

**Joint Meeting of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
and the State Coastal Conservancy
Meeting minutes
June 25, 2015**

The State Coastal Conservancy met jointly with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (the “Delta Conservancy”) in Sacramento on June 25, 2015.

LOCATION:

CalEPA Building - Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA

ROLL CALL

Delta Conservancy members present:

Jim Provenza, Chair
Pat Kemp
Don Nottoli
Dolly Sandoval
Katherine Miller
Karen Finn

State Coastal Conservancy members present:

Douglas Bosco, Chair
Ann Notthoff
Steve Kinsey
Julia Alvis
Sara Ramirez Giroux
Peter Sadowski

There was a determination of a quorum for each agency.

1. Introductory remarks welcoming both conservancies by Chair Bosco of the Coastal Conservancy. Supervisor Provenza, Chair of the Delta Conservancy, then took up the proposed resolution (out of agenda order) and indicated that the Delta Conservancy wanted three amendments to the draft resolution:
 - a. In the penultimate operative (“RESOLVED”) clause:
 - 1) Before “the California Water Action Plan” add “as appropriate”.

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- 2) Before “California Eco Restore Initiative” strike “and”. After “California Eco Restore Initiative” add “and the Economic Sustainability Plan for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta”.
- 3) Before “the Department of Fish and Wildlife” strike “and”. After “the Department of Fish and Wildlife” add “and the Delta Protection Commission”.

Each of the two agencies then adopted by separate roll call voted unanimously the amended resolution (attached to these minutes).

Delta Conservancy members voting:

Jim Provenza, Chair - Yes
Pat Kemp - Yes
Don Nottoli -Yes
Dolly Sandoval - Yes
Katherine Miller - Yes
Karen Finn - Yes

State Coastal Conservancy members voting:

Douglas Bosco, Chair - Yes
Ann Notthoff - Yes
Steve Kinsey -Yes
Julia Alvis -Yes
Sara Ramirez Giroux - Yes
Peter Sadowski - Yes

2. **Bay and Delta Legislator Panel.** The conservancies next heard from a San Francisco Bay and Delta legislator panel that included Assemblyman Marc Levine and Mindy Simmons on behalf of Senator Lois Wolk, discussing implementation of Proposition 1, Bay-Delta restoration, and the drought.
3. **State-Agency Executive Panel.** Following the legislator panel, a state-agency executive panel included: Mark Cowin, Director, Department of Water Resources; Charlton Bonham, Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife; David Okita, Ecosystem Restoration Program, California Natural Resources Agency; Sam Schuchat Executive Officer, State Coastal Conservancy; and Campbell Ingram, Executive Officer, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy. The panel discussed state agency coordination to restore the Bay-Delta Estuary and implement state and regional plans.

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4. **Technical Experts Presentation.** Next, Robin Grossinger and Letitia Grenier, San Francisco Estuary Institute, discussed historical ecology and the current landscape of the Delta and presented a Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Science Update.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



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A California State Agency

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY/SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY
JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bay region and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta connect and together constitute the Bay-Delta region, which hosts the largest estuary on the west coast of North and South America; and

WHEREAS, The nine counties comprising the San Francisco Bay constitute a region with unique natural and outdoor recreational resources; and the San Francisco Bay is the central feature in an interconnected open-space system of watersheds, natural habitats, waterways, scenic areas, agricultural lands, and regional trails; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a unique natural resource of local, state and national significance with distinct natural, agricultural and cultural values; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta provides water to more than 25 million Californians and three million acres of agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, The State Coastal Conservancy, established in 1976, is charged with protecting, restoring, and enhancing the natural, open-space, agricultural, and urban resources of the coast and San Francisco Bay region, and providing access to these areas, working with local governments, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy is charged with implementation of ecosystem restoration in the Delta and supporting efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents; and

WHEREAS, the two conservancies each seek to protect wetlands, migratory waterfowl, anadromous and other fish, other wildlife; and recreational, economic, and tourist opportunities in the Bay-Delta region; and

WHEREAS, the Bay-Delta region provides homes and jobs to millions of people, and contributes many billions of dollars annually to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, The warming climate has begun to cause sea level rise and other problems, adversely affecting plants, wildlife, agriculture, water resources, and infrastructure in the Bay-Delta region, and to increase saltwater intrusion; and

WHEREAS, through the California Water Action Plan, the Delta Plan, the San Francisco Bay Plan, and the California Eco Restore initiative, the Administration is committed to

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restoration of wetlands and other sensitive habitats in the Delta and San Francisco Bay to enhance the Bay-Delta ecosystem and adapt to the changing climate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the State Coastal Conservancy and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy recognize the interconnection and overlap between the San Francisco Bay region and the San Francisco-San Joaquin Delta and the need to work together to address issues of common importance to the area and the state, including protection and enhancement of natural and water resources, creation of economic, recreational, and tourist opportunities, and a changing climate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the two agencies will work together to educate the public about the resources and problems of our overlapping regions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the two agencies will identify and jointly implement, as appropriate, projects that benefit both regions and that implement, as appropriate, the California Water Action Plan, the Delta Plan, the San Francisco Bay Plan, the California Eco Restore initiative, and the Economic Sustainability Plan, working in consultation with the Natural Resources Agency, the Delta Stewardship Council, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Delta Protection Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the two agencies will work together to seek adequate public and private financial resources to meet their common goals in the Bay-Delta region.

Resolution jointly adopted in Sacramento, California this June 25, 2015

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY

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DELTA CONSERVANCY**

Douglas Bosco, Chair

Jim Provenza, Chair