

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting
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INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

Delta Conveyance Project

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BRIEFING SUMMARY

Background

As initially presented at the February 28, 2020 Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) meeting, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is developing an environmental impact report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project (DCP). The purpose of the proposed DCP is to modernize the aging State Water Project (SWP) infrastructure in the Delta to restore and protect the reliability of SWP water deliveries in a cost-effective manner, consistent with the State's Water Resilience Portfolio. The DCP proposes adding intake facilities on the Sacramento River, tunnel reaches and tunnel shafts, a pumping plant, and potentially a southern forebay and related conveyance facilities to tie back into the existing SWP facilities in the southern Delta. The EIR will analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed DCP and a range of alternatives, and proposes appropriate mitigation measures.

Current Status

The Draft EIR underwent a 142-day public review period from July 27, 2022 to December 16, 2022. Three virtual public meetings were held on September 13, September 22, and September 28, 2022 to accept public comments. An electronic version of the document was posted on the DCP's website (www.deltaconveyanceproject.com) and was available for review in-person at DWR's office in West Sacramento and various libraries. Each comment received during the public review period is being considered during the preparation of the Final EIR.

Next Steps

DWR will be responding to all substantive comments, finalizing the EIR, and preparing approval documents for certification and adoption. The Final EIR is expected by the end of this year.