



INFORMATION ITEM

Delta Watermaster Update

Summary: Delta Watermaster Michael Patrick George will present a report as required by the Delta Reform Act (Water Code §85230(d)).

Background

The Office of the Delta Watermaster was created as part of the Delta Reform Act of 2009. The Watermaster is an independent officer of the State, appointed to a four-year term by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board), and reports jointly to the Water Board and the Delta Stewardship Council (Council).

As Watermaster, Michael George is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of water rights and, when necessary, taking enforcement action related to water diversions in the Delta. The 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 Meeting

At today's meeting, Mr. George will update the Council regarding his activities, including how his office has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. George will also highlight recent litigation and its impact on the Delta.

In addition to highlighting coordination activities, the Watermaster will present progress made on his 2020 workplan initiatives. These initiatives include preparations for the next drought, progress on the Holland Tract Project, the outreach and education efforts his office has undertaken to inform diverters, and the implementation of diversion measurement regulations.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

None

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