

Board Report

Office of the General Manager

Bay-Delta Management Report

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for April 2024.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Long-Term Delta Actions

Delta Conveyance

The State Water Resources Control Board granted a two-week extension to submit protests regarding the Delta Conveyance Project water rights change petition to add new points of diversion in the north Delta. The new deadline is May 13, 2024. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) applied to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) on April 9. The ITP application, and new information materials, including an updating permitting schedule can be found on DWR's About the Delta Conveyance Project website.

Delta Conveyance Related Joint Powers Authorities

At the March 8, 2024^t Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors meeting, the DCA Board adopted a resolution considering an Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP), made Responsible Agency Findings, adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and approved further pre-construction geotechnical investigations for the DCP.

Sites Reservoir

At the April 19 Joint Reservoir Committee and Sites Authority Board meeting, the Reservoir Committee and the Authority Board discussed the estimated construction cost process and discussed the interim financing plan including assumptions related to how the construction costs will be funded.

Near-Term Delta Actions

Regulatory and Science Update

Staff published two peer-reviewed papers in April. The first paper focuses on the hazard risk of contaminants on Chinook Salmon in floodplains or rivers, and was published in the *Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*. The second paper focuses on behavioral and distributional changes by fish in the upper water column of the San Francisco Estuary, and was published in *Estuaries and Coasts*.

The Reorienting to Recovery salmon project hosted a forum meeting and a structured decision making workshop to review blended scenario results that achieved salmonid recovery. The purpose of the Reorienting to Recovery Project is to identify preferred, broadly supported management scenarios that support salmonid recovery in the Central Valley.

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Metropolitan Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix and California EcoRestore/Delta Conveyance Project (BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP) Expenditures

The following is a summary of Metropolitan's cumulative BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP expenditures updated for the quarter ending March 2024. This report includes the total internal costs related to the BDCP, the CWF-CER, and the subsequent DCP efforts with the state administration.

Staff will continue to provide this report on a quarterly basis in the Bay Delta Management Report.

Total (July 2005 – March 2024)

BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP Internal MWD	Total Costs (18.75 yrs.)
Labor & Benefits (1)	\$ 38.40M
Professional Services	\$ 7.18M
Travel	\$ 1.80M
Other (2)	\$ 0.20M
SUBTOTAL	\$ 47.58M
Administrative Overhead	\$ 13.92M
TOTAL	\$ 61.50M

⁽¹⁾ Labor costs include salary, leave and non-leave benefits

Quarterly Summary (Jan 2023 - Mar 2024)

	FY22-23 Q4	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3
	Apr-Jun 2023	Jul-Sep 2023	Oct-Dec 2023	Jan-Mar 2024
Labor	0.258M	0.186M	0.152M	0.249M
Professional Services	0.033M	0.001M	0.006M	0.004M
Travel	0.004M	0.000M	0.001M	0.004M
Other	0.000M	0.000M	0.000M	0.000M
SUB-TOTAL	0.295M	0.187M	0.159M	0.257M
Admin. Overhead	0.059M	0.062M	0.046M	0.048M
TOTAL	0.354M	0.249M	0.205M	0.305M

The following is a summary of the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority costs for member's share of administrative expenses:

Quarterly Summary (Apr 2023 – Mar 2024)

	FY22-23 Q4	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2	FY23-24 Q3
	Apr-Jun 2023	Jul-Sep 2023	Oct-Dec 2023	Jan-Mar 2024
TOTAL	0.002M	0.001M	0.002M	0.001M

⁽²⁾ Other includes charges for materials and supplies, trainings & seminars, conferences & meetings, reprographics, and other incidental expenses