

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

Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 17, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(a) Consider Passing Resolution to Approve Amendment #4 to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and Determine Approval is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution*

This proposed amendment increases the amount of the initial contribution from \$33.8 million to \$48.8 million. The repayment date remains January 10, 2021, subject to modification by letter agreement of the parties. A redline has not been provided as the only change is the above increase in the initial contribution from \$33.8 million to \$48.8 million. As noted in the attached resolution, approval of the Amendment is exempt from CEQA.

**Action: Resolution Adopted**

(b) Consider Passing Resolution to Expand the DCA Delta Stakeholder Engagement Committee and Appoint an Ex Officio Member to the Committee

*Recommended Action:* Staff recommends the DCA Board adopt a Resolution to Expand the DCA Delta Stakeholder Engagement Committee and Appoint an Ex Officio Member to the Committee.

**Action: Resolution Adopted**

(c) August DCA Monthly Report – Kathryn Mallon, Executive Director

A detailed update was provided in the Board Packet.

*Recommended Action: Information Only*

(d) DCA Leadership Spotlight – Steve Minassian, Chief Engineer

A detailed update was provided in the Board Packet.

*Recommended Action: Information Only*

(e) Stakeholder Engagement Committee Member Update

The 11th meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) was held via video conference on August 26. The meeting video, agenda, presentation and supplemental materials are available for review on the [www.dcdca.org](http://www.dcdca.org) website.

A detailed update was provided in the Board Packet.

*Recommended Action: Information Only*

## 8. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### (a) General Counsel's Report

#### **Josh Nelson, General Counsel**

The General Counsel continues to assist the DCA on legal matters as requested. Of note, our office assisted with the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) expansion and the Joint of Exercise Powers Agreement (JEPA) amendment items on the agenda.

*Recommended Action:* Information Only

### (b) Treasurer's Report

#### **Katano Kasaine, Treasurer**

The beginning cash balance for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority (Authority) on August 1, 2020 was \$733,240. During August 2020, receipts totaled \$3,604,690 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 \$3,780,324. The ending cash balance on August 31, 2020 was \$557,606.

A detail report was provided in the Board Packet.

*Recommended Action:* Information Only

### (c) DWR Environmental Manager's Report

#### **Carolyn Buckman, DWR Environmental Manager**

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 is continuing to work on developing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under CEQA. Current work is focused on formulation of alternatives to be analyzed in the EIR, descriptions of the existing conditions, and development of methods to analyze potential impacts on environmental resources. DWR released an updated schedule that includes a public Draft EIR in early 2022 and Final EIR in mid-2023.

DWR has been working on a "Deep Dive" video series that talks about technical topics in more detail. We have posted videos on soil investigations and State Water Project operations. We are planning several more videos to post in the upcoming months. Additionally, we are working on a survey to collect information on how low-income, minority, and other underserved communities rely on resources in the Delta. This information will help assess potential impacts and benefits to these communities.

A detail report was provided in the Board Packet.

*Recommended Action:* Information Only

Next scheduled meeting: October 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, at 2:00 p.m. (1:30 p.m. if there is a closed session)