Thursday July 26, 2018

Current issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Delta Stewardship Council WaterFix announcement

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) is aware that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has identified the WaterFix project as a covered action, and posted a draft certification of consistency with the Delta Plan on its WaterFix website. As a result, the Council has ended early consultation efforts with DWR (see Water Code section 85225.5). Out of an abundance of caution, the Council (including its staff and consultants) is now placing itself under ex parte communication restrictions in anticipation of its quasi-judicial role with respect to the WaterFix project (see Government Code section 11430.10). This means that Councilmembers, Council staff, and consultants cannot and will not communicate about or discuss the WaterFix project with any person outside of the Council. If you have any questions about the covered action process, please visit the Council website.

Summer 2018 Delta Voice released

This season's issue of Delta Voice presents a great Delta day trip for staying cool, a highlight on historic theatres and cinema, and a taste of the breweries and cider makers flocking to the Delta. There is also a photo gallery of Brannan Island State Recreation Area and interviews with the Delta Protection Commission's new commissioners.

Delta Stewardship Council meeting announced

There will be a Delta Stewardship Council meeting Thursday, July 26, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn (300 J Street Sacramento) in the Granada/Hermosa Room. The agenda includes the lead scientist's report and a Delta Independent Science Board update. Also being presented is part three of the summer data to decision-making series, where council staff and panelists will provide an overview of the Collaborative Science and Adaptive Management Program. The full agenda and associated materials are available here.

Public Policy Institute of California hosts statewide survey

The Public Policy Institute of California is hosting a statewide survey on Californians and the Environment on July 27, from 12 to 1 p.m. Registration required. PPIC's latest survey looks at Californians' opinions and policy preferences on climate change, water, energy, and coastal issues. It also examines the role of the environment in the upcoming gubernatorial and U.S. Senate elections. PPIC researcher Alyssa Dykman will outline these and other key findings. For more information, click here.

Courtland Pear Fair date announced

Celebrating the Sacramento River Delta's famous Bartlett pear harvest has been a Delta tradition since 1972. This year there will be live music, a parade, pear pie eating contests, and so much more! The Pear Fair is the largest, continuously running agriculture fair in Northern California. Bring the whole family! Sunday, July 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in Courtland (click here for map). Visit the website for all the exciting happenings and follow the Pear Fair on Facebook! The event is free, and parking is \$10.00.

Delta Conservancy posts board meeting

The Delta Conservancy will be meeting Monday, July 30, from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m., at the Delta Conservancy, 1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento (click here for map). The agenda includes a request to amend the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project, a request for approval of the Proposition 1 Cycle 4 grant guidelines, and a review and consideration of the Delta Awareness Sign Plan. All of the items on the agenda along with the board materials are available.







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