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**JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY CHARGED WITH CONSTRUCTING CA WATERFIX
HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING; SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH STATE**

SACRAMENTO – At its inaugural meeting, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority (DCA) approved and signed an [agreement](#) with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) delineating their joint partnership to construct the [California WaterFix](#) project.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), Alameda County Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District serve as the founding members of the [DCA](#).

The DCA’s current Board of Directors includes:

Director/President of the Board	Tony Estremera SCVWD
Director/Vice President of the Board	Richard Atwater MWD/Foothill Municipal Water District
Director	Steve Blois MWD/Calleguas Municipal Water District
Director/Secretary of the Board	Sarah Palmer State Water Project Contract At Large Member/Zone 7

Last week, DWR established the [Delta Conveyance Office \(DCO\)](#), which will manage the work of the DCA.

DCA Board President Tony Estremera and DWR Director Karla Nemeth signed a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement that calls for the DCA to construct California WaterFix on behalf of the state with ongoing oversight by DWR.

“Today we embark on a new era for water in California. This agreement marks an important step in planning for the future, and we look forward to working closely with the state to make the California WaterFix a reality,” said DCA Board President Tony Estremera. “We have a lot of work to do to ensure our state has the water infrastructure necessary to support the California way of life, our environment and our economy.”

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“This agreement signals a key step toward implementation of WaterFix, and this partnership represents a true collaboration in the best interests of California,” said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. “We look forward to working with the DCA to finalize permitting and design, and to safely and efficiently build WaterFix.”

In other actions, the DCA hired Jill Duerig as its interim executive director and Stefanie Morris as its interim general counsel. Duerig recently retired as general manager of Zone 7, a Bay Area member of the State Water Contractors. Morris is an attorney with the Best Best & Krieger law firm and has represented the State Water Contractors as well as other water districts.

The public meeting was held downtown at the Sacramento Public Library’s Tsakopoulos Galleria and webcast via the [DCA's website](#).

The DCA’s next meeting will be held at the Library Galleria on June 21, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

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The Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority represents public water agencies served by the State Water Project that are investing in the California WaterFix project. The DCA remains under the oversight of the California Department of Water Resources via its Delta Conveyance Office, which approves DCA budgets and all project design specifications.