



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

# Board Report

## Office of the General Manager

### • Bay-Delta Management Report

#### Summary

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

#### Purpose

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Informational

#### Detailed Report

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##### Long-Term Delta Actions

###### Delta Conveyance

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted a Change in Point of Diversion Petition to the State Water Resources Control Board to review the petition for accuracy and completeness and then issue a public notice detailing their public review process. DWR, Metropolitan and other supporting public water agencies also filed appeals of the bond validation decision in response to the January 16, 2024, Sacramento County Superior Court ruling denying DWR's request for an order validating bond resolutions to finance the Delta Conveyance Project.

DWR released two fact sheets: [Delta Conveyance Project Fast Facts](#) - a compilation of quick project stats, key project features, water supply reliability, and public input; and, [Adapting to Climate Change: Catching and Moving Water from Big Storms](#) - which found that if the Delta Conveyance Project had been operational during the recent storms, about 457,000 acre-feet of water could have been captured by the State Water Project for future use through February 20. This number will be updated as available.

###### Delta Conveyance Related Joint Powers Authorities

At the February 15 regularly scheduled meeting, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors meeting, the DCA Board adopted a resolution to establish a Finance Committee and appointed Director Gary Martin to chair the committee made up of DCA Board Chair Sarah Palmer and Director Martin Milobar.

##### Near-Term Delta Actions

###### Regulatory and Science Update

Staff submitted review of the Collaborative Adaptive Management Team Structured Decision Making for Delta Smelt draft report. The draft report details the final analysis of the Phase 1 effort initiated in 2019 with the objective of developing alternative actions to promote positive population growth in Delta smelt in the next 5-10 years.

###### Delta Islands

Staff has completed negotiations with the Delta Conservancy on the Webb Tract Grant Agreement. A floating wetland containment structure was installed in an existing impoundment on Bouldin Island and the tules located

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in the dough boy pools from a previous floating wetlands study on Bouldin Island will be moved to the containment structure in the impoundment as nursery stock and it will continue to be studied.