



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 ongoing “whiplash” hydrology conditions we are experiencing in the Delta this year and South Delta water level issues. Ziegler will also provide an update on the implementation of the California Water Accounting, Tracking and Reporting System (CalWATRS), and address new requirements of filers for WY 2027. The Watermaster will also provide updates on the Delta Measurement Experimental Consortium (DMEC) and related study efforts, created in response to the passage of Senate Bill 88, which requires greater transparency in water usage reporting.

The Watermaster will report on the Water Board’s Cyanobacteria Harmful Algal Blooms (CHABS) monitoring efforts including the HABS report map. Finally, the

Watermaster will provide an update on the timeline for the consideration of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan which establishes quality control measures and flow requirements in the watershed.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

Not applicable.

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A recording of the presentation will be available on the Delta Council's YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/@DeltaCouncil>.