



Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

# Review of Policy Principles Regarding the Sacramento- San Joaquin River Bay-Delta

Item 6a

June 13, 2022

Bay Delta  
Policy Update

# Policy Principles Review





## Agenda

- Recap and Overview
- Review Committee Input (May)
- Bay-Delta Framework
  - Policy Principles Review
- Committee Input and Discussion
- Next Steps

# Recap and Overview

# BDI Policy Update Timeline

## Fall Action

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Staff Research and Development												
Kick Off with BDI Committee												
Review of Policy Principles												
Board Info and Action Items							REPORT				INFO	ACTION

# Why Update the Bay-Delta Policies?

## Existing Bay-Delta Policies

- 4 Policy themes (2006)
- 13 Policy Principles
- Short-, Mid-, Long- Term Framework (2007)
- 6 Conveyance Criteria (2007)
- Delta Action Plan (2007)
- Delta Governance Principles (2008)
- Delta Vision Implementation (2009)

## Proposed Bay-Delta Policies Framework

- 6 Policy areas
  - 18 Policy Principles



- Framework informs future Board actions
- Reference specific policy principles for Board action

# Key Six Policy Areas



Policy Area 1: Statewide Water Resource Management



Policy Area 2: Bay-Delta Science, Watershed Management, and Land use



Policy Area 3: Bay-Delta Operational Resilience



Policy Area 4: Bay-Delta Infrastructure Reliability



Policy Area 5: Community Investments and Partnerships



Policy Area 6: Statewide Water Resources Management Supports MWD's One Water



# Key Six Policy Areas Interrelationships

## Statewide influences Bay-Delta

## Bay-Delta Specific

## Bay-Delta and Statewide influences MWD Water Supply



Statewide  
Water Resource  
Management



Science, Watershed  
Management, and Land use



Operational Resilience



Infrastructure Reliability



Community Investments and  
Partnerships



Statewide Water  
Resources  
Management  
Supports MWD's One  
Water

# Committee Input Received

(May Water Planning & Stewardship Committee)



# WP&S Committee Input Received

## May Bay-Delta Policies Update

May WPS Committee Input	Initial Staff Response	Relationship to Proposed Bay-Delta Policy Framework
<b>Additional in-depth conversation is needed</b>	June & August WP&S Committee meetings will provide further opportunity to discuss draft policies	Tentative action in fall
<b>Policies should be detailed in writing</b>	Staff intends to draft an info letter in advance of any Board action for Committee review and input	Policies will have descriptors to help explain the intent behind each policy and principle
<b>How are interactions between Sites and Delta Conveyance considered in the Draft Policies?</b>	Evaluation of benefits and co-benefits are part of the One Water implementation process <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staff is working on a separate analysis related to the benefits of Sites and Delta Conveyance</li></ul>	Bay-Delta policies do not directly address Sites Reservoir or DCP interactions

# WP&S Committee Input Received

## May Bay-Delta Policies Update

May WPS Committee Input	Initial Staff Response	Relationship to Proposed Bay-Delta Policy Framework
<b>How are water quality, blending, and local supply interactions considered in the Draft Policies?</b>	<p>Specifics are detailed in the emerging trends document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWP interrelationships with recycling, groundwater, and surface storage</li> <li>• Role of storage and transfers</li> <li>• State Water Project Dependent Areas</li> </ul>	<b>Policy Area 6:</b> Statewide Water Resource Management Supports MWD's One Water
<b>How do the potential Bay-Delta policies fit with other planning processes?</b>	<p>The proposed Bay-Delta Policy Principles are Board policy principles not a planning process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Board policies remain in place until they are changed by the Board</li> </ul>	<p>Supplies from the Delta are part of Metropolitan's longstanding reliability approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bay-Delta policies guide staff activities</li> </ul>
<b>How is Reduced Delta Reliance considered in the Draft Policies?</b>	<p>Staff will work to more clearly discuss reduced Delta reliance in the applicable policy areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide investments and Metropolitan's One Water contribute to improved regional self-reliance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Policy Area 1:</b> Statewide Water Resource Management and</p> <p><b>Policy Area 6:</b> Statewide Water Resources Management Supports MWD's One Water</p>

# Updating Bay-Delta Policies Committee Input Requested



Framework Structure: suitable or further refinement needed



18 Policy Principles: any topics missing, not captured, further emphasis needed

# Bay-Delta Framework: Policy Principles Review



# Policy Area 1: Statewide Water Resource Management



- Promote statewide climate adaption solutions for water resources (NEW!)
- Support long-term Delta sustainability and multi-benefit outcomes
- Encourage statewide investments in regional water resources



## Policy Area 2 : Bay-Delta Science, Watershed Management and Land Use



- Provide for sustainable environmental protections
- Consider all watershed elements: upper watershed and in-Delta (NEW!)
- Implement and support sustainable Delta Land uses



## Policy Area 3 : Bay-Delta Operational Resilience



- Actively pursue actions to ensure flexible water operations
- Ensure equitable and informed water resource management
- Actively ensure water quality is protected





## Policy Area 4 : Bay-Delta Infrastructure Reliability



- Pursue infrastructure improvements that address climate change (NEW!)
- Support water supply actions and investments for seismic resiliency
- Seek flexible operational and supply reliability infrastructure solutions



# Policy Area 5: Community Investments and Partnerships



- Pursue cost effective and equitable financial investments
- Support public engagement statewide and within MWD service area
- Participate and develop collaborative partnerships



# Policy Area 6 : Statewide Water Resources Management Supports One Water Metropolitan



- Recognize importance of SWP in supporting local supplies (NEW!)
- Use storage and transfers to effectively manage Delta supplies
- Pursue actions that improve reliability for SWP dependent areas (NEW!)

## Use of Bay-Delta Policies

- Provide board direction to staff related to Bay-Delta activities:
  - Program and project management
  - External engagement
  - Longer term planning
  - Key Investments
  - Day to day activities
- Align with proposed future board actions
- Final Board deliberation and actions would still be addressed individually

# Committee Input and Discussion

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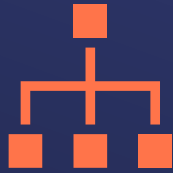
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# Next Steps



# Information Item

## August 2022



**Incorporate Board Feedback  
into Bay-Delta Policy  
Framework and Principles**



**Solicit Additional Board  
Input / Discussion**



**Next Steps:**

**Update and Finalize Policies  
for Board adoption  
Memorialize Policies in a  
Written Report  
September Action Item**

