



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 August 2024.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Long-Term Delta Actions

Delta Conveyance Project

The State Water Resources Control Board issued a notice of public hearing regarding the Delta Conveyance Project on July 31, 2024. The public hearing is set to begin on January 16, 2025, and will address the water right change petition filed by the Department of Water Resources to add two new points of diversion and rediversion¹ to the water rights associated with the State Water Project.

Delta Conveyance Related Joint Powers Authorities

At the August 15th Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors meeting, the DCA Board elected a slate of new officers which included Martin Milobar, representing Kern County Water Agency, as President; Tony Estremera, representing Santa Clara Valley Water District, as Vice President; Gary Martin, representing Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, continues as Secretary; and Katano Kasaine continues as Treasurer.

Near-Term Delta Actions

Regulatory and Science Update

Staff provided a tour of the Delta to students and researchers from COEQWAL, the Collaboratory for Equity in Water Allocation. Twenty graduate students and postdocs from several University of California campuses toured the Delta, the Freshwater Pathway, Bouldin Island, and Webb Tract in August 2024.

Staff reviewed and provided comments to the California Department of Water Resources Draft EIR and the NMFS Draft Biological Opinion on the Long-term Operations of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project.

Delta Islands

Staff held a pre-bid inspection for the installation of flow meters and telemetry equipment on diversion siphons on Metropolitan's Delta Islands. This project is the fifth and final phase of a project related to SB 88 compliance. Staff continued design activities for the Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project. Design of a new levee improvement project on Bouldin Island started in August 2024.

¹ A point of rediversion is a point, other than the point of initial diversion (i.e. Lake Oroville), where controlled water is diverted from a natural stream or an artificial water course that serves as a source of water.