



INFORMATION ITEM

Delta Watermaster Update

Summary

Delta Watermaster Jay Ziegler will report on his office's activities related to Delta Plan implementation.

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

Mr. Ziegler will provide an overview of comments provided by his office on the Delta Adapts Draft Adaptation Plan. The comments suggest ways the plan could be used to organize federal, state and local land and water management objectives. Mr. Ziegler will highlight opportunities for alignment of science, monitoring and experimentation objectives with management goals across state agencies, and possible prioritization frameworks to track science and Delta projects. Mr. Ziegler will present opportunities for future projects to address climate change challenges using the objectives in the Adaptation Plan.

Mr. Ziegler will present on current water year reporting and provide a summary of Water Year 2023. Additionally, the Watermaster will provide an update on the

continuing work of the Delta Measurement Experimental Consortium (DMEC) including an update on the ongoing collaboration to build confidence in reporting data. Mr. Ziegler will also provide an update on the implementation of SB 88, the water measurement and reporting regulation which requires water diverters to measure and report the amount of water they divert. The Watermaster will present on the South Delta "Circulation & Channel Maintenance Initiative" including water management challenges, active dredging programs and practical approaches to the initiative. Mr. Ziegler will also highlight the ongoing collaboration regarding Harmful Algal Bloom monitoring and future management, and an overview of multi-benefit projects in the Delta.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

Not applicable.

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