
State Water Resources Control Board

TO: Interested Parties in the Sacramento/Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Plan

DATE: October 16, 2026

SUBJECT: DOCUMENTS PROVIDED WITH AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 28–29
BOARD MEETING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF SACRAMENTO/DELTA UPDATES
TO THE BAY-DELTA PLAN

This letter is to provide additional information regarding the documents that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) posted on October 16, 2026 with the agenda for the October 28–29, 2026,¹ Board meeting to consider adoption of amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan or Plan) and the supporting final Staff Report/Substitute Environmental Document (Staff Report). The Plan amendments are focused on the portions of the Plan relevant to the Sacramento River watershed, Delta eastside tributaries (including the Calaveras, Consumes, and Mokelumne Rivers), and Delta (Sacramento/Delta) for the reasonable protection of fish and wildlife beneficial uses.

The October 16, 2026, Board meeting agenda includes the following documents:

- Board meeting agenda item
- August 19, 2026 version of the final Staff Report (not including changes identified in change sheet #1 below)
- Draft Board resolution adopting the final Staff Report and Plan amendments, including:
 - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and statement of overriding considerations
 - Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
 - Water Code section 13149.2 findings
- Responsiveness summary addressing new public comments on the August 2026 final draft Plan
- Proposed changes to the August 2026 final draft Plan identified in strikeout and underline
 - Proposed changes to Appendix B.1 of the August 2026 final draft Plan in strikeout and underline

¹ The Board meeting may continue, if necessary, on October 30, 2026, at 9:00 am.

- Change sheet #1 identifying the changes to the August 2026 final draft Plan and Staff Report in tabular format

The agenda item is a standard notice under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act for the State Water Board meeting agenda that provides an overview of the item before the Board and a staff recommendation. The agenda also includes a proposed draft of the resolution that will be used by the Board to approve the final Staff Report and Plan amendments, if adopted. In accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3779.5, the draft resolution includes two attachments—a CEQA findings and statement of overriding considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program based on existing information in the Staff Report. The draft resolution includes a third attachment for Water Code section 13149.2 findings.

The agenda also includes a responsiveness summary that responds to new comments received on the August 19, 2026 Plan in accordance with the August 19, 2026 notice requirements. The version of the Plan that is released with the agenda includes the proposed changes made to the August 2026 final draft Plan, including Appendix B.1, in response to these comments identified in ~~strikeout~~ and underline. The accompanying change sheet provides a tabular identification of the proposed changes to the Plan, as well as proposed changes to the Staff Report to address minor typographical errors, provide clarifying edits, and provide responses to a comment letter on the 2023 draft Staff Report that were inadvertently omitted from the final Staff Report.

Interested persons will have the opportunity to provide oral comments at the Board meeting on October 28–29, 2026 (and continuing on October 30, 2026, if necessary). For information on how to participate in the Board meeting, please refer to the [notice](#). Any change to the date or time of the Board meeting will be provided via the State Water Board’s email distribution list ([subscribe](#) to the “Bay Delta Notices” topic listed under Water Rights).