

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2024

1:30 p.m.

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors was called to order in person, by teleconference, and remotely - Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (669) 444-9171, Code: 87681496712#, : <https://dcdca-org.zoom.us/j/87681496712?from=addon> at 1:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance from the DCA Boardroom were Sarah Palmer, Gary Martin, Martin Milobar, Miguel Luna, Robert Cheng, Adnan Anabtawi and Tony Estremera participated from Valley Water Headquarters Boardroom.

Alternate Directors in attendance remotely were Royce Fast, Dan Flory, Bob Tincher, Dennis LaMoreaux and John Weed.

DCA staff members in attendance were Graham Bradner, Valerie Martinez and Josh Nelson.

Department of Water Resources member in attendance was Carrie Buckman.

3. CLOSED SESSION

a) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

- i. *Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. DWR*, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000006 (and related cases Nos. 24WM000008, 09, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17);
South Delta Water Agency v. DWR, San Joaquin Superior Court, Case No. STK-CV-UCP-2024-0000816

4. OPEN REGULAR MEETING & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- At Approximately 2:10p.m.

President Palmer announced that there was no reportable action from closed session.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the March 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes from March 8, 2024, as

Noted: Milobar
Second: Estremera
Yeas: Palmer, Milobar, Martin, Luna, Estremera, Cheng, Anabtawi
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 24-04-01).

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) April DCA Monthly Report

Information Item

DCA Executive Director, Graham Bradner, presented to the Board an overview of the monthly board report. He began with the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) timeline that shows the activities for the remainder of the year. DCA plans to release the updated cost estimate for the project as well as the stated benefit cost analysis that will be released by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The approved project engineers' report will also be issued near the end of the third quarter, which will contain engineering documentation that has been prepared to support the permitting processes. There are several different alternatives captured in the engineering documentation but will be cleaned up to focus on the approved project. This will create one cohesive set of engineering basis for the work that has currently been completed.

Mr. Bradner moved on to the Monthly Report and began with Section 1, The program Management team has continued to process invoices and started activities for the next fiscal year (FY) 2024/2025. Those activities include the budget development process. This process will be discussed in more in depth during the Finance Committee meeting that will be held after the Board meeting ends. On the administrative side, DCA continues to operate normal activities including the Delta tours for the spring and summertime. Mr. Bradner moved on to the engineering team and stated that they continue to support the Delta Conveyance Office (DCO) with environmental planning and permitting efforts. The Cost Estimate continues to be refined including some potential innovations that could reduce impacts, reduce costs and improve the schedule and constructability. Mr. Bradner continued to the field work section and stated that there may be a potential program this

spring and beyond. The team continues to work out details to allow for the program to be active.

Mr. Bradner continued to Section 3: Budget, DCA has an approved budget of \$40.4M with an estimate at complete (EAC) showing \$36.5M. The DCA has committed just under \$35M to date with an underrun of about \$4.4M.

Mr. Bradner continued to explain Figure 1 FY 23/24 cash flow, the monthly planned expenditures are based on the baseline that was established at the beginning of the fiscal year in terms of activities and spend rates. DCA has had several months that are above and below what was planned, however overall DCA is tracking close to the planned expenditures. Mr. Bradner stated that activities will continue to move forward in March, April, and May through the rest of the FY as planned.

Mr. Bradner continued to Section 5: Program Schedule and stated that the conceptual schedule is intended to track DCA plans for the year, where it is on track and where the project is behind. The status icons on the right reflect the status of the planned activities. One of the activities flagged was the project definition reports which are intended to augment the information that is included in the approved Project Engineer's Report. This report takes specific features that would be considered, provide more specificity in terms of engineering documentation, and design criteria and requirements. DCA decided that it was not the right time to initiate the major work on those reports this fiscal year, contributing to the current underrun. Last month Mr. Bradner mentioned the laboratory analysis and documentation tasks were delayed and expected to catch up quickly, which is the case. This task is currently at 75% complete and believes DCA will be up to speed on scheduled items by the end of the fiscal year.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

b) **Sr. Leadership Spotlight, DCA Quality Manager, Tysheina Robertson**

Information Item

Mr. Bradner presented to the Board DCA's new Quality Manager, Tysheina Robertson. Ms. Robertson went on to provide her background. She was born and raised in The Bronx, New York. She has lived and worked throughout many cities within the United States. Ms. Robertson currently lives in Denver, Colorado with her husband and two children. Ms. Robertson began her career with the Water and Wastewater division for the City of Los Angeles. Ms. Robertson is the Board Member Chair of Math4Science, Inc. She also mentors Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). She went on to mention that she went through the STEM program and it allowed her to find interest in engineering.

Ms. Robertson obtained her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. She also obtained her master's degree in science and professional science management and leadership. Ms. Robertson has 10 years of senior leadership experience and has guided a culture of quality for large billion-dollar projects. She worked on the water and sewer design and repair for the City of Los Angeles, she also worked on eutrophication prevention to assure the waterways were healthy and not aging quickly. Ms. Robertson worked on Missouri's first design build project which was I-64. Prior to joining the DCA, she focused on light rail and community rail projects across the country. Ms. Robertson worked on the Red and Purple Modernization Program in Chicago to bring the system into modern times. Her most recent experience is with the City of Austin for the Austin Transit Partnership which is an organization formed to help Cap Metro bring light rail and commuter rail transit to their city.

Ms. Robertson has worked with multi-jurisdictional authorities. Working with large projects, she has had to ensure that they comply with all requirements for all jurisdictions, which are usually captured in a memorandum of understanding. It is Ms. Robertson responsibility to ensure through the quality department that all Federal, State and local government requirements are met. To allow for compliance, she works closely with Engineers, Contractors, Government and Government counterparts. As the Quality Manager, Ms. Robertson is part of the project from the planning process all through operations and maintenance. While on projects, she ensures that external and internal audits of the project are completed, the quality plan is in place and followed. Ms. Robertson stated that continuous improvement is important, working closely with the team to ensure quality and that everyone has the tools they need to complete the work the first time.

Ms. Robertson stated that the Quality Department functions from concept and initiation to project close resource. All quality reports completed throughout the project are provided to senior and executive management so they can make decisions on how to move forward with the project. She stated that if the quality in a project is not reinforced at the start, it will be difficult to recover. The benefits to implementing an effective Quality Program include, cost saving for the organization, consistency, systematic allowance for flexibility, preventing rework, documentation of compliance. The price of non-conformance to quality standards is substantial in health and safety, cost and schedule, as well as public perception.

President Palmer stated that this has been a very comprehensive presentation of what a Quality Manager does.

Ms. Robertson stated that there is a checklist of the work that is done, and it is important to understand the goal of the project.

Director Milobar stated if Ms. Robertson had any staff that currently work directly under her.

Ms. Robertson stated that at this time DCA has not provided direct staff support for her, Mr. Bradner has provided tasks and assignments for her to complete, but at this time staff is not necessarily needed. There are plans to provide staff in the future, but now she just works with the subject matter experts that are currently here.

Director Anabtawi stated that he appreciates her sharing her iceberg example in one of her slides of the public perception of the work that is completed compared to what the staff see and the work that is done to complete all aspects of the project. It is clearly visible when a project is well orchestrated. Director Anabtawi stated if Ms. Robertson introduces new management practices or new tools and methods to help support the quality control and quality management of programs and if there is an opportunity to re-evaluate or introduce new methods for a project.

Ms. Robertson stated that she is mostly on the outside of the project looking in. This gives her a more objective viewpoint when approaching something new. There are innovative techniques that are used to get to the root of the issue. In addition, quality management also consists of emphasizing what is working well for the project. She is constantly attending conferences with the American Society of Quality, that is where she obtains many tools and techniques that can be presented to the team. She works with very open-minded team members that are excited in the work they do. Ms. Robertson provides a service to her team and to the constituents that are funding this project. She is here to supplement and to point out how DCA can improve the process but not necessarily change the product.

Director Martin stated that Ms. Robertson is a very tough person and will not allow people to step out of the project line. With her background as a Civil Engineer, it will serve her well in her role. Director Martin asked how long she had been with DCA.

Ms. Robertson stated that she had been with DCA since January 2024.

Director Martin stated that the emphasis on the quality of the project is important and lets the team know that Ms. Robertson is watching the project progress and ready to assist with any quality management.

Director Cheng stated that he is happy to have Ms. Robertson on Board and would like more clarity as to how she is not driving the process but part of the process.

Ms. Robertson stated that for each project there are settings and requirements that have to be met. Ms. Robertson helps evaluate and access the project and increase effectiveness and efficiencies. As the project continues, sticking to the budget is very important. Her main points are to report to the executive team and work with the staff that is responsible for the project completion and make recommendations as to how to improve the project plan. In certain cases, the reports that she produces are used in court.

Mr. Bradner stated to the Board that Ms. Robertson has come on board and owns the quality management plan, she has immediately started going through with various discipline teams to evaluate how they've been performing in compliance with the quality management plan. DCA is now able to look at the internal process and verify the industry standards are being met. Mr. Bradner stated that with Ms. Robertsons background, she is an excellent candidate.

Director Milobar stated that it is important to have the project analyzed and be given suggestions as to how to improve the project processes.

President Palmer stated that Ms. Robertson is a very useful member of the team especially for Mr. Bradner as he now has another set of eyes and ears to assist with the project progress. This will help the project from becoming siloed. President Palmer also applauds Ms. Robertson for being a mentor for the STEM program.

Ms. Robertson stated that she now has adult mentees and stated that she had one student that is now working at Denver International Airport.

Director Martin stated if the Board will be receiving reports of the status of the program.

Mr. Bradner stated that quality program is still growing and will work on how to move forward with presenting reports to the Board. The system will be created and meet the needs of the project. Mr. Bradner will report back to the Board as to how the reporting of the quality management report will be completed.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

c) Presentation on the Bethany Alignment

Information Item

DCA Design Manager, Adam Murdock presented to the Board the Bethany Reservoir Alignment Overview. He stated to the Board this is the project that was approved by the DWR in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). The Bethany Reservoir Alignment provides a connection between the North Delta intakes and the Bethany Reservoir. The project includes two new intakes on the Sacramento River and they each have a capacity of 3,000 cubic feet per second for a total system capacity of 6,000 cubic feet per second. The map presented the 45-Mile-long approximately 140Ft-170Ft below ground and 36Ft inside diameter tunnel. That is constructed with pre-cast concrete tunnel liner segments that are 18 inches thick. At the southern end of the Delta, the Bethany pumping plant provides a direct connection to the Bethany Reservoir which then delivers to the California Aqueduct. Mr. Murdock stated that to help understand the Bethany Reservoir alignment,

it is important to reflect on what some of the conceptual design objectives were. DWR requested that DCA develop conceptual design alternatives that would protect the State Water Project (SWP) against future water supply losses caused by climate change, sea level rise and earthquakes. The conceptual design objectives are needed to minimize the effects of the project on Delta communities and environmental and cultural resources. It was also important that it reflected community input through platforms such as the Stakeholder Engagement Committee. DCA placed an emphasis on the siting of facilities, seeking a better understanding the potential traffic and waterway effects within the Delta, reducing construction related effects and minimizing land disturbance to wildlife habitat and communities within the Delta. DCA really wanted to focus on engagement and transparency throughout the conceptual design process.

Mr. Murdock continued to state that this started with performing a series of sitting studies to determine where the facility should be located and develop the initial alignment. Launch shafts needed to be strategically located in areas that could handle the construction loads and traffic such that we could minimize disturbance in the heart of the Delta. The Bethany Reservoir alignment makes use of longer tunnel drives which resulted in the DCA only needing two launch shafts. Maintenance shafts needed to be located near major highways and away from sensitive habitat. There will be a launch shaft located around the Twin Cities complex and another near the Port of Stockton which will allow for the tunnel boring machines (TBMs) to move north while the other moves south. The project also includes surface facilities such as the intakes in the north area of the project and a pumping plant and discharge structure to Bethany Reservoir located in the south area of the project. The project includes state-of-the-art intakes which use cylindrical rotating tee screens. The screens utilize reduced approach velocities that help protect fish and they also reduce the potential for clogging and maintenance. The tee screens are shorter in length and allow DCA to reduce the on-bank structure length of the intake structure along the Sacramento River, as well as, reduce the overall footprint of the intake structure. DCA also refined the construction plan to minimize the impacts of pile driving, reduce noise and shorten the construction schedule. The intake structure along the Sacramento River will divert water into the sedimentation basin, travel through a set of radial gates and into the tunnel shaft that heads south towards the Bethany Reservoir.

Mr. Murdock stated that the benefit of the Bethany Complex is that it provides a direct connection to Bethany Reservoir and the California Aqueduct, increasing the redundancy and overall resiliency of the SWP. The pumping plant is located on higher ground, reducing the risk of flooding and provides better soil conditions for construction. In addition, the Bethany Complex eliminates Southern Forebay Facilities by reducing terrestrial, aquatic and cultural impacts and avoids significant subsurface ground improvements.

Mr. Murdock continued on, when DCA developed the conceptual design for the DCP it is important to recognize the infrastructure that are needed to help support the logistics and

access during construction. DCA has included strategies that will be incorporated to improve the existing roadways, intersections, and traffic flow. DCA has developed logistic plans for each facility including transportation, power and Communications and other facilities that are needed to support construction. The project limits the routes used for construction traffic. Highway 160 which parallels the Sacramento River is limited to Residents and local businesses only. In Solano and Yolo County, DCA has Limited construction traffic to I80 and SR12. The project will construct park and rides to facilitate employee carpools and designated access routes. The project also plans to construct dedicated haul roads to support construction while avoiding any construction traffic on Highway 160. Lambert Road will be the haul road that will provide access to the intake sites. The Delta is prone to flooding, which the DCA designed the project to address flooding issues both during construction and for the long-term operations. All project facilities have been designed for the 200-year flood elevation with sea level rise and climate change that is projected for the year 2100. DCA has also provided structural and non-structural flood risk mitigations through the project. Mr. Murdock stated that it is important that DCA maintains the Sacramento River flood management criteria to allow for the intake structures that have been placed to limit the increase of maximum water surface elevation change within the river. DCA is also providing continuous flood protection at the intake sites during construction that includes the construction of new jurisdictional levy around the intakes.

Mr. Murdock went on to present on Seismic resiliency. The DCP conceptual design allows continued operation following the maximum design earthquake. DCA has set a design criterion to allow the tunnel and shafts for the 2475-year seismic event and that the surface features the intakes and the embankments will be designed for the 975 year return seismic event. There were seismic sources and soil conditions that were considered during facility studies that included the proximity of facilities next to existing faults. The tunnel will be constructed at such a depth low enough in the ground that it is below the anticipated level of liquefaction. During a seismic event the tunnel is not subject to the same amplification and ground shaking that you see at the surface with the help of the soil confinement around the tunnel. Addressing the seismic resiliency, DCA has planned for enhanced ground improvements at the intake sites and many of the shaft sites and the utility crossings to address the soft and poor soil conditions. Additionally, the project accounted for additional design elements that can be implemented to help improve the resiliency of the project. The Community Benefits component of the project that is being led by DWR acknowledges that the direct project benefits related to the SWP do not directly benefit the communities of the Delta, it acknowledges that the project could have potential adverse effects on the Delta communities experience throughout the duration of construction and finally it acknowledges that the California Environmental Quality ACT (CEQA) and other required environment environmental mitigations typically do not address all adverse effects on the local communities. The Community Benefits program includes the Delta Community Fund. This is an overarching fund to support community

prioritized projects in the Delta. The Community Benefits program includes hiring targets, job training and education, local business utilization and infrastructure and facilities located within the Delta.

Mr. Murdock continued to present that changing the project to a single tunnel opened the door to many design and Engineering innovations. The conceptual design was developed to help reduce impacts that focused on the sighting of major facilities, understanding traffic conditions, reducing potential construction effects and where possible to reduce to a smaller footprint, considered ways to minimize noise traffic power boating and Water Way effects and land disturbances. The DCP is downsized, refined, and rerouted to minimize disturbances to the Delta and met the DWR objective to deliver clean, affordable and reliable water into the future.

Director Cheng stated that he benefited from participating in the Delta tour and visiting the intake screen facility. He also wanted to highlight the efforts of the Community Benefits program.

Mr. Murdock provided his experience with similar community benefits programs on other large infrastructure projects. infrastructure

Director Anabtawi stated that he is appreciative of the team and their continued diligence on the project.

Director Milobar asked if there was a monitoring system that would notify that there was no displacement in the pipe or the risers.

Mr. Murdock stated that part of the design and construction. DCA would set monuments along the facilities to monitor movement. It would be important to monitor any movement and post seismic events. There would be a course of action that would take place to ensure the integrity of the facilities to allow for continued operation.

Director Martin stated that he is very pleased with the presentation and asked if additional design elements include managing fault crossings.

Mr. Murdock stated that yes, when the DCP is being constructed, DCA will have strength design requirements for the facilities allowing the team to know that when they are in proximity of the fault and sense an increase in ground shaking. DCA will design elements in the project to help resist seismic forces.

President Palmer stated that in the Community Benefits it is important for individuals to know that there will be adverse effects. DCA needs to do as much as possible to reduce effects.

Public comment Osha Meserve, representing Local Agencies of the North Delta, stated that every single component of this project is on top of somebody's land, somebody's farm, somebody's home or in some cases right next to it. There is a lot of family history, community history, and Native American history. As stated in the presentation it was emphasized and acknowledged that none of the local people will receive any benefit from this project. It provides no water supplies for local areas and in the long run it is not just construction, it is the long-term implications of taking a third or a half of the river at low flow periods. What it does to the Delta is that it creates a permanent drought condition. The Board and agencies are outside the Delta area and if it can be afforded by the agencies and those areas but not include the Delta areas. Ms. Meserve stated that in respect to the Stakeholder Engagement Committee, it is important to note that it only obtained comments and inputs on items that the committee selected and that the communities could have commented on. The community was not allowed to have any input on what the alternatives were or any of the main components of this project. Ms. Meserve is not aware of any local community members that support the project. The project does nothing to help with flooding or other risks in the Delta. The idea that the DCP will protect your facilities from flood risks and yet the area continues to struggle with those risks. The fish screens do not operate perfectly and there is no such thing as fish-free water. The EIR acknowledges that it also states that there would be less fish killing as a result of this project. The Baseline is the current environment as it exists today and that is to not have a tunnel. It is not a prior version of the project that might have been worse. There are better Alternatives that could improve the Delta for everybody and meet the needs of agencies as well as local community.

No comments or questions were received from the Board and no further public comment requests received.

- d) **Adopt Resolution Approving the Consideration of the Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2020010227) for the Delta Conveyance Project, Making Responsible Agency Findings, Adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Approving the Delta Conveyance Project**

Approve Resolution

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Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Approving the Delta Conveyance Project, as

Noted: Luna
 Second: Milobar
 Yeas: Palmer, Milobar, Martin, Luna, Estremera, Cheng, Anabtawi
 Nays: None
 Abstains: None
 Recusals: None
 Absent: None
 Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 24-04).

DCA General Counsel, Josh Nelson stated In December 2023, DWR certified the FEIR for the DCP. Despite this milestone, there remains additional necessary design, planning, and permitting work prior to DCP implementation and construction. In January 2024, the Board of Directors approved the Eighth Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) to extend the “Planning Phase” under that agreement through the conclusion of design, planning, and permitting work.

To assist DWR’s continued work as part of the Planning Phase, DWR has requested that DCA undertake exploratory field investigations to inform planning and design work and other related DCP activities. This work is being completed under the FEIR, and the DCA must make responsible agency findings to review, consider, and approve the DCP. This item would make those necessary findings to allow DCA to conduct the planned field investigations and related DCP activities during the Planning Phase as directed by DWR. Mr. Nelson stated that the DCA received a letter from the counsel for various agencies and organizations currently challenging DWR’s EIR. Copies of the letter have been distributed to the Board.

Public comment Osha Meserve, representing Local Agencies of the North Delta, stated that she wanted to be clear that the entities that she and other counsel represent in the litigation that are objecting to the approval of the project and the EIR approvals that are being considered by the DCA Board. These agencies include County of San Juaquin, Contra Costa County, Contra Costa Water Agency, Solano County, Yolo County, Centra Delta Water Agency, Local Agencies of the North Delta. Counsel for Sacramento County, Sacramento County Water Agency, City of Stockton and Sacramento Sewer, Ms. Taber, could not attend the Board meeting today and asked Ms. Meserve to make a similar point for her clients. Ms. Meserve and her clients object to the adoption of the approvals and related exploratory geotechnical work as expressed in the letter.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

7. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. General Counsel’s Report

DCA General Counsel, Josh Nelson, informed the Board of the first Finance Committee meeting that will take place after the Board meeting.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

b. Treasurer’s Report

Bernadette Robertson presented on behalf of DCA Treasurer Katano Kasaine. Ms. Robertson stated that the beginning cash balance for the authority as of February 1st was \$1,037,222. DCA has received \$3,183,929 for February and March. During the same period, disbursements totaled to \$2,018,042 resulting in an ending cash balance of \$2,203,109 as of March 31, 2024.

Ms. Robertson continued to state that the year-end audit would be starting and the Macias Gini & O’Connell LLP (MGO) auditor would be starting their interim work. Claudia Rodriguez and her staff are facilitating the work.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

c. DCP Communications Report

DCA Communications Manager, Valerie Martinez informed the Board that the communications team continues to coordinate with DWR and project education, reaching out to communities across the state about project design, logistics and technical components. DCA has a few tours lined up with the Legislative Staff and a tour the following week where some of the DCA team will be supporting a Metropolitan Water District Tour conducted in Spanish.

Ms. Martinez stated that the closer looks are now all available in English, Spanish and Chinese. A few of the closer look videos are now being translated in Spanish and working on future Chinese content. The digital outreach continues to have a strong engagement rate. While the industry standard is typically less than 1%, last month DCA was able to obtain an 8% rate as an average. This success is attributed to DCA’s Communications team and DWR’s team. The Communications team works to ensure the posts are of interest to the communities that are being targeted. Currently there are eight (8) water agencies that have a one pager fact sheet. Desert Water Agency is the most recent agency that has had a fact sheet completed. The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference will be in Sacramento in a few weeks. The DCP led by the DCA team, administrative team and staff will have a booth to provide information and answer any questions about the project. The governor's office has taken the lead and the DCA team is providing information as needed with Director Luna, who is providing momentum as he works closely with the

governor's office. DCA is overly excited to make sure that people understand the project moving forward.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

d. DWR Environmental Manager's Report

DWR Environmental Manager, Carrie Buckman presented to the Board that DWR this year was focusing on Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species at compliance and started the process to change DWR's point of diversion for water rights. The California Endangered Species Act did submit DWR's incidental take permit application to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Currently it is in the process of making at ADA Compliant. DWR we will post it on their website for information and send an eblast when it is available. Regarding the water rights, DWR submitted their petition to start that process in February 2024. The petition has a protest period and that period was scheduled to end on April 29th. The State Board did send DWR a letter along with sending the letter to other interested parties stating they had extended the deadline to May 13th.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

e. Verbal Reports

President Palmer stated that the team designing the Delta Tours are doing an excellent Job. President Palmer stated that a couple of Board members mentioned that they are now on board with the project. President Palmer has enjoyed explaining the map that is at the Big Break Recreational Center to tour participants. President Palmer stated that as her previous experience as a teacher of all age group levels believes that adults also need that hands-on experience and interaction.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

No future agenda items requested.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment requests.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

President Palmer adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m., remotely-Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (669) 444-9171, Code: 84370256189#, <https://dcdca-org.zoom.us/j/84370256189?from=addon>