



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 April 15 – May 15, 2025.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Long-Term Delta Actions

Delta Conveyance Related Joint Powers Authorities

The Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) continues to provide engineering and environmental support to the California Department of Water Resources for the Change in Point of Diversion hearings before the State Water Resources Control Board. The DCA is also advancing project design through engineering studies and exploring potential innovations, with an updated cost estimate and Basis of Design Report expected in early 2027.

At a Special Board Meeting on May 15, the DCA Board expressed strong support for Governor Gavin Newsom's proposal to fast-track the Delta Conveyance Project.

The Governor's May Revision includes trailer bill proposals designed to simplify permitting, confirm funding authority, streamline legal processes, and support timely construction. These measures aim to reduce project delays, cut costs, and accelerate the delivery of upgraded infrastructure capable of withstanding climate change, seismic threats, and increasing water demands.

Near-Term Delta Actions

Regulatory and Science Update

Metropolitan staff co-authored, with the State Water Contractors, a comment letter on the Delta Independent Science Board's Draft Prospectus on Contaminant Monitoring.

Metropolitan staff, in collaboration with UC Davis, initiated the first test of the Pond Harvest Study. The test was to evaluate the methods to be used to harvest live fish. The Pond Harvest Study is part of the Delta Smelt Impoundment Studies that will be used to inform state and federal agencies on how to culture Delta smelt more efficiently to meet permit obligations to produce over 350,000 fish by 2030.

Delta Islands

Staff submitted a Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects Concurrence Request to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Webb Tract Wetlands Restoration Project. Staff completed a Constructability Review Workshop for the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project to identify uncertainty in the bid process.

The submission deadline for proposals to lease farmland on Bacon Island was May 8.