

# Office of the Delta Watermaster Report

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DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

# Overview



- **Delta Drought Update**
- **Water Year 2023 Dry-year Risk Mitigation Planning**
- **How the Delta Fits among Proposed Voluntary Agreements**
- **Recruiting is Underway for My Successor**

An aerial photograph of a river delta system. The water is a deep blue, winding through a landscape of vibrant green agricultural fields. The fields are separated by thin, dark lines representing roads or irrigation canals. The river branches out, creating a complex network of channels and islands. The overall scene is a mix of natural water flow and human agricultural intervention.

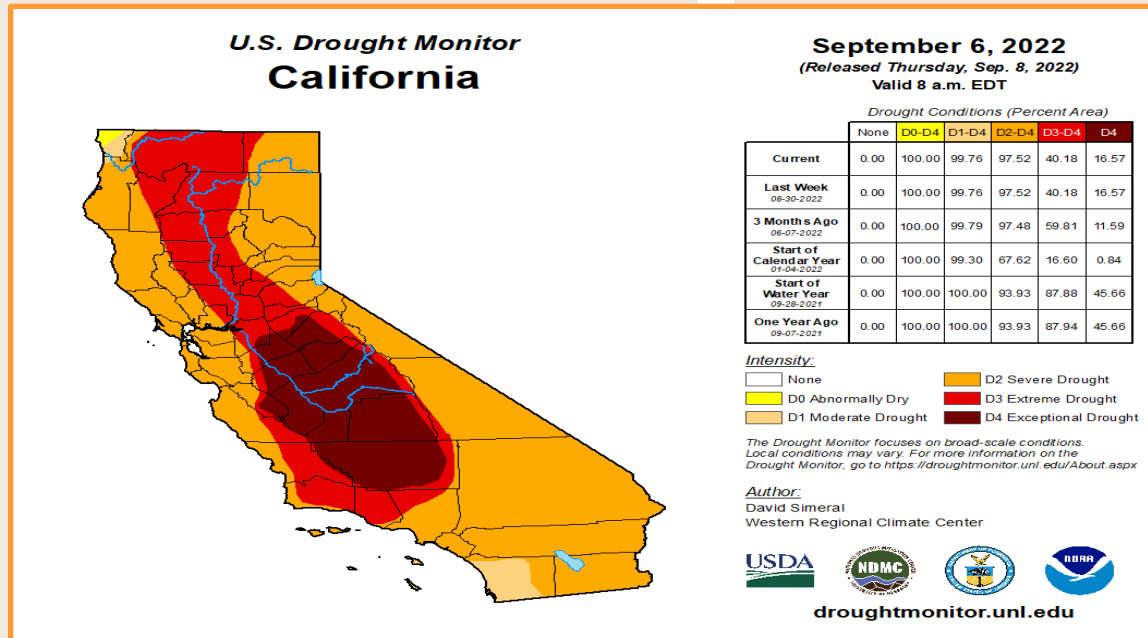
# Delta Drought Update

- Report on Investigation of Unauthorized Diversions
- Delta Dry-year Response Pilot Program (DDRPP)
- Emergency Regulations and Curtailments
- Water Unavailability Methodology

Impact on the Delta: Treating Riparians as “Super Seniors”

# Water Year 2023 - Dry-year Risk Mitigation Planning

- Preliminary and Anecdotal Data from DDRPP
- Program Funded for 2023
- Significant Tweaks to a Successful Program
  - Reverse Auction Bids
  - Extensive Ground Truthing





## How the Delta Fits among Proposed Voluntary Agreements

- Drought Impacts the Delta as a Threat to Water Quality
- Maximum Threat Occurs in June, July, August, and September
- Ameliorating Threats to Fish and Birds are on Different Schedules
- Timing of Water Conservation Actions Involves Tradeoffs



# Recruiting is Underway for My Successor

- Selection by the State Water Board Subject to Consultation with the Council
- Applications Open through October 31

# Questions



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