



SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN

DELTA CONSERVANCY

**Action Items and Meeting Summary
for the**

**Meeting of the STRATEGIC PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE
of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy**

Monday, November 15, 2010

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

3500 Industrial Boulevard, Room 106

West Sacramento, CA 95691

ACTION ITEMS

1. Draft Interim Strategic Plan using the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's 2006 Strategic Plan as a model. Staff will also provide a laptop and projector at the next meeting so revisions and edits can be made in real-time.
2. Provide a comparative analysis of other Conservancies' mandates, funding, projects, etc.
3. Develop a list of links to other Conservancies. Post to website and e-mail to Strategic Plan Subcommittee (Subcommittee).
4. Provide copies of our legislation (SBX 7-1) to the Strategic Plan Subcommittee.
5. Provide overview of how funding is appropriated; also include in Draft Interim Strategic Plan.
6. Invite Senator Wolk, as an ex-officio member of the Conservancy Board and the Senator who represents most of the Delta (or representative) to talk with the Strategic Plan Subcommittee about the legislation which created the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Conservancy) and priorities for the Conservancy.
7. Draft a letter to the Delta Stewardship Council indicating that the Conservancy will wait until the scoping meetings to provide comments on the Delta Plan in general and on the Delta Ecosystem White Paper in specific.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

Nancy Ullrey, Program Lead, asked the Subcommittee, staff, and members of the public to introduce themselves. Those present included:

Conservancy Staff

Cindy Messer
Elisa Reynolds
Nancy Ullrey

Conservancy Board

Chuck Bonham*
Steve Chappell
Mike Eaton
Robin Kulakow
Jim Provenza
Ken Vogel

Public

Bob Riopel
Terry Dermody
Connie Ford
Tom Martens
Barbara McDonald*
Devon Collins, Kerns West*

**participated via teleconference*

2. Select Subcommittee Chair

Discussion on this item was deferred until after Item 6 (Meeting Schedule). Mr. Eaton was nominated as Subcommittee Chair by Mr. Vogel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Provenza and passed unanimously.

3. Discuss timeline and options to phased approach to Strategic Plan process.

The Subcommittee reviewed the options presented in the November 3, 2010, staff report about using a phased approach to developing the Conservancy's strategic plan. Mr. Eaton, Mr. Provenza, and Mr. Vogel stated that they would prefer to accelerate the proposed timeline. Mr. Bonham pointed out that the "Key Dates" handout indicated that there will be a confluence of events in early 2011 and that the Conservancy should have a Draft or Interim Strategic Plan in place by then. Ms. Messer, Interim Executive Officer, stated that the Conservancy has funds available this fiscal year (FY 2010-2011) due to salary savings that could be used for the Strategic Plan. Several questions were raised by the Subcommittee, including:

- What does it mean to be an "implementing agency"?
- Can the Organizational Work Plan and Strategic Plan happen concurrently or are they strictly sequential?
- Why did the legislature choose to set this organization up as a conservancy? What is the legal definition of a conservancy?

After discussion by the Subcommittee, staff was directed to prepare a draft outline of a Strategic Plan, using the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Strategic Plan as a Model, by the next meeting of the Subcommittee (December 2, 2010). It was agreed that the Subcommittee would review the draft outline and suggest revisions. The revised draft will be presented by the Subcommittee to the full Board at the January 19, 2011, Conservancy Board meeting. All revisions should be complete by the end of January so if or when the Conservancy is ready to hire a consultant to complete the Strategic Plan, the Interim plan can be used as a scope of work. Staff was further directed to prepare a comparative analysis of other California conservancies.

4. Discuss Delta Ecosystem White Paper.

The Subcommittee discussed whether the Ecosystem White Paper and other policy issues should fall under the purview of the Subcommittee or the full Board. After discussion the consensus was that the Subcommittee was committed to the timely completion of the Interim Strategic Plan and should refrain from commenting on the Delta Ecosystem White Paper and instead be prepared to comment as part of the scoping meetings, to be held in early 2011. Staff was directed to prepare a letter to the Delta Stewardship Council stating that the Conservancy would provide comments on both the White Paper and the Delta Plan during the scoping process and after the completion of the Interim Strategic Plan. The letter will be addressed at the December 1, 2010, Conservancy Board Meeting.

5. Determine Subcommittee Meeting Schedule.

The following dates were selected for future Subcommittee meetings:

- December 2, 2010 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- December 15, 2010 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- January 6, 2011 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

6. Public Comments (Response to Agenda Items)

There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm by Chair Eaton.
