

Status of Federal and State Contractors Water Agency

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee
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Item 6c

Purpose

- Protect Delta ecosystem and water supply
- Improve
 - Water use
 - Diversion method
 - Demand management
 - Regional water management
- Identify and implement additional endangered species protection measures
- Cooperate in areas of common interest

Benefits

- Coordinated and consistent action
- Combine expertise
- Cost sharing/ Risk reduction
- Vehicle for timely and efficient action

Background

- Initially a mechanism for State Water Project and Central Valley Project contractors to coordinate Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Plan (DHCCP) activities
- Scope expanded to include SWP/CVP coordination on Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)
- Vehicle for timely and efficient studies, conservation measures, and other Delta related projects

Participating Agencies

- Metropolitan
- Kern County Water Agency
- State Water Project Contractors Authority
- San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority
- Westlands Water District
- Santa Clara Valley Water District

Organization of SFCWA

- Joint powers authority
- Nine-member board, MWD represented
- Administrative costs shared
 - 50% State Water Project Contractors Authority
 - 50% San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority

Status

- Authority member agencies have all authorized the agreement
 - MWD Board authorization December 2008
- Initial Board meeting 8/19 in Sacramento
 - Topics primarily administrative
- Second Board meeting will focus on strategic goals and objectives and early action items