



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 March 2024.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Long-Term Delta Actions

Delta Conveyance

The California Department of Water Resources submitted a Change in Point of Diversion Petition to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on February 22, 2024. The State Water Board issued a public notice on February 29 noting that any protests against the change petition must be filed by April 29, 2024.

Delta Conveyance Related Joint Powers Authorities

At the March 8 Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors meeting, the DCA Board executed an agreement with Bradner Consulting, LLC which continues Graham Bradner as the DCA Executive Director.

Sites Reservoir

At the February 16, 2024 Joint Reservoir Committee and Sites Authority Board meeting, the Reservoir Committee and the Authority Board authorized the Executive Director to execute operations agreements with Maxwell Irrigation District and Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company to ensure that the Sites Reservoir Project will not impact their ability to exercise their water rights.

Near-Term Delta Actions

Regulatory and Science Update

Dr. Shawn Acuña, Metropolitan, presented at the National Academy of Sciences' review of the Long-term Operations of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. Dr. Acuña presented on Metropolitan's support for the review and the need to examine the monitoring enterprise in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Watershed and the debate on the efficacy of Fall X2 to support Delta smelt.

Staff is participating in the US Bureau of Reclamation's Value of Information Workshop. The workshop is conducted with Dr. Corey Phillis as a facilitator working with the decision scientist, Dr. Brian Healy and his team from the United States Geological Survey.

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Delta Islands

Staff transferred floating tules from a previous study and introduced cultured Delta smelt in cages in the West Bouldin Pond as part of the Floating Wetland Pond Study, set to end in April 2024, and the Floating Wetland Cage Study, which is an ongoing study. Results of both studies will be made available to the Board when completed.