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NDWA Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Held Via Teleconferencing and In-Person at 3050 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA – Suite #203

Consistent with AB 361, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference. The public may attend the meeting remotely and offer public comments by Zoom or by telephone, using the call-in information provided below. The Board may utilize different call-in information for any Closed Session items. The call-in information for the Board and members of the public for this board meeting is as follows:

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AGENDA

*** Note: Action may be taken on any item listed on this agenda ***

1. Call to Order

Steve Mello, Chairman

2. Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (TWO ITEMS)

Board will meet in Closed Session with legal counsel to discuss the following items:

 Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (two items).

3. Approval of Minutes

Steve Mello, Chairman

A. ACTION: Approve October 5, 2022, Board Meeting.

4. Approval of Remote Meeting Resolution

Steve Mello, Chairman

A. ACTION: Adopt Resolution Authorizing Extension of Remote Board Meetings.

5. Financial Report

Cindy Tiffany, Assistant Manager

Presentation of Financial Statements.

6. Manager Report

Melinda Terry, Manager

- A. Report on Meetings, Presentations, and Correspondence: Summary of meeting with DWR Director Karla Nemeth; update on ad-hoc committees, correspondence, and presentations.
- B. ACTION: Consider Approving Resolution on Delta Conveyance Project.

7. Engineer Report

Anne Williams, MBK Engineers

- A. Water Quality and Hydrologic Conditions.
- B. Contract Exceedances MBK Memorandums on Salinity Criteria Exceedances at Three Mile Slough Monitoring Station.

8. Drought Activities

Kevin O'Brien, Downey Brand

- A. ACTION: Consider Approving Investigation of Salinity Damage.
- B. Drought Barriers Release of DWR Monitoring Plan for North Delta Drought Barriers, Update on Reimbursement MOU, and DWR Planning Activities.
- C. Special Claims Process Update on DWR Implementation.

9. Legal Report

Kevin O'Brien, Downey Brand

A. Delta Conveyance Project – Preparation of Comments on Draft EIR.

10. Delta Activities Report

Melinda Terry, Manager

- A. SWRCB/Delta Watermaster Update on curtailments, Bay-Delta Plan, water use reporting, Summary Response to Friant Water Authority Complaint, and other activities.
- B. Delta Conservancy Update on Delta Drought Response Program and other activities.
- C. Delta Protection Commission (DPC) Updates on National Heritage Area, DPAC, and other activities.
- D. Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) Delta Levee Investment Strategy Rulemaking.
- E. Delta Habitat Projects Presentation by Derek Larson on status of the Little Egbert Multi-Benefit Project in Yolo Bypass, just upstream of Rio Vista.
- F. Delta Conveyance Project Draft EIR Comment deadline is December 16, 2022.

11. Announcements

- A. Dec 15/16 DSC meeting, 715 P St., Sacramento, 9:00 am
- B. Dec 16 Deadline to submit comment letter on Draft EIR for Delta Conveyance Project
- C. Jan 19 DPC meeting, location TBD, 5:00 pm
- D. Feb 1 NDWA Board Mtg, 3050 Beacon Blvd, Ste 203, W. Sacramento, 9:30 am

12. Public Comment

13. Adjournment