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**Monday, May 17, 2021, 6 pm
Via Zoom**

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ITEM

- 1 Call to Order – Commissioner White
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Mark White, Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero Montes, Tom Malson, Laura Nickerson. A quorum was not present.

- 3 Introduction of Commissioners
- 4 Public Comment
- 5 Update on Delta Conveyance- Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for Delta Conveyance, Department of Water Resources

California's main water distribution infrastructure, the State Water Project (SWP), is located in the Delta, distributing fresh water to homes, businesses and agriculture throughout the state. 2/3 of CA water originates in the Sierra Nevada mountains, flows through the Delta and supplies 50% of California's water supply.

The SWP provides local storage, recycling, conservation, groundwater recharge and water

quality management. The infrastructure is outdated and vulnerable to seismic activity and earthquakes, climate change and sea level rise, and levee failure from pressure due to subsidence of Delta islands. The purpose of the Delta Conveyance Project is to restore and protect the reliability of the SWP water delivery. Construction is estimated to take 15 years. Current planning efforts include CEQA, NEPA, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Water rights and Delta Plan consistency.

The project outlines project alternatives as prescribed for EIR reports. Alternatives analyzed in detail in the EIR are Eastern and Central options and direct conveyance to Bethany Reservoir, and a No Project Alternative. Proposed facilities include two new intakes in the north Delta with 3,000 cubic feet per second capacity and one below ground tunnel designed to protect water supplies from sea level rise, earthquake and levee failure.

Intakes are gravity fed and include sediment basins and sediment drying basins. Pumps are not an option in certain habitat sensitive areas. Launch Tunnel Boring Machines would begin boring towards the new intakes and south towards pumps. Workers will enter tunnels at this location, near Twin Cities Rd. Reusable Tunnel Material will be processed and stored and remain onsite as a stockpile.

A community benefits program is built into the project wherein commitments are made by the project proponents, created in coordination with the local community, to create lasting, tangible and significant economic and social benefits for residents and businesses facing project impacts. Project impacts are addressed in the CEQA/NEQA reports. Benefits are defined and directed to the impacted communities with an ombudsman program created to act as a single point of contact to disseminate information, process claim and provide compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Concerns of Delta residents include construction noise, air pollution, traffic and water, and water diversion.

The draft EIR-Appendix is projected to be released mid 2022.

- 6 Approve March 2021 Minutes
Carried to the June 2021 Meeting.
- 7 Approve April 2021 Minutes
Carried to the June 2021 Meeting
- 8 Report Back on SEC Commissioner Monitoring of Environmental Issues and Agencies
Two projects highlighted for further review are the Jackson Road/Excelsior Community Project with almost 5590 residential dwellings, shopping centers and 3 schools and, the City of Sacramento revision of an ordinance to require electrification of new buildings.
- 9 Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director's Report- Marie Woodin, Director Environmental Management Department
- 10 Commissioner Comments

11 Adjournment – Next Meeting- June 21, 2021 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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