



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

Delta Watermaster Jay Ziegler will present on current water year reporting, including a summary of 2024 Reporting and Enforcement actions. Additionally, the Watermaster will provide an update on the continuing work of the Delta Measurement Experimental Consortium (DMEC) including an update on planning for 2025 and beyond. Mr. Ziegler will provide an update on the implementation of SB 88, the water measurement and reporting regulation. This update will include an overview of the proposed revisions to clarify regulation text and align data reporting requirements with data modernization efforts.

Mr. Ziegler will also highlight the California Water Accounting, Tracking and Reporting System (CalWATRS), aimed at making reporting and managing water

rights more efficient. Early rollout for this system began in July 2025 with reporting set to begin in October 2025. The Watermaster will present an update on the South Delta "Circulation & Channel Maintenance Initiative" including water management challenges, active dredging programs and practical approaches to the initiative. Mr. Ziegler will also highlight the ongoing issues and challenges the office of the Watermaster is seeing across the Delta and recent outreach efforts.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

Not applicable.

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