 key accomplishments, and upcoming activities

- ~ Gwen Buchholtz, Environmental Manager
- ~ Karen Askeland
- ~ Claire Bjork, Intern from UC Davis

Who they are and what they do will be posted when video is posted on the DCA website.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

(f) Stakeholder Engagement Committee Update

Ms. Parvizi reported that the DCA team presented information about Delta-wide soil management and transportation logistics, provided updates on the siting concepts that

have been adjusted based on feedback from SEC members and other stakeholders, and provided updates on the development of a virtual tour. DWR provided an update on

their Tribal engagement process and explained the Section 404 permit application submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

A report is included in the board packet.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

(g) Stakeholder Engagement Committee Members Report Out

Two of the SEC Board Members provided presentations.

Mr. Douglas Hsia represents Sacramento at Large and provided an insight of who he is as a Chinese American and about his heritage. The presentation is included in the board packet.

Mr. David Gloski, DCA Stakeholder Representative provided a presentation on who he is and why he is volunteering his time, stating the SEC is a start on community engagement. The presentation is included in the board packet.

**Recommended Action: Information Only**

## 8. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Gen Counsel – Josh Nelson

The General Counsel continues to assist the DCA on legal matters as requested. This includes the development of the Board reorganization agenda item and bylaws update. It also included beginning the process for the biennial update of the DCA's conflict of interest code. Lastly, the DCA continues to receive and respond to Public Records Act requests.

(b) Treasurer's Report – Katano Kasaine

The beginning cash balance for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority (Authority) at June 1, 2020 was \$796,714. During June 2020, receipts totaled \$858,314 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 \$931,788. The ending cash balance at June 30, 2020, was \$723,240. A detailed report is included in the board packet.

(c) DWR Environmental Manager's Report – Carolyn Buckman

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is progressing through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to analyze a single-tunnel solution to

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modernizing and rehabilitating the water distribution system in the Delta. A report is included in the board packet.

### **Verbal Reports:**

Director Palmer stated that she viewed two webinars on “Reframing a Region: Communities of Color in the California Delta Parts I & II”. This webinar series addresses popular narratives of the California Delta that present the region as a white space. Using an array of primary sources, a diverse panel of experts contest this view, illustrating how communities of color were fundamental to the development of the Delta region. She recommended that everyone take the time and watch both webinars. The links are below:

[Reframing a Region: Communities of Color in the California Delta-Part I](#)

(Covers history through 1907)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63Zf5EDCUjs>

[Reframing a Region: Communities of Color in the California Delta-Part II](#)

(Covers history 1907 and beyond)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYZONqRkO50>

Executive Director Mallon wanted to thank Douglas and David for their presentations today, along with all the other SEC members that have presented in the past. She expressed her appreciation to Doug; she enjoyed hearing about the history of the Chinese in the Delta and the community in Locke and in Portland. She also appreciated the points that David made about having empathy for the Delta and make sure that this is more than just a tunnel project on our part. Those are two really powerful points.