



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 October 15 – November 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 their October 17, 2025, meeting, the Sites Reservoir Committee and Authority Board approved actions tied to the 2026 Amendment 3 Work Plan, including: budget approval, strategic imperatives, and revisions to governance authorities.

The proposed fiscal year (FY) 2026 expense budget totals \$30 million. Revenue for FY 2026 includes \$12.5 million in carryover funds and \$17.5 million in new revenue, supported by \$10.9 million in state funding, \$5.7 million in federal funding, and \$415,000 in Authority Board dues, fully aligning with planned expenditures.

The Reservoir Committee and Authority Board authorized the Executive Director to issue a Request for Qualifications for a terrestrial biological compensatory mitigation contractor. This initiative is crucial for implementing mitigation measures outlined in the Project's Final Environmental Impact Report and permits, particularly as the largest construction costs will stem from compensatory mitigation for terrestrial biological resources. Coordination with construction timelines is essential to avoid delays.

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

Staff, in coordination with UC Davis, conducted field trials on the Pond Harvest Study. The full study will be conducted later this fall and will be used to optimize harvest protocols for pond culture of Delta smelt.

Staff met with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Water Resources (DWR), and UC Davis to conduct site visits on Bouldin Island regarding building an interim culture facility for the listed Delta smelt. The future facility will include a lease agreement with the federal agencies to expand their needs to quadruple their production of the listed species.

Delta Conveyance Project

At the October 16, 2025, regularly scheduled board meeting, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board adopted a resolution recognizing and expressing appreciation to Director Miguel Luna for his dedicated service to the DCA. Director Luna was commended for his contributions as the DCA Board's Legislative Liaison, where he led multiple legislative education initiatives and participated in numerous speaking engagements in support of the Delta Conveyance Project. In mid-November, DWR provided Metropolitan with a \$75 million check consistent with the commitments DWR made in 2024 ahead of Metropolitan's vote to continue planning funding for the project.

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