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State Dignitaries Join Delta Vision Foundation Board

Past Secretaries of Resources, Agriculture Agencies, Acting Secretary for Cal/EPA accelerate efforts to resolve Delta issues

Sacramento – The Delta Vision Foundation (formerly the Governor’s Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force) has announced the appointments of two former state cabinet secretaries and a current cabinet secretary to the Foundation’s board of directors. Mike Chrisman, former Secretary of Natural Resources Agency, A.G. Kawamura, former Secretary of Department of Food and Agriculture, and Linda Adams, Acting Secretary of Environmental Protection Agency, will join forces with current directors to help map the course of California’s water future.

“The Delta Vision Foundation welcomes these principled and respected experts, who have demonstrated leadership and foresight throughout their years of public service and in the Delta Vision Strategic Plan process,” said Foundation President Sunne Wright McPeak. “The unpredictability of our water supply and the crisis of the Delta ecosystem dictate that the state moves immediately and aggressively to find solutions. Our new Directors bring with them a wealth of experience and knowledge, as well as the benefit of continuity on Delta policy guidance that will be invaluable in helping to achieve the co-equal goals of restoring the Delta ecosystem and creating a more reliable water supply for California.”

The Foundation also announced the appointments of Charles Gardiner to Executive Director and Rita Holder, Esq. to Policy Research Associate.

The Delta Vision Foundation continues to assess and evaluate progress by the state in implementing the Delta Vision Strategic Plan, released in October 2008. The plan included a set of integrated recommendations by which the fundamental and co-equal goals of water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem restoration could be met by adopting the package in full. The recommendations as stated in the Delta Vision Strategic Plan are:

- Make the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration the legal foundation of Delta and water policy
- Recognize and enhance the unique cultural, recreational and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place
- Restore the Delta ecosystem as the heart of a healthy estuary
- Promote statewide water conservation, efficiency and sustainable use
- Build facilities to improve the existing water conveyance system and expand statewide storage; operate both to achieve the co-equal goals
- Reduce risks to people, property and state interests in the Delta by effective emergency preparedness, appropriate land uses and strategic levee investments
- Establish a new governance structure with the authority, responsibility, accountability, science support and secure funding to achieve these goals

On June 16, The Delta Vision Foundation will publish an annual assessment of progress in implementing the integrated and linked actions set forth in the Delta Vision Strategic Plan to restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and ensure a reliable water supply for California.

Find additional information on the Delta Vision Foundation at: <http://www.deltavisionfoundation.org>.

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The Delta Vision Foundation is the successor to the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force, the independent body established under Governor’s Executive Order S-17-06. The Foundation’s goal is to maintain the visibility and viability of final recommendations of the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force, and encourage the public policy process to utilize those recommendations. The Foundation issues reports

and participates in policy processes, but takes no formal position on legislation. The Foundation provides information to help policy makers act to restore the Delta and provide a more reliable water supply for California.