

# Office of the Delta Watermaster Update

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**Delta  
Stewardship  
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# Overview

- 2022-23 Water Reporting Update
- Delta Drought Response Pilot Program
- Next Steps in Science Collaboration

# Water Year 2022-23 Reporting

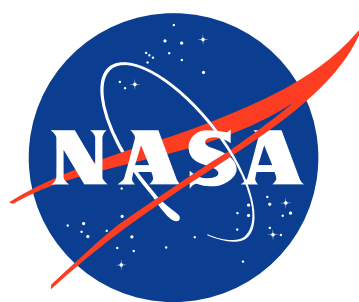
**What have we learned in implementing a new Delta-wide reporting platform?**

**(Delta Alternative Compliance Plan - [www.DeltaACP.com](http://www.DeltaACP.com))**

- **Overview of overall Delta reporting (for SB 88 legal compliance)**
  - Capturing/organizing useful data – status report
- **OpenET and Water Data Reporting for WY 2023**
  - What did we learn in OpenET adoption/Delta ACP.com?
  - Next Phase for Experiments: Localized Delta Island water budget experiments
  - Application of DeltaACP for both riparian and appropriative right reporting in 2023

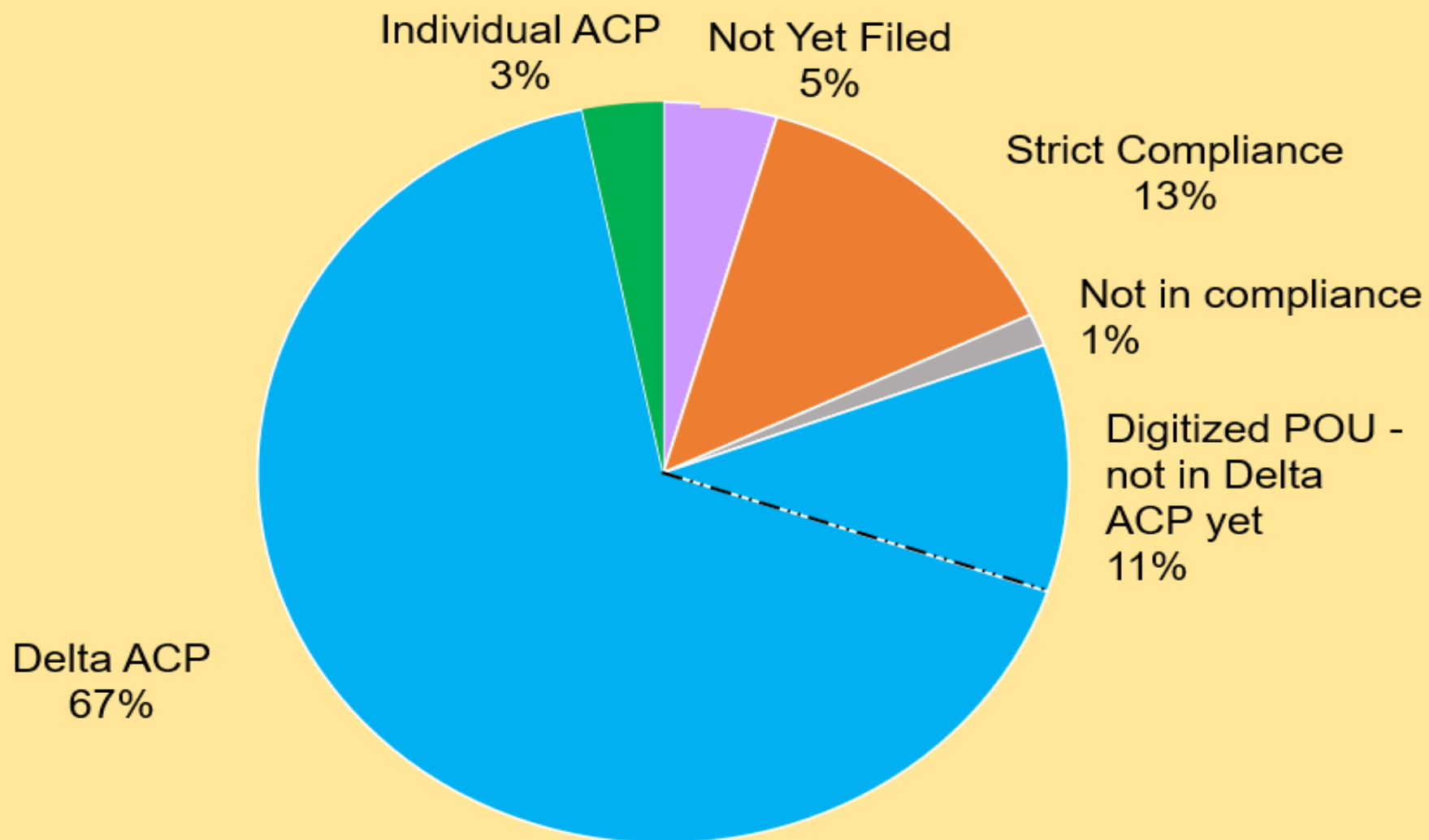
# Critical Partners for Creating the Delta ACP

Delta ACP took years of work and dedicated partners



# Delta Alternative Compliance Plan

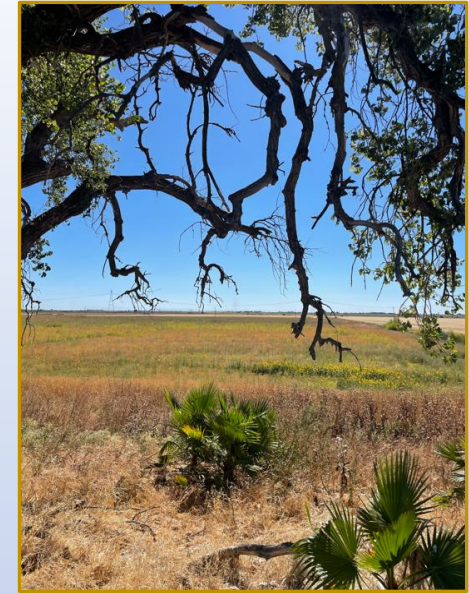
## Water Reports Filed as of September 20, 2023



# Delta Drought Response Pilot Program

## Objective: Collaborative Drought Planning

- Project Elements:
- 33 Delta projects and 8850 acres enrolled in 2022 program:
  - Delta-wide regional project portfolio
  - Facilitated by water agencies and state
  - Implemented by water users across Delta
- Estimated water conservation ranged from 3,300 to 5,500 acre-feet across all project acres



# Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (Cont.)

- For 2023 Water Year:
  - **61** projects enrolled in program
  - **16,116** acres testing water savings practices
  - **6400** acres enrolled to support migratory bird habitat objectives
    - ✓ Program budget: \$10.8 million
    - ✓ Year 2 projects provide comparison across extremely dry year to an extremely wet year
    - ✓ Added implementation of UC Davis field level measurements



# Science and Planning Collaboration

State Water Board and  
Delta Stewardship Council  
Science Collaboration

- ✓ One Delta/One Science
- ✓ Linking Science to Action
- ✓ Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee





# Questions Thank you

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