



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

Mr. Ziegler will discuss the following activities of his office. He will provide an update on the Delta Alternative Compliance Plan, including a discussion of implementation options, data review from ongoing feedback, and next-phase science projects. He will give an overview of the Delta Drought Response Pilot Program, outlining the current objectives and project elements, and discussing the 2023 Water Year. Mr. Ziegler will review the ongoing Lower San Joaquin Flood Risk, including risk assessment and research efforts. Mr. Ziegler will also report on the Delta's role in the current Proposed Voluntary Agreements and provide an update on the ongoing science collaboration between the State Water Board and the Delta Stewardship Council. Under direction from the State Water Board, Voluntary Agreements are negotiated between stakeholders and state agencies to aid in the

implementation of Bay-Delta Plan Amendments. More information on the current process for Voluntary Agreements can be found here:

https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/proposed_voluntary_agreements.html

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

N/A

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