

Office of the Delta Watermaster Report

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DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Introduction



- **Final Report of My Tenure:
A Look Back and Look Ahead**
- **Hand-off of Authority and Responsibility to
[successor] and Staff**

In Appreciation....

- Thank you for the Consistent Support from the Council and its Staff
 - The Office of the Delta Watermaster is the Direct Link between the Water Board and the Council
 - Coordination/Collaboration through both Personal and Institutional Connections



Board & Council Collaboration

- Science Action Agenda
 - One Delta/One Science
 - Linking Science to Action
 - Providing Credible Scientific Basis for Water Board Decisions
- Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee
- Collaborative Science Adaptive Management Program
- Regular Chair:Chair and Staff:Staff Meetings



Progress Depends on Vision, Flexibility, Inclusivity...and Persistence

- Outreach to a Variety of Delta Constituencies
- Clarification of Water Rights in the Delta
 - Overlap Memo
 - *MID v. Tanaka*
 - Elements of a Riparian Right
 - Curtailment Policies During Drought
 - Flood Control Meets Community Master Planning
 - Water Transfer Policy

Water Management Depends on Reliable Data

- No More Failure to File Water Use Reports

Reporting Period	Licenses	Statements
Calendar Year 2014	29%	18%
Transitional Stub Period 2021	94%	95%

- Direct Outreach to Delinquents
- Assistance from Filing Status Review Group
- Timely Compliance
- Migration to Consistent Monitoring
 - OpenET
 - A Delta Alternative Compliance Plan
 - Delta Drought Response Pilot Programs
- Follow the Data Where they Lead
 - Report on Investigation of Complaint Alleging Unauthorized Diversion
 - The Challenge of Conserving Water in the Delta



A Look Over the Horizon

- Preparing for the Data Avalanche
- Management Toward the Co-equal Objectives
 - The Regulatory Labyrinth
 - Re-engaging the Federal Government
 - Migration from Immutable Contracts
 - Climate Change vs. Adaptive Management
 - Living with Conflict
- The Logic of the Delta Plan

Questions

A landscape photograph of a wetland area. In the foreground, there are tall, thin grasses. A body of water flows through the middle ground, surrounded by dense, tall grasses and some green aquatic plants. In the background, there are several power line towers and bare trees under a clear blue sky.

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