



INFORMATION ITEM

Delta Watermaster Update

Summary

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

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 present on the newly released Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (DDRPP) Water Year 2023 Report. The DDRPP is a program developed by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy), the Department of Water Resources, the Office of the Delta Watermaster, the Nature Conservancy, and Delta water users in response to drought risk in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed. This report focuses on results from the 2023 water year, analyzes DDRPP's effectiveness, describes program outcomes, and includes findings and recommendations for future agricultural water conservation programs. Today's presentation will discuss the report's results, methodology of the report, future recommendations, and areas for future study.

Additionally, the Watermaster will provide an update on water reporting in the Legal Delta and the continuing work of the Delta Measurement Experimental Consortium (DMEC), which was initiated in 2016 to develop a path toward implementing Senate Bill 88, focused on diversion measuring and reporting.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

Not applicable.

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