

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF THE DELTA WATERMASTER
JANUARY 4, 2023**

ITEM 4

SUBJECT

OFFICE OF THE DELTA WATERMASTER: PERIODIC REPORT.

DISCUSSION

The Delta Watermaster will provide a regular report to the Board including:

1. Summary of major accomplishments during two terms as Delta Watermaster
 - a. Eliminated chronic failures to file required reports
 - b. Developed effective communication, outreach, and constituent assistance
 - c. Clarified the bases for water diversion and use
 - d. Conducted strategic enforcement cases and settled heritage actions
 - e. Improved water data through both technology and education
 - f. Established collaboratives to address endemic challenges
 - g. Recruited and trained staff with Delta-specific knowledge, expertise, and connections
 - h. Won credibility by listening, learning, explaining, and exercising regulatory humility
2. Unfinished Business
 - a. Implementation of the Delta Alternative Compliance Plan
 - b. Clarification of the proper order of bases for reporting water use
 - c. Research and experimentation initiatives
 - d. Framing of Delta curtailment policy choices for Board resolution
 - e. Resolution of inconsistent methods for shortage allocation between riparian and appropriative water rights
 - f. Cultivation of venues for collaboration in a fractious and litigious environment

POLICY ISSUE

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.