



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Bay-Delta Resources

• Bay-Delta Management Report

Summary

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

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Activities in Support of the General Manager's Business Plan

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 Authority Board meeting on June 20, the Reservoir Committee and the Authority Board authorized the Executive Director to resubmit the Project's Clean Water Act 404 permit and 401 certification applications.

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

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has concluded its Change in Point of Diversion petition case-in-chief to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). On July 11, the State Water Contractors and the protestant parties filed their case-in-chief testimony to the SWRCB.

At the regularly scheduled board meeting on June 18, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board approved resolutions to secure deputy executive director services, facilitation services, and executive strategic support services to support the DCA's ongoing operations and strategic initiatives.

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

Staff presented to the Environmental Science Work Group on the proposed Non-Flow Action for 2025/2026. The proposed action would consist of collaborating with the Division of Boating and Waterways to adjust their Aquatic Weed Control Program to focus on removing submerged aquatic vegetation from Delta smelt habitat.

Metropolitan staff co-instructed a week-long intro course on Structured Decision Making (SDM) for 30 staff from DWR, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and public water agencies. The training sought to broaden knowledge of SDM and decision analysis tools among Bay-Delta managers and technical staff in support of meeting state and federal permits for operating the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project which have identified over a dozen decisions that will require some form of SDM.

Implement Risk Reduction Strategies to Protect Delta Assets and Minimize Supply Disruption

The Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project received concurrence from CDFW that the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA paving the way for expedited permitting.

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