



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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 January 2024

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Long-Term Delta Actions

Delta Conveyance related Joint Powers Authorities

At the January 24th Special Meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors, the DCA Board adopted a resolution amending the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with DWR. Director Miguel Angel Luna was appointed by vote to be the DCA legislative liaison.

Sites Reservoir

At the January 19th Joint Reservoir Committee and Sites Authority Board meeting, the Reservoir Committee and the Authority Board directed staff to proceed with implementing proposed policy recommendations from the Local Community Working Group to ensure project alignment with the local community's vision for a successful outcome. The Reservoir Committee and Authority Board authorized the Executive Director to submit the project's Clean Water Act section 404 and 401 Permit applications.

Near-Term Delta Actions

Regulatory and Science Update

Staff completed their review of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Draft Staff Report (Draft Staff Report). This report evaluates the impacts of Bay-Delta Plan update alternatives, including unimpaired flow alternatives and the Agreements to Support Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (also known as Voluntary Agreements). Metropolitan submitted its comment letter to the State Water Board on the Draft Staff Report on January 19, 2024. The letter focuses on supporting the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Agreements and the impacts to Metropolitan as a result of the proposed unimpaired flow alternatives.

Science staff submitted their reviews of the Summer Fall Habitat Action 2023 Report. The report details the use of the 100 TAF action to maintain low salinity habitat in Suisun Marsh and Grizzly Bay, which would overlap with more turbid water with greater densities of food. Results suggest that the conjoined action had limited impact on Delta smelt habitat but results are still pending on the food metrics.

Delta Islands

Staff is finalizing the revised Webb Tract grant agreement that incorporates two projects, a rice project and wetland habitat restoration project. A Request for Proposal for the Rice Project will be released in Spring 2024 with construction expected to begin Fall 2024 if the Board approves it. The Wetland Habitat Restoration Project will begin design and California Environmental Quality Act compliance in Spring 2024 with project approvals expected in mid-2025. Construction would follow in late 2025 if the Board approves it.

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Metropolitan Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix and 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 2023. This report includes the total internal costs related to the BDCP, the CWF-CER alternatives, 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 2023)

BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP Internal MWD	Total Costs (18.5 yrs.)
Labor & Benefits ⁽¹⁾	\$ 38.15M
Professional Services	\$ 7.18M
Travel	\$ 1.80M
Other ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.19M
SUBTOTAL	\$ 47.32M
Administrative Overhead	\$ 13.78M
TOTAL	\$ 61.10M

⁽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 2023 – Dec 2023)

	FY22-23 Q3	FY22-23 Q4	FY23-24 Q1	FY23-24 Q2
	Jan-Mar 2023	Apr-Jun 2023	Jul-Sep 2023	Oct-Dec 2023
Labor	0.205M	0.258M	0.186M	0.152M
Professional Services	0.004M	0.033M	0.001M	0.006M
Travel	0.004M	0.004M	0.000M	0.001M
Other	0.000M	0.000M	0.000M	0.000M
SUB-TOTAL	0.213M	0.295M	0.187M	0.159M
Admin. Overhead	0.044M	0.059M	0.062M	0.046M
TOTAL	0.257M	0.354M	0.249M	0.205M

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

Quarterly Summary (Jan 2023 – Dec 2023)

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