



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Executive Office

• Bay-Delta Management Report

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for January 2025.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Long-Term Delta Actions

Delta Conveyance Project

On January 17, 2025, the Delta Stewardship Council dismissed the four appeals of the California Department of Water Resources' Certification of Consistency for 2024-2026 geotechnical work. The appeals were dismissed for lack of jurisdiction because the 2024-2026 geotechnical work is not a covered action.

Delta Conveyance Related Joint Powers Authority

At the January 16 Delta Conveyance Finance Authority (DCFA) Board of Directors meeting, the DCFA Board made decisions to re-elect several members to leadership positions. Paul Sathy, representing Alameda County Water District, remains as President of the board; Miguel Angel Luna, representing Metropolitan, is now the Vice President; Robert Cheng, representing the Coachella Valley Water District, stays on as Secretary, and Metropolitan's Katano Kasaine has been reinstated as Treasurer. On January 14, Valley Water voted to support continued funding for Delta Conveyance Project planning; all participating agencies are expected to vote by the end of March 2025.

Near-Term Delta Actions

Regulatory and Science Update

Staff co-authored two papers that were published in January 2025. The first paper, titled "Insights from a Year of Field Deployments Inform the Conservation of An Endangered Estuarine Fish," was published in *Conservation Physiology*. The second paper, titled "Influence of an Impacted Estuary on The Reproduction of an Endangered Endemic Fish," was published in *Science of the Total Environment*.

Upper Watershed Projects

Metropolitan staff executed agreements with the Plumas Community Protection I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, the North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond LLC, and the Upper Butte Creek I Forest Resilience Bond LLC per the Board's authorization in September 2024. The North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond is expected to officially launch in the next couple of months, with the others following later this year.

Delta Islands

Metropolitan staff executed a short-term lease for farming on Webb Tract. The lease will ensure crop insurance can be maintained for the island while providing revenue and weed control.

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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 December 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 – December 2024)

| BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP Internal MWD | Total Costs (19.5 yrs.) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Labor & Benefits ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 39.98M |
| Professional Services | \$ 7.59M |
| Travel | \$ 1.81M |
| Other ⁽²⁾ | \$ 0.22M |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 49.58M |
| <u>Administrative Overhead</u> | <u>\$ 14.18M</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 63.76M |

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

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

Quarterly Summary (Jan 2024 – Dec 2024)

| | FY23-24 Q3 | FY23-24 Q4 | FY24-25 Q1 | FY24-25 Q2 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Jan-Mar 2024 | Apr-Jun 2024 | Jul-Sep 2024 | Oct-Dec 2024 |
| Labor | 0.249M | 0.253M | 0.221M | 0.268M |
| Professional Services | 0.004M | 0.002M | 0.001M | 0.003M |
| Travel | 0.004M | 0.000M | 0.000M | 0.005M |
| Other | 0.000M | 0.000M | 0.000M | 0.001M |
| SUB-TOTAL | 0.257M | 0.184M | 0.222M | 0.277M |
| Admin. Overhead | 0.048M | 0.038M | 0.062M | 0.057M |
| TOTAL | 0.305M | 0.223M | 0.284M | 0.334M |

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

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| | FY23-24 Q3 | FY23-24 Q4 | FY23-24 Q1 | FY24-25 Q2 |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Jan-Mar 2024 | Apr-Jun 2024 | Jul-Sep 2024 | Oct-Dec 2024 |
| TOTAL | 0.001M | 0.002M | 0.002M | 0.002M |