

**Delta Protection Commission Meeting
September 17, 2020**

AGENDA ITEM 10: Delta Watermaster Activities

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Presented by: Michael George, Delta
Watermaster

Requested Action: **Receive report on Delta Watermaster activities**

Type of Action: Information

Background: The Office of the Delta Watermaster is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day administration of water rights, enforcement activities, and reports on water right activities regarding diversions within the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta. The position was created in the 2009 Delta Reform Act. Michael George was appointed as Delta Watermaster in December 2014 and reappointed for a four-year term in January 2019.

Mr. George last appeared before the Commission in July 2019 and provided a report on developments in the Water Quality Control Plan update, improvements related to the data on and management of “in-Delta” water rights, and described particular ecosystem challenges in the southern part of the Delta and possible efforts to address them.

Mr. George will today provide an update on improving data quality and transparency, especially as it relates to actual Delta water use; recent thinking on water use measurement; accelerated deterioration of south Delta channels; and emerging challenges.

Relationship to Vision 2030 (Commission strategic plan):

Education and Outreach (Strategic Theme)

O.1 Ensure consistent, proactive communication between and among Delta interests and decision makers.

1.3 Foster two-way communication throughout the Delta.

1.3.3 Foster communication between Delta interests for improved, coordinated action.