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Delta Stewardship Council

The Delta Stewardship Council was created in SBX7 1 by Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto), which established the framework to achieve the co-equal goals of providing a more reliable water supply to California and restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem.

As created in the bill, the Delta Stewardship Council consists of seven members, four appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. The Chairperson of the Delta Protection Commission is a permanent member of the Council.

The Council is tasked with:

- Developing a Delta Plan to guide state and local actions in the Delta in a manner that furthers the co-equal goals of Delta restoration and water supply reliability;
- Developing performance measures for the assessment and tracking of progress and changes to the health of the Delta ecosystem, fisheries, and water supply reliability;
- Determining if a state or local agency's project in the Delta is consistent with the Delta Plan and the co-equal goals, and acting as the appellate body in the event of a claim that such a project is inconsistent with the goals; and
- Determining the consistency of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) with the co-equal goals.

Council members are:

Randy Fiorini, of Turlock, has been managing partner of Fiorini Ranch since 1975 and managing partner of FarmCo since 2001. Previously, Fiorini was president of Fiorini Family Vineyards from 2002 to 2008 and owner of Farm Data from 1984 to 2000. He is past president and board member of the Association of California Water Agencies, past board president and director of Turlock Irrigation District Division #5, and past president and board member of the California Farm Water Coalition. Fiorini holds a Bachelor of Science in Fruit Science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Gloria D. Gray of Inglewood, CA, has been an elected member of the Board of Directors of the West Basin Municipal Water District since 2006. In 2009 she was appointed to be one of two West Basin representatives on the 38-member board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Ms. Gray dedicated her 36-year career to the Los Angeles County Departments of Human Services and Health Services, last serving as an Associate Hospital Administrator. She was appointed to the Los

Angeles County Hospital and Health Care Delivery Commission, and served two terms on the Inglewood Unified School District, from 1995 - 2003. She holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Redlands, a Health Services Management Certificate from the University of California, Los Angeles and a master's degree in Governance Certificate from the California School Boards Association. She was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in February 2010 by Speaker of the Assembly Karen Bass.

Phil Isenberg, of Sacramento, has served as president of Isenberg/O'Haren Government Relations since 2005. From 1977 to 2004, he was counsel for Miller, Owens and Trost, Attorneys at Law. Previously, Isenberg served as a member of the California State Assembly representing the 9th District from 1992 to 1996 and the 10th District from 1982 to 1992. From 1975 to 1982, Isenberg was mayor of the city of Sacramento from 1971 to 1975. Isenberg served as chair of the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force from 2004 to 2006 and served as chair of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force from 2007 to 2008, which was reformed into the Delta Vision Foundation, a private association, where Isenberg has served as chair since 2009. He is also a member of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy Advisory Board. Isenberg holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law and a Bachelor of Art in Social Science and Government from California State University, Sacramento. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Patrick Johnston, of Stockton, is the President and CEO of the California Association of Health Plans. He served 20 years in the Legislature, 10 in the Assembly and 10 in the Senate. He chaired the Senate Committee on Appropriations for six years and chaired the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance for four years. Beyond his years in the legislature, Mr. Johnston worked for Health Net in government relations and taught public policy part-time at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of the Pacific. He is an advisory board member of the UC Berkeley Petris Center on Health Care Markets and is a former member of the California Bay-Delta Authority and the California Delta Protection Commission. Mr. Johnston is a graduate of St Patrick's College and holds a Master's Degree from CSU Sacramento. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by the Senate Committee on Rules.

Hank Nordhoff, of Del Mar, has been chairman and chief executive officer of Gen-Probe, Incorporated since 1994. From 1992 to 1994, he served as president and chief executive officer of Targe Tech and from 1988 to 1992 he was president and chief executive officer of American Biogenetic Sciences. From 1986 to 1988, Nordhoff was vice president of mergers and acquisition for Sterling Drug Company and from 1970 to 1986; he was director of licensing and business development for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He holds a Master of Business Administration in international business and finance from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts in international relations and political economy from Johns Hopkins University. Nordhoff served in the United States Navy from 1963 to 1967. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Don Nottoli, of Galt, CA, is a member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, first elected in November 1994. His district includes portions of the City of Sacramento as well as several suburban communities, rural agricultural areas, as well as portions of the Sacramento River Delta. Prior to his election, Don served as chief assistant to former Fifth District Supervisor Toby Johnson for 16 years. Don is a former member of the Galt City Council and served for more than 17 years as a board member with the Galt High School District Board of Trustees. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government/Journalism from California State University, Sacramento. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in February 2010 as chair of the Delta Protection Commission.

Richard Roos-Collins, of Berkeley, has been director of legal services for the Natural Heritage Institute Since 1991. Previously, he served as deputy attorney general of the public rights division for the California Department of Justice from 1989 to 1991. From 1986 to 1989, Roos-Collins was attorney-advisor for the Office of the General Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency. He is co-chair of the Agricultural Water Management Council and a member of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Steering Committee. Roos-Collins is also director of the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council and founding director of the Hydropower Reform Coalition. He holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Princeton University. He was appointed to the Delta Stewardship Council in March 2010 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.