

## Introduction of State Water Resources Control Board's New Delta Watermaster

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**Summary:** Craig M. Wilson, the newly appointed Delta Watermaster, will be introduced and make a short presentation and answer questions from the Council.

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### **Background**

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (SB X7 1) requires that the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) appoint a "Delta Watermaster" (Watermaster). The Watermaster has delegated authority to require monitoring and reporting, and take enforcement actions. The Watermaster will act with a high degree of independence within the Delta to implement and enforce existing water rights laws, Board permits and licenses. The Watermaster has authority to issue notices of proposed cease and desist orders or administrative civil liability complaints. The position is a four-year term.

*Water Code Section 85230 specifies:*

*(a) The board, in consultation with the council, shall appoint, for a term of four years, a special master for the Delta, whose title shall be "the Delta Watermaster." ...*

The Board appointed attorney Craig M. Wilson to serve in the newly created Delta Watermaster position. The new Delta Watermaster is a 30-year veteran dealing with California's complex water issues. Wilson served as a lawyer at Stoel Rives LLP specializing in water issues. He was the Board's Chief Counsel from 2000 until 2005. Prior to that, he had 24 years of experience in a variety of capacities with the Board.

### **List of Attachments**

Attachment 1 - PowerPoint Presentation  
Attachment 2 - Water Code Section 85230 (Full version)

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