

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF THE DELTA WATERMASTER
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

ITEM 5

SUBJECT

OFFICE OF THE DELTA WATERMASTER: PERIODIC REPORT.

DISCUSSION

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

- I. Water Year 2022 Reporting: What have we learned in implementing a new Delta-wide reporting platform?
 - a. Implementing the Delta Alternative Compliance Plan / www.DeltaACP.com
 - b. Overview of overall reporting (for SB 88 legal compliance):
 - i. Direct metering of diversions with accreditation from a registered CA Engineer
 - ii. Development/approval of an Individual Alternative Compliance Plan
 - iii. Sign up for the Delta Alternative Compliance Plan (Delta-wide OpenET)
 - c. Capturing/organizing useful data – status report
 - d. OpenET and beyond: Next phase science projects – Delta Science Consortium
- II. Delta Drought Response Pilot Program (2-year project review)
 - a. Initiated by Boards of Three Delta Water Agencies; Convened by Office of the Delta Watermaster
 - b. Objective: Collaborative Drought Planning
 - c. Project Elements: 33 Delta projects and 8850 acres enrolled in 2022 program:
 - i. Delta-wide regional project portfolio
 - ii. Facilitated by water agencies and state
 - iii. Implemented by water users across Delta
 - d. For 2023 Water Year: 61 projects enrolled in program/16,116 acres testing water savings practices; 6400 acres enrolled to support migratory bird habitat objectives
 - i. Program budget: \$10.8 million
 - ii. Year 2 projects provide comparison across extremely dry year to an extremely wet year
 - iii. Added implementation of UC Davis field level measurements
- III. Ongoing Lower San Joaquin Flood Risk
 - a. Agency Coordination/Risk Assessment
 - b. Research efforts: what will we learn this year?

IV. Important Next Steps in Science Collaboration

- a. State Water Board and Delta Stewardship Council Science Collaboration
 - i. One Delta/One Science
 - ii. Linking Science to Action
 - iii. Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee

POLICY ISSUE

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.