

Environmental Impact Report for the Coordinated Long-Term Operations of the California State Water Project

Public Scoping Meeting



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WATER RESOURCES

Meeting Purpose

- DWR has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform interested agencies and the public that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being prepared and is seeking public comment to assist in scoping the environmental analysis and project alternatives.
- The review period started on April 22, 2019 for a 36-day public review period.



Meeting Agenda

- Project overview
- Stations
- Comment opportunities

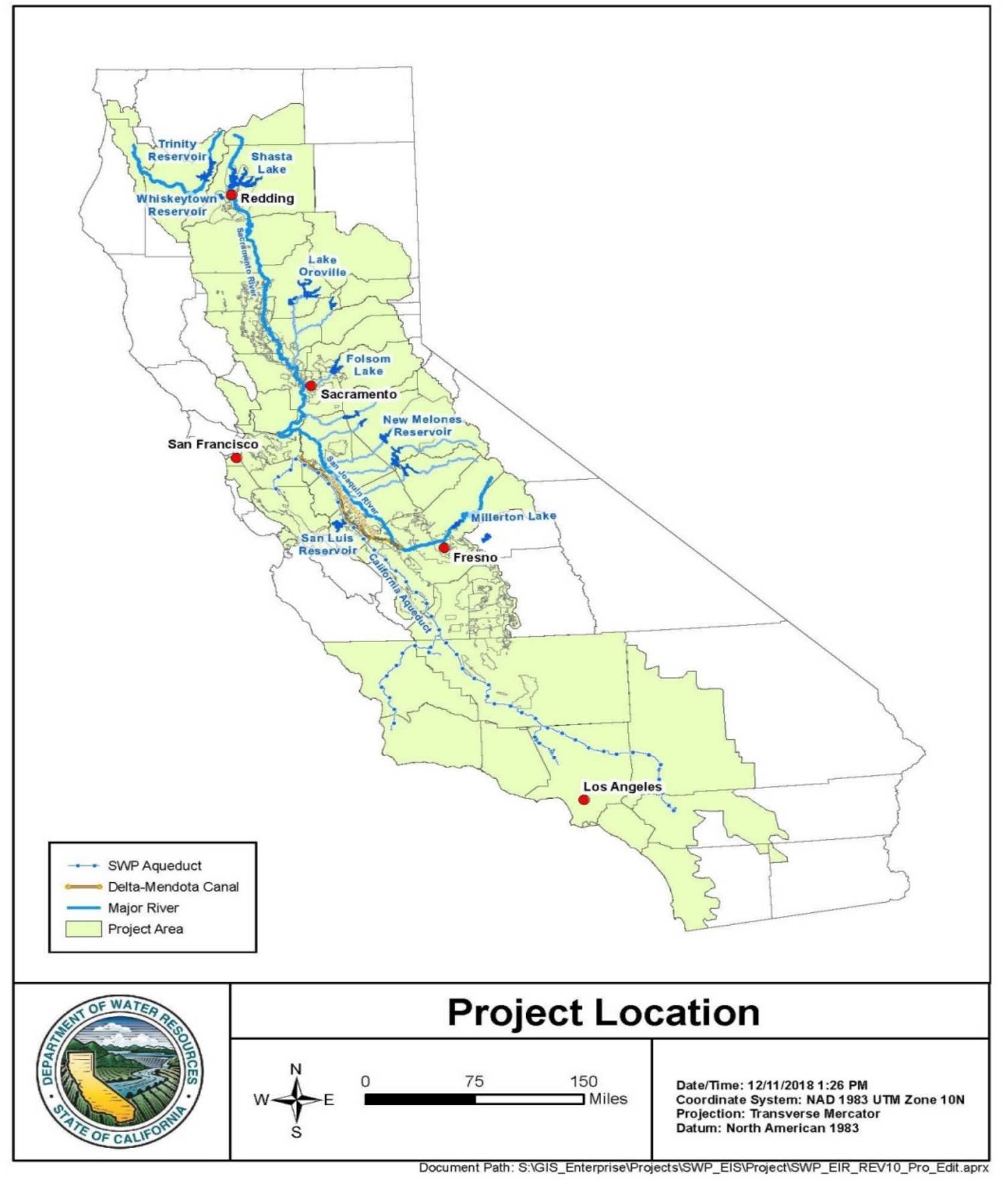


Background

- State Water Project (SWP) purpose
- Existing regulations and agreements
 - Coordinated Operations
 - Biological Opinions - Federal
 - Review process underway
 - Incidental Take Permit (ITP) - State
 - Current permit
 - New permit
 - State Water Resources Control Board



Proposed Project Geographic Area



Proposed Project Concepts

- Continued operations
- Potential project changes
 - Updated operational criteria
 - Coordinated Operation Agreement updates
 - Updates to mitigation and minimization measures
- Use existing infrastructure
- Possible permit time horizon



Environmental Resources that may be Considered for the Proposed Project

Environmental resources listed in CEQA Guidelines may be considered:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire



Opportunity to Comment

- Notice of Preparation is being circulated for 36-day public review from April 22, 2019 through May 28, 2019
- Scoping Meetings are being held at two locations to receive verbal and written comments:

May 6th - [Ronald Reagan State Building Auditorium](#)
300 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

May 13th - [Paul Bonderson Building Hearing Room](#)
901 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Written Comments on the NOP Can be Submitted to DWR

- All written comments on the scope of the EIR must be received by DWR by 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2019
- Comments on the Notice of Preparation can be directed to:

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Next Steps After Scoping

- Assess all comments
- Analyze impacts of the proposed project on environmental resources
- Develop project alternatives and analyze impacts of the project alternatives
- Complete a Public Draft EIR and distribute for public comment
- Consider all public comments and prepare a Final EIR

