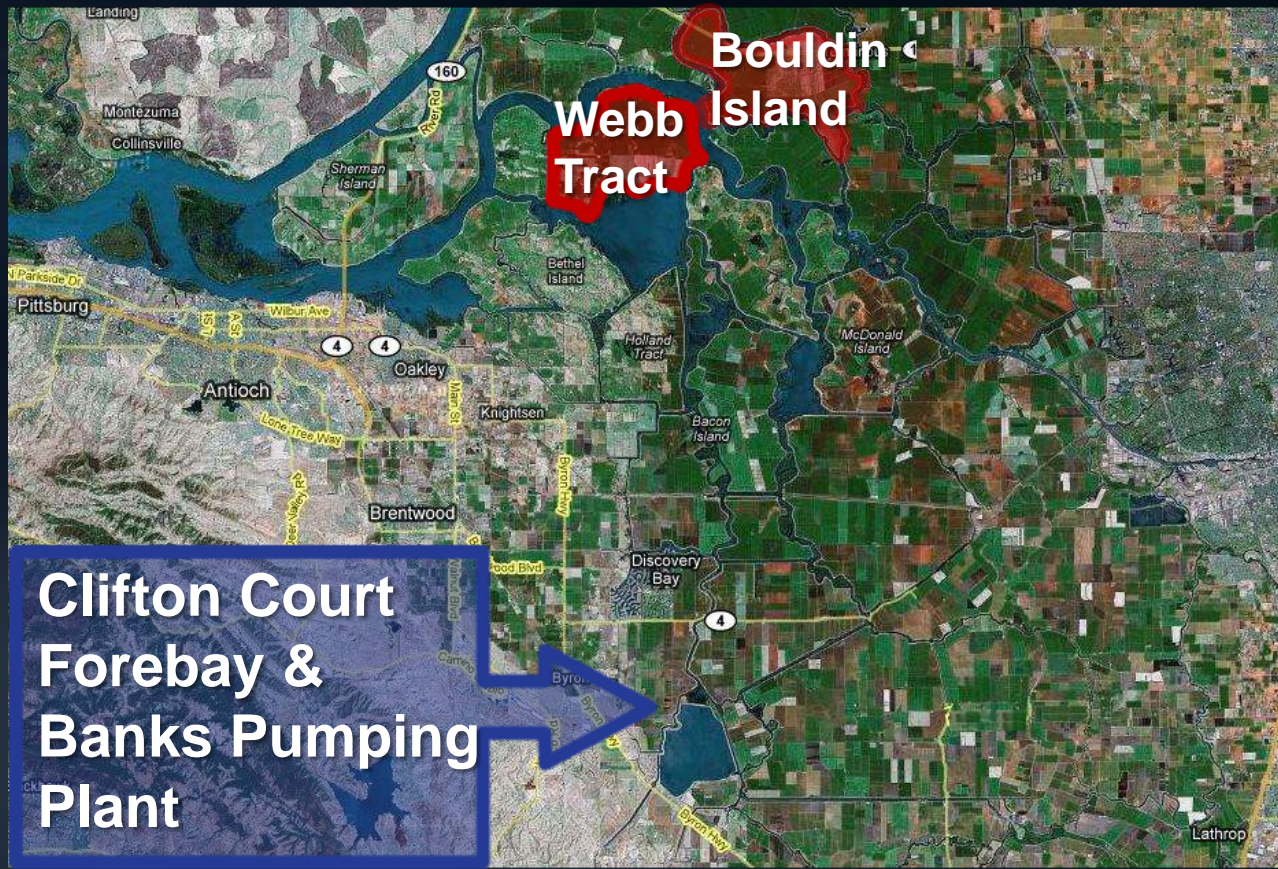


Authorize Water Transfer Agreement with Delta Wetlands

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee
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Delta Wetlands Water Transfer

- Provides up to 18,000 AF of supply prior to losses
- Water conserved through land fallowing
- No storage component on the islands
- Conserved water determined by DWR
- Additional water to the 2010 transfers we are pursuing north of the Delta



Major Terms of Water Transfer

- Purchase Price: \$225/AF
- Effective Cost: ~ \$290/AF (23% losses)
- Metropolitan pays DWR administrative costs
- Total Estimated Cost: up to \$4,110,000
- Metropolitan is responsible for losses
- Water available from May through September
- During export restrictions Metropolitan will utilize the State Water contract to store water

Water Transfer Benefits

- Provides new supply to improve reliability during a low initial SWP allocation
- Cost competitive with other water transfers
- Provides the foundation for future water transfers within the Delta and programs with Delta Wetlands



Board Options

● Option #1

- Adopt CEQA determination
- Authorize executing one-year water transfer agreement with Delta Wetlands for up to 18,000 AF
- Authorize conveyance agreement with DWR
- Appropriate \$4,110,000 for the water transfer

● Option #2

- No action

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

