# Delta Conveyance Environmental Review Notice of Preparation Overview

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The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is pursuing an environmental review process to evaluate a single tunnel option to modernize Delta conveyance under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The first step in this process is release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP). The NOP informs agencies and the public about the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and solicits input on the scope and content of the EIR, including information needs, potential project effects and mitigation measures, and possible alternatives to the proposed project.

Modernizing Delta conveyance is part of the state's Water Resilience Portfolio, which describes the framework to address California's water challenges and support long-term water resilience and ecosystem health.

# **CEQA FAST FACTS**

- Who is the CEQA Lead Agency? California Department of Water Resources
- What's in a NOP? A Notice of Preparation includes a description of the Proposed Project, including Project Objectives, Project Area, and Project Facilities, probable environmental effects of the project, scoping meeting details and deadline for submittal of comments.
- What is the Purpose of Environmental Review?
  Prior to approval of a project, CEQA requires an
  agency to prepare an EIR that will identify, analyze
  and disclose the significant adverse environmental
  impacts of a proposed project, and provide feasible
  mitigation measures and alternatives to avoid or
  reduce such effects.
- What Resource Areas will be Studied? The EIR will evaluate topics including but not limited to:
  - water supply
  - groundwater
  - water quality
  - · geology and seismicity
  - soils
  - fish and aquatic resources
  - terrestrial biological resources
  - land use
  - recreation
  - aesthetics
  - cultural resources
  - transportation
  - utilities
  - energy
  - air quality
  - noise
  - · hazardous materials
  - public health
  - mineral resources
  - · climate change and growth

### **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

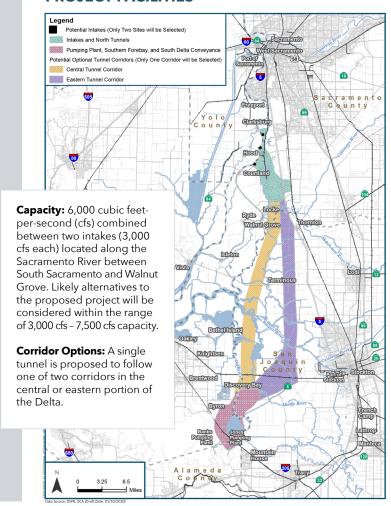
To assist in the development of a reasonable range of alternatives that will be analyzed in the EIR, DWR has identified the following purpose and objectives for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project.

**Purpose:** Develop new diversion and conveyance facilities in the Delta necessary to restore and protect the reliability of water deliveries in a cost-effective manner, consistent with the State's Water Resilience Portfolio.

### **Objectives:**

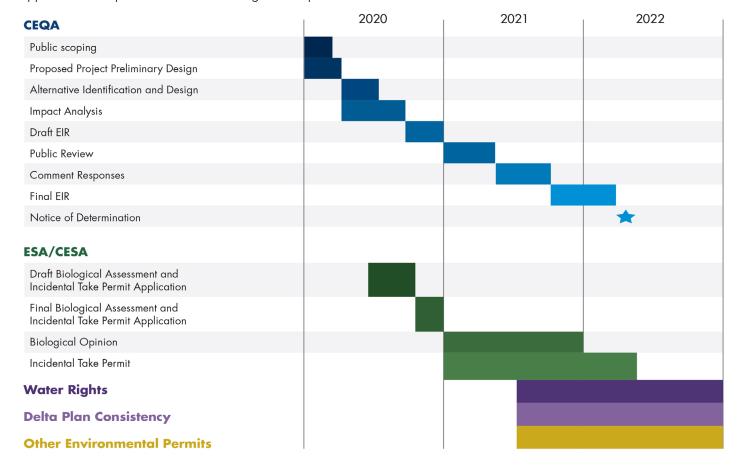
- Address sea level rise and climate change
- Minimize water supply disruption due to seismic risk
- Protect water supply reliability
- Provide operational flexibility to improve aquatic conditions in the Delta

# PROPOSED DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT FACILITIES



#### **DELTA CONVEYANCE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE MILESTONES**

This schedule details the actions associated with the environmental review process under CEQA and other required environmental compliance activities and is subject to change. There are several opportunities for public involvement throughout the process.



# **HOW TO COMMENT | Comments Due: March 20, 2020**



Email: DeltaConveyanceScoping@water.ca.gov



Mail: Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments, Attn: Renee Rodriguez, Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236



**Attend a Public Meeting:** Several public scoping meetings will be held throughout the state as an opportunity to get information and submit comments on the scope of the EIR.

**Sacramento** | 2/3/20, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | CA EPA Building | 1001 | Street, Sacramento **Los Angeles** | 2/5/20, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Junipero Serra State Building 320 West Fourth Street, Los Angeles

**Walnut Grove** | 2/10/20, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Jean Harvie Community Center 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove

**San Jose** | 2/12/20, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose

**Stockton** | 2/13/20, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | San Joaquin Council of Governments, Board Room | 555 Weber Avenue, Stockton

**Clarksburg** | 2/19/20, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Clarksburg Middle School Auditorium 52870 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg

**Brentwood** | 2/20/20, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Brentwood Community Ctr, Conference Room | 35 Oak Street, Brentwood

# **About Comments**

All comments received during the scoping period will be considered in the development of the Draft EIR. DWR is seeking public input on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIR and input about alternatives that meet the project's objectives.

# For more information, contact:

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