

Date: Friday, November 20, 2020

From: Aaron Baker, COO, WUE

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

Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(a) DCA FY 20/21 Budget Amendment

Recommended Action: **Motion to Approve Budget Amendment**

At the June 2020 Board Meeting, the DCA Board approved the DCA annual budget for FY 2020/2021. The approved budget was \$34Mil. At the October 2020 Board Meeting, a proposed reduction of approximately \$7Mil from the approved budget was proposed to respond to current economic conditions. This memorandum provides a summary of the budget reductions to the originally approved annual budget in support of approval of the new Amended DCA FY 2020/2021 Budget of \$27Mil.

A written report was provided in the Board packet.

Action: **BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED**

(b) November DCA Monthly Report– Kathryn Mallon, Executive Director

Ms. Mallon gave a brief overview the Program Management, engineering team, and the field work team.

A written report was provided in the Board packet.

Recommended Action: Information Only

(c) DCA Leadership Spotlight – Phil Ryan, Engineering Design Manager

Mr. Ryan has 37+ years professional experience entirely focused on conveyance planning, design, construction, and operations.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided in the Board packet.

Recommended Action: **Information Only**

(d) Stakeholder Engagement Committee Update - Nazli Parvizi, Community Engagement Manager

The 13th meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) was held via video conference on November 5, 2020. The meeting video, agenda, presentation and supplemental materials are available for review on the dcdca.org website.

DCA Staff discovered that the SEC is much more effective when they are provided the information in smaller bites ...if it's too dense and too technical, it's hard for members to decipher and provide input.

A written report was provided in the Board packet.

Recommended Action: **Information Only**

(e) [Stakeholder Engagement Report Out - CANCELLED](#)

8. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – INFORMATION ONLY

(a) [General Counsel's Report – Josh Nelson, General Counsel](#)

Mr. Nelson provided an update on the latest Covid-19 health order in Sacramento County.

A written report was provided in the Board packet.

(b) [Treasurer's Report – Katano Kasaine, Treasurer](#)

Ms. Kasaine noted that as of October 31st, the DCA has a cash balance is \$699,592. The audit is nearly complete and will presented at the December Board meeting.

A written 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 State Water Project infrastructure in the Delta.

DWR has released 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. The survey is available in English, Spanish and Chinese at www.YourDeltaYourVoice.org. The survey will be open until December 11.

DWR is developing a conceptual approach for forming a Community Benefits Program and will be bringing ideas to the community, including the DCA's Stakeholder Engagement Committee, in December. Our objective is to work collaboratively with the community in the development of the program, and the first step will be to create a framework, not only for the program but for how to work together.

A written report was provided in the Board packet

(d) Verbal Reports, if any

Director Palmar reported out that at Zone 7's Boarding meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, the Board Authorized their General Manager to inform DWR that they desired to participate in the Delta Conveyance Project at 2.2 percent of Table of A , and they authorized funds of \$2.8M for a two year period. They also authorized the General Manager to execute the Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement.

Public Comment:

Ms. Osha Meserve, Local Agencies of the North Delta, again expressed disappointment about there not being a full analysis of alternatives and if alternatives could meet the project objective, they should be considered. Also, she said the DCA needs to be clear on the scope of the Stakeholders' work so that it does not get overstated in other venues.

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