



## INFORMATION ITEM

### Delta Watermaster Update

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**Summary:** Delta Watermaster Michael Patrick George will present a report as required by the Delta Reform Act (Water Code §85230(d)).

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#### **Background**

The Office of the Delta Watermaster was created as part of the Delta Reform Act of 2009. The Watermaster is an independent officer of the State, appointed to a four-year term by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board), and reports jointly to the Water Board and the Delta Stewardship Council (Council).

As Watermaster, Michael George is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of water rights and, when necessary, taking enforcement action related to water diversions in the Delta. The Watermaster also confers with, and assists, the Water Board and the Council as they carry out legislative mandates to enhance the Delta ecosystem and improve statewide water supply reliability.

#### **Today's Meeting**

At today's meeting, Mr. George will update the Council regarding progress on a number of continuing activities, as well as a pilot project on Holland Tract that is intended to improve water rights administration in the Delta.

The discussion of continuing activities will include recent findings of the Delta Measurement Experimentation Consortium, recent actions on compliance, outreach and enforcement, and actions related to southern Delta issues such as sedimentation, salinity, barriers, and ecosystem function. Mr. George will also discuss progress on OpenET, the practical alternative to the legislative requirement to measure every diversion in the Delta that was discussed at the Council's May 2019 meeting.

#### **Fiscal Information**

Not applicable.

#### **List of Attachments**

None

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