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DCA Executive Director Kathryn Mallon Transitions to Senior Advisor; Graham Bradner Named Executive Director

Today, the Board of Directors for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) approved an amendment to its agreement with Management Partners to have Executive Director Kathryn Mallon transition to Senior Advisor. Graham Bradner will serve as the DCA Executive Director moving forward on an initial interim basis.

This change in role was recommended by Ms. Mallon and coincides with the DCA's submission of its initial engineering and design work in support of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) consideration of a potential Delta Conveyance Project. At this time, the DCA will transition to providing planning-level design support or modifications as requested by DWR as they move through their environmental review process. As Ms. Mallon stated, "I'm immensely proud of the work that we have accomplished at the DCA. However, the nature of the upcoming work is shifting, and it feels like a good time to return to my roots in design and construction of major infrastructure projects while the proposed Project undergoes CEQA analysis. I appreciate the confidence this Board has placed in me and I look forward to continuing to serve the DCA as a Senior Advisor going forward."

Under Ms. Mallon's tenure, the DCA pivoted from its intended purpose as a design and construction delivery organization for California WaterFix, to assisting DWR with its consideration of a one tunnel approach for water conveyance in the Delta. During this time, Ms. Mallon helped build a brand-new public authority focused on delivering exceptional engineering services. Ms. Mallon has emphasized transparency and collaboration during her tenure, elevating these values within the culture of the DCA and in outward facing interactions with the public. This has included the launch of a robust public engagement process through the Stakeholder Engagement Committee, a forum for Delta stakeholders to provide feedback on the DCA's engineering work. As DCA President Richard Atwater noted, "We are very appreciative of Ms. Mallon's efforts and accomplishments. The DCA is very well-positioned to move forward through the planning phase of Delta Conveyance, and this is due in large part to Kathryn's hard work."

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As part of Ms. Mallon’s transition to Senior Advisor, Graham Bradner will be joining Management Partners to serve as the DCA’s Executive Director on an initial interim basis. Mr. Bradner previously led the DCA’s Levee team, assisted the Engineering Design Manager, and is a frequent contributor in the Stakeholder Engagement Committee process. His appointment will bring continuity and a seamless transition for the DCA team. Mr. Bradner is a licensed California geologist. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Clemson University.

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