



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Bay-Delta Resources

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Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to the Bay-Delta for September 15 – October 15, 2025.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Decide on Sites Reservoir and Protect our Bay Delta Interests

Bring Sites Reservoir analyses and options to the Board for consideration

At the September 19, 2025, meeting, the Sites Reservoir Committee and Authority Board received a presentation on the importance and timing of mitigation efforts. Staff outlined key components of the contracting strategy, including the Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposal process, minimum acreage commitments, bonding requirements, labor and workforce considerations, use of Sites-owned property, and annual price adjustments. These items were previously reviewed by the mitigation workgroup.

Implement risk reduction strategies to protect Delta assets and minimize supply disruption

Bidding closed on the Delta Properties Infrastructure Phase 5B Improvements project. All of Metropolitan's siphons on the Delta Islands are expected to be metered by the end of January 2026.

Metropolitan staff submitted all environmental permit applications for the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project. Staff reviewed the lease agreement for a rice farming partner on Webb Tract.

Advance Science and Multi-Benefit Solutions That Improve the Sustainability of the Delta and Inform Regulation

Staff, with researchers from UC Davis, conducted trial runs of the pond-cultured Delta smelt. All trials were successful, and staff are prepared for the first Pond Harvest Study test in November 2025. The Pond Harvest Study will determine the efficacy of using ponds as culturing tools to support hatchery production of wild-released fish in the Delta.

Upper Watershed

Several Board members and staff participated in another site visit to the Upper Feather River Watershed in early October. Staff continues to support the development of a special SWP inspection trip in November that will begin in the upper watershed, as well as a tour in Southern California for Feather River Watershed leaders in January 2026.

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Metropolitan Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix and EcoRestore/Delta Conveyance Project (BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP) Expenditure

The following is a summary of Metropolitan's cumulative BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP expenditures updated for the quarter ending September 2025. 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 – September 2025)

BDCP/CWF-CER/DCP Internal MWD	Total Costs (20.25 yrs.)
Labor & Benefits ⁽¹⁾	\$ 40.06M
Professional Services	\$ 7.17M
Travel	\$ 1.80M
Other ⁽²⁾	\$ 0.19M
SUBTOTAL	\$ 49.22M
<u>Administrative Overhead</u>	<u>\$ 14.15M</u>
TOTAL	\$ 63.37M

⁽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 (Oct 2024 – Sep 2025)

	FY24-25 Q2	FY24-25 Q3	FY23-24 Q4	FY25-26 Q1
	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Jul-Sep 2025
Labor	0.296M	0.264M	0.224M	0.263M
Professional Services	0.001M	0.002M	0.000M	0.000M
Travel	0.001M	0.000M	0.000M	0.001M
Other	0.000M	0.000M	0.000M	0.000M
SUB-TOTAL	0.298M	0.225M	0.224M	0.264M
Admin. Overhead	0.070M	0.061M	0.050M	0.079M
TOTAL	0.368M	0.287M	0.274M	0.343M

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

Quarterly Summary (Oct 2024 – Sep 2025)

	FY24-25 Q2	FY24-25 Q3	FY24-25 Q4	FY25-26 Q1
	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Jul-Sep 2025
TOTAL	0.002M	0.003M	0.003M	0.002M