

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF DELTA WATERMASTER
OCTOBER 8, 2013**

ITEM 7

SUBJECT

INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON CALIFORNIA'S AREA OF ORIGIN LAWS

DISCUSSION

California Water Code Section 85230(d) directs the State's Delta Watermaster (Watermaster) to submit regular reports to the State Water Board on water rights administration, water quality issues, and conveyance operations. The Watermaster has completed a report on [California's Area of Origin Laws](#).

The report discusses the topic of California's Area of Origin Laws. The report notes that Area of Origin is a major water issue in California. There are five Area of Origin Laws enacted to protect water supplies in California and ensure that local water supplies would be maintained for future needs while allowing for export needs. The report reviews recent court cases involving Area of Origin Laws, including a discussion on interpretation and intent of the laws.

POLICY ISSUE

None at this time. Informational Item

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time. Informational Item

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None at this time. Informational Item

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the conclusions of this report be considered.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goals 4 and 6 of the Strategic Plan Update, 2008-2012. Goal 4: to comprehensively address water quality protection and restoration: to enhance consistency across the Water Boards, on an ongoing basis, to ensure our processes are effective, efficient, and predictable, and to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies, and procedures and Goal 6: enhance consistency across the Water Boards, on an ongoing basis, to ensure our processes are effective, efficient, and predictable, and to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.