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Public Input Sought to Develop Delta Conservancy's Strategic Plan

WEST SACRAMENTO – The Delta Conservancy encourages Delta residents and others with interests in the Delta to share their ideas about the roles and priorities for the Conservancy's strategic plan at any of five scheduled meetings. The meetings are January 25 through February 9, one in each of the five Delta counties. To better accommodate the needs of residents, meetings are held late afternoon, with one mid-afternoon meeting scheduled on Saturday, January 28.

Meeting locations, dates and times are:

Solano County

Rush Ranch, Solano Land Trust 3521 Grizzly Island Road Suisun City, CA January 25, 2012 (Wednesday) 3:30pm-5:30pm

Sacramento County

Peter's Steakhouse 203 2nd Street Isleton, CA January 26, 2012 (Thursday) 3:30pm-5:30pm

Yolo County

Clarksburg Community Church 52910 Netherlands Road Clarksburg, CA January 28, 2012 (Saturday) 1:00pm-3:00pm

Contra Costa County

Antioch Community Center 4703 Lone Tree Way Antioch, CA February 7, 2012 (Tuesday) 3:30pm-5:30pm

San Joaquin County

San Joaquin WorkNet Building 56 S. Lincoln Street Stockton, CA February 9, 2012 (Thursday) 3:30pm-5:30pm "It is critically important to us that Delta residents let us know what they want and need as the Conservancy forms how it will pursue its mandates over the next 5 to 10 years," said Campbell Ingram, executive officer of the Conservancy.

Other forums in which the public may comment about the strategic plan include the Conservancy Board's January 18 Board meeting and the February 13 Strategic Plan and Policy Subcommittee meeting. The Board meeting is scheduled 9 a.m. to noon, at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Avenue; the subcommittee meeting is scheduled 3-5 p.m. in Room 119 at the Conservancy's office, 3500 Industrial Blvd., West Sacramento. Please see www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov for details. For people who do not want to participate in the public meetings, a written comment period on the public draft document is scheduled for spring 2012. The final Strategic Plan will be completed by June 30, 2012.

The Conservancy was formed in 2010 through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act. Under its enabling legislation, the Conservancy is responsible for supporting efforts that advance environmental protection and the economic well-being of Delta residents in a complementary manner. In addition to these two "co-equal responsibilities," the Conservancy has 12 mandates to consider (available at www.deltaconservancy.ca.gov).

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The Delta Conservancy invites community members to attend its board meeting in Isleton on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Peter's Steakhouse, 203 2nd Street, Isleton. Agenda items include:

- Strategic Plan Process Implementation Plan
- "Changing Our Perspective" Roundtable Report
- "Improving Resilience in the Delta" panel, featuring representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers, Reclamation Districts and Volunteer Fire Departments
- Delta Plan Update, Joe Grindstaff, Delta Stewardship Council
- Economic Sustainability Plan Update, Mike Machado, Delta Protection
 Commission
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan Update, Karla Nemeth

Questions about the board meeting can be directed to Susan Roberts at 916-375-2088.

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