



INFORMATION ITEM

Watermaster Update

Summary

Delta Watermaster Michael Patrick George will report on his office's activities related to the implementation of the Delta Plan.

Background

The Office of the Delta Watermaster was created by the Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Water Code §85230). The Delta Watermaster is appointed to a four-year term by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) in consultation with the Delta Stewardship Council (Council). The Delta Watermaster regularly reports to the Water Board and the Council (Water Code §85230(d)).

The Delta Watermaster is responsible for overseeing the administration of water rights and, when necessary, taking enforcement action related to water diversions in the Delta. The Delta 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 Presentation

This is Mr. George's final update to the Council. Mr. George will complete his second four-year term on January 6, 2023. The Water Board and Council are in the late stages of the process of appointing Mr. George's successor as Delta Watermaster.

Mr. George will discuss the current priorities of his office and provide an overview of progress and lessons learned during his eight years serving as the Delta Watermaster. He will highlight improvements in outreach to various Delta constituencies, in clarification of water rights, in data reliability and transparency, and in furthering the coequal goals.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

N/A

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