



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# Board Report

## Bay-Delta Resources

- **Bay-Delta Management Report**

### Summary

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This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for July 15 – August 15, 2025.

### Purpose

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Informational

### Detailed Report

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#### **Decide on Sites Reservoir and Protect our Bay-Delta Interests**

Bring Sites Reservoir analyses and options to the Board for consideration

At the Joint Reservoir Committee and Sites Project Authority (Authority) Board meeting on July 18, 2025, the Reservoir Committee and the Authority Board approved the 2024 Financial Auditor's Report which includes a Federal Single Audit. The 2024 Financial Audit of the Authority's financial statement found that all information was presented in a manner that fairly, in all material respects, represents the Authority's financial position as of December 31, 2024.

#### Maintain and Advocate for Metropolitan's Interests in Delta Conveyance Project Planning and Associated Funding

On August 6, 2025, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released an [Accountability Action Plan](#). The goal of the plan is to avoid, minimize, or offset any potential impacts of construction to the residents, businesses, Tribes and visitors to the Delta. The plan consists of five components: an ombudsman office, regulatory mitigation, a \$200 million community benefits program, community advisory groups, and project communications.

#### Advance Science and Multi-Benefit Solutions That Improve the Sustainability of the Delta and Inform Regulation

Metropolitan staff presented at the Contaminant Project Workteam on integrating contaminants into water project management using decision science.

Metropolitan staff presented on the Annual Bay-Delta Initiatives Science Report to the One Water and Adaptation Committee. Milestones included the report on Reorientating to Recovery, successes in impoundment culture for Delta smelt, education of future water managers through the COEQWAL program at the University of California system, successes in decision science for water and ecosystem management, and the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration and Rice Conversion Projects on Webb Tract.

#### Upper Watershed

Building on the success of the Upper Feather River Watershed site visits in early June, staff began planning for another site visit to the watershed in early October 2025. In January 2026, leaders from the Upper Feather River Watershed will travel to Southern California for a tour of Metropolitan's facilities as well as the broader service area.