



INFORMATION ITEM

Watermaster Update

Summary

Delta Watermaster Jay Ziegler will report on his office's activities related to the implementation of the Delta Plan.

Background

The Office of the Delta Watermaster was created by the Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Water Code §85230). The Delta Watermaster is appointed to a four-year term by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) in consultation with the Delta Stewardship Council (Council). The Delta Watermaster regularly reports to the Water Board and the Council (Water Code §85230(d)).

The Delta Watermaster is responsible for overseeing the administration of water rights and, when necessary, taking enforcement action related to water diversions in the Delta. The Delta Watermaster also confers with and assists the Water Board and the Council as they carry out legislative mandates to enhance the Delta ecosystem and improve statewide water supply reliability.

Today's Presentation

Ziegler will provide an overview of the 2022 Delta-wide water reporting platform, including the implementation of the Delta Alternative Compliance Plan, compiling a status report, and the next phase of science projects, including the Delta Science Consortium. The report will include the two-year project review for the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program, outlining the collaborative drought planning and the project elements and plans for the 2022 and 2023 water years. Ziegler will also review ongoing lower San Joaquin River flood risks, including ongoing risk assessment and research efforts. In closing, Ziegler will review next steps to further science collaboration between the Water Board and the Council.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

Not applicable.

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