Attachment 1

The Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefit Program Framework Informational Resources

Accessible versions of the materials provided in this attachment are available online at, https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

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Outreach Flyers

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Delta Conveyance Project



March 15, 2021

Registration Now Open for Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program Workshops

Haga clic aquí para ver este aviso en español.

If you live, work or recreate in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Department of Water Resources wants to hear from you about developing a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project.

Please join a virtual workshop to share your thoughts about the concept, goals, objectives and types of projects that could be beneficial to the Delta community.

- Wednesday, April 14, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm. **REGISTER HERE**
  Registration closes on April 7th
- Thursday, May 6, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm. **REGISTER HERE**
  Registration closes on April 29th
- Tuesday, May 25, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm. **REGISTER HERE**
  Registration closes on May 18th

Note: There will be a workshop specifically for Tribal Members on May 17, 2021.

Background Information and Resources
Proponents of large infrastructure projects typically develop a set of commitments—community benefits created in coordination with the local community—to address how the project affects the local community. These commitments are separate and apart from mitigation developed as a part of environmental review. DWR has initiated development of a Community Benefits Program for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. The Community Benefits Program would be implemented only if the Delta Conveyance Project is approved.

Please note that participation in developing a community benefits program does not in any way indicate your support for the Delta Conveyance Project itself.

Development and eventual administration of this program is meant to be a grassroots and collaborative process. DWR is soliciting community input at this early stage to inform development of a framework to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. For more information, find the concept paper here and a digital article here.

Workshop Format
The main focus of the workshops will be to gather public input. Every workshop will include an overview of the Community Benefits Program, background information relevant to each agenda and an opportunity for clarifying questions. Workshop participants will then be asked questions such as:

Workshop 1: What Community Benefits Mean to You

- What do you think about the community benefits concept?
- What should the program's overall goals be?
- What categories of benefits should the program focus on?

Workshop 2: Project Ideas

- Are there types of projects that could benefit recreation, tourism, agriculture, culture, history, economy, education, etc.?
- What would the objectives be for each type of project?

Workshop 3: Jobs, Education, Infrastructure and Engagement

- What do you think about opportunities for economic development, jobs, education, and multi-purpose facilities?
- What is the best way to approach community engagement to further develop the program?

The workshops will be conducted using Zoom and can be accessed through the internet or by using your phone. For instructions on how to use Zoom, click here. Closed captioning will also be provided.

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Delta Conveyance Project



15 de marzo de 2021

Registro Ya Abierto para Talleres Sobre el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Si vive, trabaja o se divierte en la zona del Delta de Sacramento-San Joaquin, el Departamento de Recursos Hídricos desea conocer sus ideas sobre el desarrollo de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios relacionado con el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.

Participe en un taller virtual para compartir lo que piensa sobre el concepto, las metas, los objetivos y los tipos de proyectos que podrían beneficiar a la comunidad del Delta.

- Miércoles, 14 de abril de 2021 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **REGÍSTRESE AQUÍ**
  El registro se cierra el 7 de abril
- Jueves, 6 de mayo de 2021 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **REGÍSTRESE AQUÍ**
  El registro se cierra el 29 de abril
- Martes, 25 de mayo de 2021 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **REGÍSTRESE AQUÍ**
  El registro se cierra el 18 de mayo

Nota: Habrá un taller específicamente para miembros tribales el 17 de mayo de 2021.

Información Sobre Antecedentes y Recursos
Los proponentes de proyectos de infraestructura de grande escala típicamente desarrollan y establecen un conjunto de compromisos que benefician a la comunidad local directamente. El objetivo de los compromisos es abordar el impacto a la comunidad. Estos compromisos son desarrollados en colaboración con la comunidad local y son independientes y aparte de la mitigación desarrollada como parte de la inspección ambiental. El Departamento de Recursos Hídricos ha iniciado el desarrollo de un Programa de Comunitarios relacionado con el propuesto Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. El Programa de Beneficios Comunitario se implementaría solo si se aprueba el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.

Tome en cuenta que la participación en el desarrollo de un programa de beneficios para la comunidad no indica de ninguna manera su apoyo al Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta en sí.

El desarrollo y la futura administración de este programa está destinado a ser un proceso comunitario y colaborativo. El Departamento de Recursos Hídricos está solicitando la opinión de la comunidad en esta etapa inicial para establecer el desarrollo de un marco operativo que se incluirá en el Informe Preliminar de Impacto Ambiental. Para obtener más información, encuentre el documento conceptual aquí, así como un artículo digital aquí.

Formato del Taller
El enfoque principal de los talleres será recopilar las opiniones del público. Cada taller incluirá una descripción general del Programa de Beneficios Comunitario, información sobre los antecedentes relevantes a cada agenda y una oportunidad para aclarar preguntas. A los participantes del taller se les harán preguntas como:

Taller 1: Qué Significan para Usted los Beneficios Comunitarios

- ¿Qué opina del concepto de beneficios para la comunidad?
- ¿Cuáles deberían ser los objetivos generales del programa?
- ¿En qué tipos de beneficios debería enfocarse el programa?

Taller 2: Ideas para Proyectos Locales

- ¿Existen tipos de proyectos que puedan representar un beneficio para la recreación, el turismo, la agricultura, la cultura, la historia, la economía, la educación, etc.?
- ¿Cuáles serían los objetivos para cada tipo de proyecto?

Taller 3: Empleo, Educación, Infraestructura y Participación Comunitaria

- ¿Qué opina sobre las oportunidades de desarrollo económico, empleo, educación e instalaciones multiusos?
- ¿Cuál es la mejor manera de abordar la participación de la comunidad para desarrollar aún más el programa comunitario?

Los talleres se llevarán a cabo mediante Zoom y se puede acceder a ellos a través de Internet o por teléfono celular. Para obtener instrucciones sobre cómo utilizar Zoom, haga clic aquí. Se proporcionarán también subtítulos de diálogos y sonidos.

El material escrito que se utilizará para los talleres se enviará por correo electrónica a los participantes registrados en el taller, junto con el enlace de Zoom, antes de la reunión. El material de la reunión estará disponible en inglés y español y se ofrecerá traducción simultánea al español. Si necesita adaptaciones adicionales para participar, envíe un mensaje por correo electrónico a DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

Si no puede participar en los talleres, pero le gustaría dar su opinión, envíenos un mensaje por correo electrónico a DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov. Se publicará una grabación de cada taller, junto con el material de antecedentes, en https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

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Delta Conveyance Project



March 26, 2021

DWR Seeks to Create Economic and Social Benefit in the Delta

Reminder: Registration is Open for Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program Workshops

When are the workshops?

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What is a "Community Benefits Program"?
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1. to acknowledge that if the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects that communities may endure through construction of major capital construction works,
2. to create economic, social and other benefits in the local community, and
3. to go beyond what traditional "environmental mitigation" typically affords.

What are some examples of how it might work?
The specifics of the program and how it is implemented, if the project is approved, will be guided by input from the community. However, based on examples from other such projects, it could include:

- education and jobs training programs
- local hiring targets
- funding for special local projects like parks and community facilities
- infrastructure like broadband and roads

Should project opponents participate in creating community benefits?
Yes! DWR has no expectation that local members of the public engaged in identifying benefits would relax their opposition to the project. Participation is not seen by DWR as a sign of support for the project and in no way prevents continued ability to oppose the project. DWR will continue to work on environmental planning and permitting, including identification of environmental impact and mitigation, and there will continue to be many opportunities for public input in those processes and avenues to express opposition to the project. The community benefits program would only proceed if the project were approved.

What does the Delta community have to gain?
Delta community members have an opportunity to harness this major capital works project to create lasting, tangible and potentially significant economic and social benefit. If the project were approved along with the Community Benefits Program, those not participating will have missed an opportunity to help shape the program to best suit the needs of the local community. Additional information on development of the Community Benefits Program can be found here.

How to participate in the workshops
Written material used for the workshops will be sent to registered workshop participants, along with the Zoom link, ahead of each meeting. Meeting material will be available in English and Spanish and a simultaneous Spanish translation will be offered. Closed captioning will be also provided. If you require any additional participation accommodations, please email DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

If you cannot participate in the workshops, but would like to provide input, please email us at DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov. A recording of each workshop, along with the associated material, will be posted here.

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Delta Conveyance Project



April 28, 2021

Registration Extended for Community Benefits Program Workshop

Come Share Your Ideas!

The registration deadline for the second Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program virtual workshop on Thursday, May 6th has been extended. Register by Monday, May 3rd for this interactive workshop. Come share your funding ideas with the Department of Water Resources.

This workshop will include small breakout room discussions where participants will have an opportunity to provide input on the types of things the proposed Community Benefits Program could fund in the following categories:

- Water and Air Quality
- Public Safety and Emergency Response
- Recreation
- Habitat Conservation
- Culture and History
- Economy
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Education and Workforce Development
- Levee Maintenance

Workshop 2: Thursday, May 6, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Register Here by May 3rd

The video from Workshop 1 on April 14th can be viewed here, and the summary will be sent out and posted prior to the second workshop. Additional information on development of the Community Benefits Program can be found here.

Participation Accommodations

- This event will be conducted using Zoom and can be accessed through the internet or by using your phone. Those who call in will have full access to workshop participation opportunities, including breakout rooms and verbal input. For instructions on how to use Zoom, click here.
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Written Input

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Delta Conveyance Project



April 21, 2021

Share Your Project Ideas with DWR on May 6th

Register Today for the 2nd of 3 Workshops on the Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program

On April 14th the Department of Water Resources (DWR) held the first of three community workshops to get Delta input on the concept of a proposed Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project.

The second virtual workshop is on Thursday, May 6th. This interactive workshop will be to hear your ideas about the types of projects to include if a fund were set up in the Delta as a part of a Community Benefits Program, specifically:

- Are there types of projects that could benefit water and air quality, habitat conservation, recreation, agriculture, culture and history, economy, public safety and emergency response, levee maintenance and education?

Workshop 2: Thursday, May 6, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Register Here by April 29th

The workshop will include brief presentations from project staff but will **mainly focus on getting your input about the types of projects you'd like to see included in the program.**

The presentation from last week's workshop can be viewed here, and the video and summary will be sent out and posted prior to the second workshop.

Participation Accommodations

- This event will be conducted online or by using your phone.
- Workshop 2 materials, meeting link and call-in number will be sent via email to registered workshop participants ahead of the event.
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Community Benefits Program Q&A

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Delta Conveyance Project



21 de abril del 2021

Comparta sus ideas de proyectos con DWR el 6 de mayo

Regístrese hoy para el segundo de 3 talleres del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

El 14 de abril, el Departamento de Recursos Hídricos (DWR) llevó a cabo el primero de tres talleres comunitarios para obtener la opinión del Delta sobre el concepto de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.

El segundo taller virtual es el jueves 6 de mayo. Este taller interactivo será para escuchar sus ideas sobre los tipos de proyectos que se incluirán si se estableciera un fondo en el Delta como parte de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, específicamente:

- ¿Existen tipos de proyectos que podrían beneficiar la calidad del agua y el aire, la conservación del hábitat, la recreación, la agricultura, la cultura y la historia, la economía, la seguridad pública y la respuesta a emergencias, el mantenimiento de diques y la educación?

2ndo Taller: jueves 6 de mayo del 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Regístrese aquí antes del 29 de abril

El taller incluirá breves presentaciones del personal del proyecto, **pero se enfocará principalmente en obtener su aporte sobre los tipos de proyectos que le gustaría ver incluidos en el programa.**

La presentación del taller de la semana pasada se puede ver aquí, y el video y el resumen se enviarán y publicarán antes del segundo taller.

Adaptaciones para la Participación

- Este evento se llevará a cabo en línea o con el uso de su teléfono.
- Los materiales del 2ndo Taller, el enlace de la junta y el número de llamada se enviarán por correo electrónico a los participantes registrados del taller antes del evento.
- Se proporcionarán subtítulos.
- Los materiales de la reunión estarán disponibles en inglés y español y se ofrecerá interpretación simultánea en español.

Comentario Escrito
Para cualquier pregunta o comentario relacionado con los talleres o el desarrollo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, envié un correo electrónico a DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov o para proporcionar información, complete este formulario electrónico.

Preguntas y Respuestas del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

¿Qué es un "Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios"?
Es común que los proponentes de grandes proyectos de infraestructura desarrollen un conjunto de compromisos llamados Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Los objetivos del programa serían:

1. reconocer que, si se aprueba el proyecto, podría tener efectos adversos potenciales que las comunidades tengan que soportar a través de la construcción de importantes obras de construcción de capital,
2. crear beneficios económicos, sociales y de otro tipo en la comunidad local, y
3. para ir más allá de lo que normalmente ofrece la "mitigación ambiental" tradicional.

¿Cuáles son algunos ejemplos de cómo podría funcionar?
Los detalles del programa y cómo se implementa, si el proyecto es aprobado, serán guiados por los aportes de la comunidad. Sin embargo, basándose en ejemplos de otros proyectos similares, podría incluir:

- programas de educación y entrenamiento laboral
- metas de contratación local
- financiación para proyectos locales especiales como parques e instalaciones comunitarias
- infraestructura como red de banda amplia y carreteras

¿Deben participar los oponentes del proyecto en la creación de beneficios para la comunidad?
¡Sí! DWR no tiene ninguna expectativa de que los miembros del público local que participan en la identificación de beneficios relajen su oposición al proyecto. DWR no ve la participación como una señal de apoyo al proyecto y de ninguna manera impide la capacidad continua de oponerse al proyecto. DWR continuará trabajando en la planificación y permisos ambientales, incluyendo la identificación del impacto ambiental y la mitigación, y seguirá habiendo muchas oportunidades para la participación del público en esos procesos y vías para expresar su oposición al proyecto. El programa de beneficios para la comunidad solo procedería si el proyecto fuese aprobado.

¿Qué ganaría la comunidad del Delta?
Los miembros de la comunidad de Delta tienen la oportunidad de aprovechar este importante proyecto de obras de capital para crear un beneficio económico y social duradero, tangible y potencialmente significativo. Si el proyecto fuese aprobado junto con el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, quienes no participaron habrán perdido la oportunidad de ayudar a dar forma al programa para que se adapte mejor a las necesidades de la comunidad local.

Puede encontrar información adicional sobre el desarrollo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios aquí.

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Delta Conveyance Project



May 18, 2021

Registration Extended for Community Benefits Program Workshop 3

The registration deadline for the third Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program virtual workshop on Tuesday, May 25th has been extended. Register by Thursday, May 20th for this interactive workshop. Come share your thoughts on possible implementation commitments, including economic development and integrated infrastructure opportunities, and ongoing community involvement in developing the program.

Workshop 3: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Register Here by May 20th

Economic Development and Integrated Infrastructure Opportunities Information

What could Targeted Hiring include?

- Opportunity to increase participation of socially or economically disadvantaged workers in a project
- Helps create long lasting economic stability for workers
- May include partnerships with existing jobs training, pre-apprenticeship and other workforce development organizations to help create a pipeline of qualified workers

What could Local Business Utilization include?

- Increase participation of disadvantaged businesses in public contracting
- Create guidance that a percentage of all services, goods or materials be contracted to targeted businesses
- Direct contracting or contracting advantage to specific business types where a characteristic such as location may provide benefit in performance of the work
- Help create sustainable businesses and economic stimulus

What could Integrated Infrastructure include?

- Site development that integrates a public benefit with the functional requirements of the project (example suggested including sports fields added to rehabilitated stockpile area at maintenance or retrieval shaft sites)
- Utility development that creates a permanent utility benefit (example suggested adding a permanent bike path along a haul route corridor)

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Delta Conveyance Project



May 13, 2021

Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program Workshop on May 25th

Come Share Your Thoughts on Possible Implementation Commitments and Ongoing Community Involvement in Developing the Program

On May 25th, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is holding the last of three interactive community workshops to provide information about economic development and integrated infrastructure opportunities, including targeted hiring, local business utilization and possible leave-behind infrastructure as well as what community involvement in ongoing development of the program could include. **Come share your feedback on these and other ideas.**

Workshop 3: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
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Workshop 1 & 2 Materials

Workshop 1: Community Benefits Program Concept

- Presentation
- Summary
- Video

Workshop 2: Benefit Categories and Funding Idea Examples

- Presentation
- *Summary and video will be posted on the website when available*

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Delta Conveyance Project



July 7, 2021

Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program Workshops: Follow-up Items and Next Steps

Haga clic aquí para ver este aviso en español.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) held three community workshops and one specifically for Tribal Members during April and May, 2021, to share information and gather public input related to the development of a Community Benefits Program for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. Each workshop focused on a different topic area and was designed to solicit feedback from the local community in this initial stage of program development. The information gathered is being used to inform creation of a program framework for inclusion in the Draft Environmental Impact Report, planned for publication in mid-2022.

As a follow-up from the workshops, DWR has published a summary and the video recording of each session, which can be accessed at the below links. Additional resources from each workshop, including the presentation and other supplemental materials, can be found here.

Workshop 1 – Program Overview: April 14, 2021

- Summary | Resumen
- Video | Video *(en Español)*

Workshop 2 – Funding Ideas: May 6, 2021

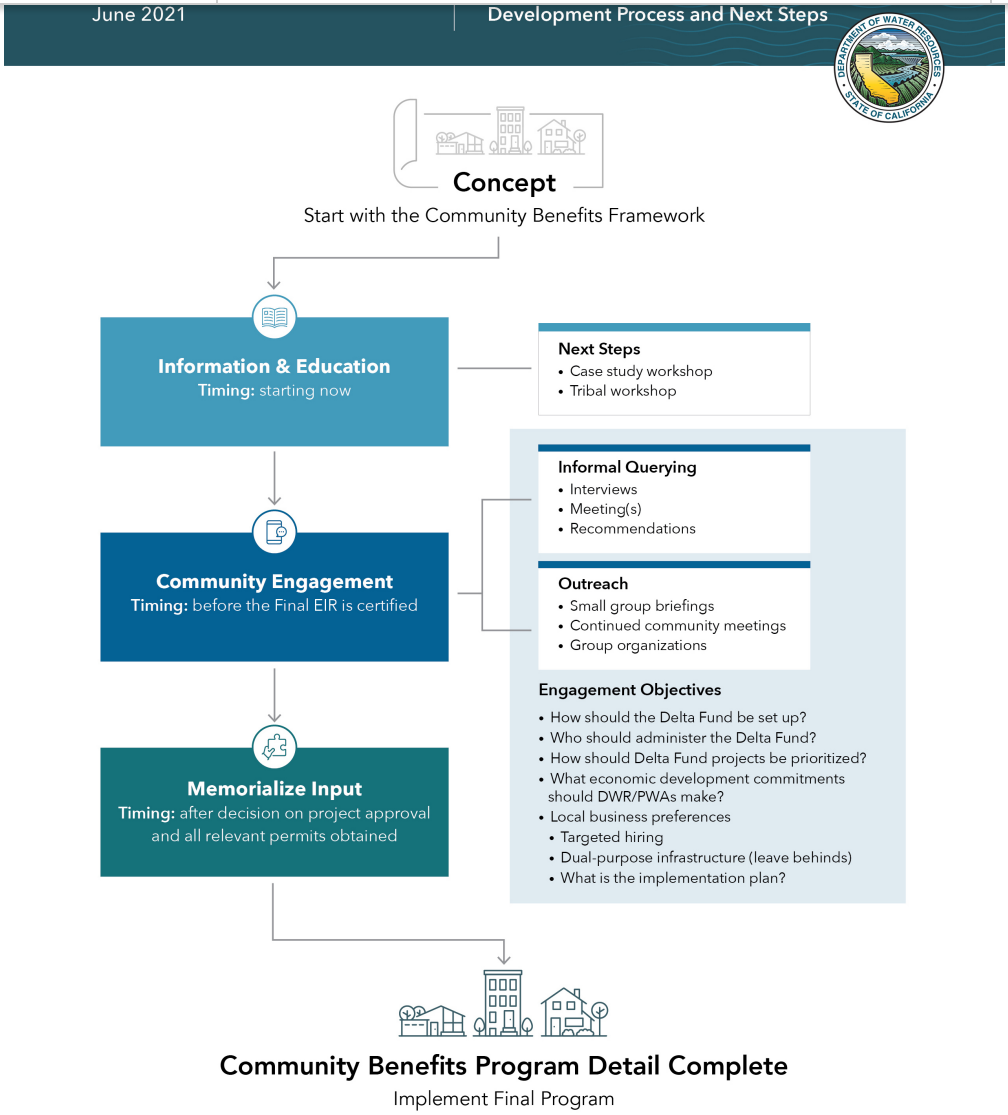
- Summary | Resumen
- Video | Video *(en Español)*

Workshop 3 – Implementation Commitments and Public Participation Process: May 25, 2021

- Summary | Resumen
- Video | Video *(en Español)*

Next Steps

The development of this program is still in the early stages and while this recent round of information sharing and gathering marks an important first step, it is just the beginning. Next steps and the overall process are outlined in the following graphic. Central to ongoing program development will remain the need to work with the community to create a program that best suits its needs. As a reminder, the Community Benefits Program will only be implemented if the Delta Conveyance Project is approved and engaging in development of the Community Benefits Program does not signal support for the project. We anticipate reaching out again to the community later this summer and will provide updates, as available.



Stay in Touch

If you have any questions, comments or would like to share anything else related to the development of the Community Benefits Program, please email DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov. All upcoming events, informational materials and other resources can be found on our website.

Delta Conveyance Project

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Delta Conveyance Project



7 de julio del 2021

Talleres del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta: Elementos de seguimiento y Próximos Pasos

El Departamento de Recursos Hídricos (DWR, por sus siglas en inglés) llevó a cabo tres talleres comunitarios y uno específicamente para miembros tribales durante abril y mayo del 2021, para compartir información y recopilar comentarios del público relacionados con el desarrollo de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para el propuesto Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Cada taller se centró en un área temática diferente y fue diseñado para solicitar comentarios de la comunidad local en esta etapa inicial del desarrollo del programa. La información recopilada se está utilizando para informar la creación de un marco programático para su inclusión en el Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental, cuya publicación está prevista para mediados del 2022.

Como seguimiento de los talleres, DWR ha publicado un resumen y la grabación del video de cada sesión, a la que se puede acceder en los siguientes enlaces. Se pueden encontrar recursos adicionales de cada taller, incluida la presentación y otros materiales complementarios aquí.

Taller 1 - Descripción General del Programa: 14 de abril del 2021

- Resumen
- Video

Taller 2 - Ideas de Financiación: 6 de mayo del 2021

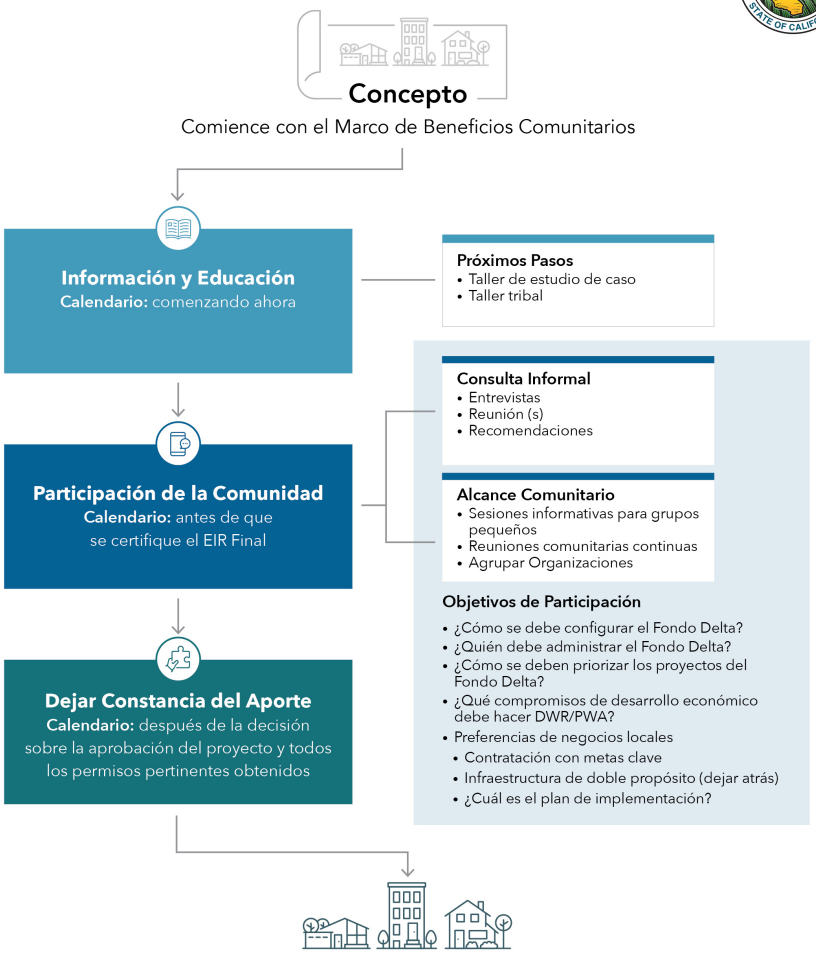
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Taller 3 - Proceso de Implementación de Compromisos y Participación Pública: 25 de mayo del 2021

- Resumen
- VIdeo

Próximos Pasos

El desarrollo de este programa aún se encuentra en las primeras etapas y, si bien esta reciente ronda de intercambio y recopilación de información marca un primer paso importante, es solo el comienzo. Los siguientes pasos y el proceso general se describen en el siguiente gráfico. Lo fundamental para el desarrollo continuo del programa seguirá siendo la necesidad de trabajar con la comunidad para crear un programa que se adapte mejor a sus necesidades. Como recordatorio, el Programa de Beneficios para la Comunidad solo se implementará si se aprueba el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, y participar en el desarrollo del Programa de Beneficios para la Comunidad no indica apoyo para el proyecto. Anticipamos comunicarnos nuevamente con la comunidad a finales de este verano y brindaremos actualizaciones, según estén disponibles.



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Si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o le gustaría compartir cualquier otra cosa relacionada con el desarrollo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, envíe un correo electrónico DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov. Todos los próximos eventos, materiales informativos y otros recursos se pueden encontrar en nuestro sitio de internet.

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2 Draft Community Benefits Program Framework, 3 January 2021

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DEVELOPING THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAM

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What is a Community Benefits Program? A Community Benefits Program is a defined set of commitments made by project proponents and created in coordination with the local community. These commitments are made separate from, and in addition to, permit conditions or environmental mitigation. These commitments can include a wide range of benefits; including jobs training programs and local hiring targets to funding for parks and other recreational facilities. Their purpose goes beyond traditional concepts of "mitigation" and is to demonstrate goodwill and a concern regarding adverse effects the communities endure through construction of major capital construction works and to provide greater flexibility in addressing these effects than what is afforded in existing regulatory processes.

Why would the Delta Conveyance Project pursue a Community Benefits Program? Large infrastructure projects such as the proposed Delta Conveyance Project inevitably create effects to the communities and the local environment in which they are built. Some of these effects are beneficial as, not only will this construction project provide significant increases in economic activity in the Delta, the project may have ancillary benefits in terms of training, infrastructure and possibly multipurpose facilities that can serve the community for years to come. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) recognizes, however, that the construction and operation of the Delta Conveyance Project may also adversely affect the Delta's unique values and envisions a comprehensive Community Benefits Program as a way to work collaboratively with Delta communities to identify and build in additional aspects of the project that can provide lasting benefits to the Delta. In addition, a Community Benefits Program would provide opportunities for Delta communities to articulate ways the Delta Conveyance Project can address project conflicts with any local Delta uses that adversely affect the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place (*Delta as Place*). It is intended that the development and implementation of the Community Benefits Program will assist in supporting DWR's certification of consistency with Delta Plan policy DP P2 *Respect Local Land Use When Siting Water or Flood Facilities or Restoring Habitats and with the state's coequal goals for the Delta*.

What would the Community Benefits Program's objectives be? The creation of a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project would seek to do three things: 1) Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits; 2) Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with stakeholder input; and 3) ensure the project is consistent with Delta Plan policy DP P2 and, ultimately, the state's coequal goals for the Delta.

What would Delta communities have to gain from participating in development of the program? A comprehensive Community Benefits Program provides local stakeholders with a leadership role and voice in generating and prioritizing ideas that can provide benefits from the Delta Conveyance Project, and with respect to the anticipated fund, a leadership role in bringing forward and implementing certain actions to contribute to the Delta community. The economic development opportunities are significant; and will benefit from local insight in the coordinated development of a Community Benefits Program.

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What types of benefits could be included in a Community Benefits Program? While the details of a Community Benefits Program would be created through community engagement, there are two components DWR will be discussing with Delta stakeholders at the outset:

- Conceptual Project-Implementation Commitments
  - Jobs, training and labor: Commitments about hiring practices for the local community; training programs for the local job force; and worker retention
  - Business, economy: Commitments to prioritize local business and economic development, e.g. ports, service companies, local manufacturing or product supply, office space, housing, and food service, childcare, agricultural tourism
  - Construction partnerships: Identify opportunities to partner with existing local public organizations to provide shared benefits, e.g. emergency services, electric bus service, sustainability targets, etc.
  - Multipurpose Facilities: Commitments to create multipurpose project facilities or repurpose and leave-behind certain project features for the community, e.g. electric busses, cellular/broadband service; sidewalks, bike lanes, roads; on-site recreational space; facilities for community services; banking/lending; public safety infrastructure

- Delta as Place Fund
  - Commitment to create a Delta as Place Fund with a community-driven framework for fund management that empowers local residents, leaders and other stakeholders to implement projects pursued independent of the Delta Conveyance Project by the community that contribute to *Delta as Place.*
  - Focus the fund on those projects that can help to protect, enhance, and sustain the unique cultural, historical, recreational, agricultural, and economic values of the Delta as an evolving place, in a manner consistent with the coequal goals. (Wat. Code, § 85301)

Note: The Community Benefits Program is one of three distinct, but complementary processes intended to address effects within the community. The other two processes are 1) Regulatory Mitigation: to address project impacts related to specific regulatory requirements (e.g. CEQA/NEPA); and 2) an Ombudsman Program: to provide a clearinghouse and single point of contact to streamline information, support and claims and ensure just compensation as a result of direct construction-related issues.



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How would a Community Benefits Program be developed? The process for developing a Community Benefits Program is as important as the ultimate commitments and resulting benefits. Local communities are best equipped to tailor benefits to their particular needs. A collaborative approach to develop the Community Benefits Program provides a safeguard to ensure that the local Delta community shares in the development and application of benefits. DWR anticipates a three-phase process to develop the Community Benefits Program.

1. Phase 1: Information Sharing and Gathering
   Conduct community interviews to gather initial input.
   a. Timeframe: January and February 2021
   b. Product: Revised Concept Paper, guiding principles, interview summaries

2. Phase 2: Community Benefits Framework
   Public workshops to develop draft Community Benefits Framework, including program goals, benefit categories, objectives, project types and community engagement process. Address metrics for Environmental Justice, ensuring diverse participation.
   a. Timeframe:
      i. By mid 2021
         1. Product: Preliminary Draft Framework (focused on goals, benefit categories, objectives and project types)
      ii. By end of 2021
         1. Product: Final Draft Framework, to be included as Appendix to Draft EIR (adding in text for the community engagement process)

3. Phase 3: Community Benefits Program
   Utilize the "framework" described by Phase 2 to develop detailed implementation components of the Community Benefits Program.
   a. Timeframe: Ideally the Community Benefits Program would be finalized ahead of when DWR certifies consistency with the Delta Plan
   b. Product: Community Benefits Program [Mechanism for formalizing is TBD.]
   c. Process: To be determined based on results of Phase 2. Recommend the creation of a new DCA committee (Community Benefits Committee) to be the primary vehicle to develop the Community Benefits Program.*

*Focused on elements related to design and construction components of the Delta Conveyance Project. If there are any proposals that are unrelated to design and construction of the DCP, those elements would be addressed through a separate method.

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DESARROLLO DEL PROGRAMA DE BENEFICIOS COMUNITARIOS DEL PROYECTO DE AGUA A TRAVÉS DEL DELTA

BORRADOR DE ENERO DE 2021

¿Qué es el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios? El Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios es una serie de compromisos definidos establecidos por los promotores del proyecto y en coordinación con la comunidad local. Estos compromisos se hacen independientemente, y además de, las condiciones de los permisos o la disminución del impacto ambiental. Estos compromisos pueden incluir una amplia variedad de beneficios; incluyendo programas de capacitación laboral y contratación de empleo con un enfoque local, financio de parques y otros centros recreativos. Su propósito va más allá de los conceptos tradicionales de la "reducción de impactos" con el fin de demostrar buena voluntad y preocupación con respecto a los impactos adversos que las comunidades puedan experimentar debido a los proyectos de construcción en grande escala y proporcionar mejor flexibilidad en atender estos impactos más allá de lo que permite los procesos regulatorios existentes.

¿Por qué buscará el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta Desarrollar un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios? Los proyectos en grande escala, como el propuesto Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, inevitablemente impactan a las comunidades y el medio ambiente local en donde se llevará a cabo la construcción. Algunos de esos impactos son beneficiosos ya que este proyecto de construcción no solo traerá aumentos importantes en la actividad económica de la zona del Delta, sino que el proyecto puede tener beneficios secundarios en términos de capacitación laboral, infraestructura, y posiblemente centros de multiuso que pueden servir a la comunidad en el futuro. No obstante, el Departamento de Recursos Hídricos (Department of Water Resources, DWR) reconoce que la construcción y la operación del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta puede impactar negativamente los valores únicos de las comunidades del Delta, y por eso se visualiza un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios integral como una forma de trabajar en colaboración con las comunidades del Delta para identificar e incorporar aspectos adicionales del proyecto que puedan aportar beneficios duraderos para las región del Delta. Además, un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios proporcionaría oportunidades para que las comunidades del Delta articulen maneras en las que el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta pueda abordar los conflictos relacionados con el proyecto con cualquier uso local del Delta que afecte negativamente los recursos culturales, recreativos, y naturales, y los valores agrícolas únicos del Delta como un lugar en estado de evolución (*Delta as Place*). Se intenta que el desarrollo y la implementación del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios ayude a respaldar la certificación del Departamento de Recursos Hídricos consistente con la política DP P2 del Plan Delta, *Respetar el uso de las tierras locales al crear instalaciones para agua o control de inundaciones, o para la restauración de hábitats y con las mismas metas que el estado tiene para el Delta*.

¿Cuáles serían los objetivos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios? La creación de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta buscaría hacer tres cosas: 1) Proporcionar un mecanismo para que la comunidad del Delta identifique oportunidades de beneficios locales; 2) proporcionar un mecanismo para que los promotores del proyecto demuestren buena fe, transparencia, y responsabilidad con la comunidad a través de compromisos formales desarrollados con la contribución de los interesados; y 3) garantizar que el proyecto respete la política DP P2 del Plan Delta y, ultimadamente, las mismas metas del estado para la zona del Delta.

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¿Qué ganarían las comunidades del Delta al participar en la creación de un programa? Un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios integral ofrece a los interesados locales un papel de liderazgo y les da voz al generar y priorizar las ideas que pueden proporcionar beneficios a partir del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y, con respecto al financiamiento anticipado, un papel directivo al presentar y poner en práctica ciertas acciones para contribuir a la comunidad del Delta. Las oportunidades de desarrollo económico son importantes y se beneficiarán de la información local en la creación conjunta de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

¿Qué tipos de beneficios podrían incluirse en el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios? Aunque los detalles del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios se crearían por medio de la participación de la comunidad, hay dos componentes que el Departamento de Recursos Hídrico discutirá con los interesados del Delta desde un principio:

- Compromisos Conceptuales de la Implementación del Proyecto
    - Trabajos, capacitación y fuerza laboral: Compromisos sobre prácticas de contratación de la comunidad local; programas de capacitación para la fuerza de laboral local, y retención de trabajadores
    - Comercio, economía: Compromisos para priorizar los negocios y el desarrollo económico local; por ejemplo, puertos, empresas de servicio, manufactura o suministro de productos locales, espacio de oficinas, vivienda y servicios de alimentos, cuidado infantil o turismo agrícola
    - Colaboración de proyectos de construcción: Identificar oportunidades para colaborar con las organizaciones públicas locales existentes para brindar beneficios compartidos, como servicios de emergencia, servicios de autobuses eléctricos, objetivos de sustentabilidad, etc.
    - Instalaciones de multiusos: Compromisos de crear instalaciones de multiusos para el proyecto, o readaptar y dejar ciertos elementos del proyecto para la comunidad, tal como autobuses eléctricos; servicios celulares o de banda ancha; banquetas, ciclovías, carreteras; espacios recreativos en sitio; centros para servicios comunitarios; bancos o actividad crediticia; infraestructura de seguridad pública

- Fondo Delta as Place
    - Compromiso de crear un Fondo Delta as Place con una estrategia dirigida por la comunidad para administrar el fondo que en si empodere a los residentes, los líderes y otros interesados locales para que la comunidad ponga en marcha proyectos independientes del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta con el fin de contribuir a la región del Delta.
    - Enfoca el fondo en aquellos proyectos que pueden ayudar a proteger, mejorar, y sostener los valores culturales, históricos, recreativos, agrícolas, y económicos únicos del Delta como un lugar en estado de evolución de una forma consistente con las metas iguales. (Código de Agua, § 85301)

Nota: El Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios es uno de tres procesos distintos, pero complementarios que buscan abordar los impactos dentro de la comunidad. Los otros dos procesos son 1) Mitigación regulatoria: para atender los impactos del proyecto relacionados con requisitos regulatorios específicos (como la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California [California Environmental Quality Act, CEQA]/Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental [National

Environmental Policy Act, NEPA]) y un 2)Programa de Mediadores: para crear una central de información y un punto de contacto único para coordinar información, soporte y reclamos, y asegurar la compensación justa como resultado de cuestiones directamente relacionadas con el proyecto de construcción.



¿Cómo se desarrollará el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios? El proceso para desarrollar el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios es tan importante como los compromisos principales y los beneficios resultantes. Las comunidades locales están mejor equipadas para adaptar los beneficios a sus necesidades particulares. Un enfoque colaborativo en desarrollar el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios proporciona un salvaguardia que asegura que la comunidad local del Delta se beneficie del desarrollo y la aplicación de los beneficios. El Departamento de Recursos Hídricos anticipa un proceso de tres fases para desarrollar el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

1. Fase 1: Recolección e Intercambio de Información
   Llevar a cabo entrevistas en la comunidad para recolectar comentarios iniciales.
   a. Periodo: Enero y febrero de 2021.
   b. Productos: Documento de conceptos revisado, principios rectores, resúmenes de entrevistas.

2. Fase 2: Marco Operativo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios
   Talleres públicos para desarrollar un borrador del Marco Operativo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, donde se incluyan las metas del programa, categorías de los beneficios, objetivos, tipos de proyectos, el proceso para la participación comunitaria, abordar métricas de justicia ambiental, y asegurar una participación diversa.
   a. Plazo:
      i. A mediados de 2021
         1. Producto: Borrador Preliminar del Marco Operativo (incluye las metas del programa, clases de beneficios, objetivos y tipos de proyectos)
      ii. A finales de 2021
         1. Producto: Borrador Final del Marco Operativo se incluirá como apéndice en el borrador del Reporte de Impacto ambiental (Environmental Impact Report, EIR) (agregando texto sobre el proceso para la participación comunitaria).

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3. Fase 3: Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

   Utilizar el "marco operativo" descrito en la Fase 2 para crear los componentes detallados para la implementación del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

   a. Plazo: Idealmente, el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios estará terminado después de que el Departamento de Recursos Hídricos certifique que se ajusta al Plan Delta.
   b. Producto: Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios [el mecanismo de formalización está por determinarse].
   c. Proceso: Se determinará con base en los resultados de la Fase 2. Se recomienda la creación de un nuevo comité de Autoridad de Diseño y Construcción (Design and Construction Authority, DCA) (Comité de Beneficios Comunitarios) para que sea el medio principal para desarrollar el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. *

*El enfoque es en los elementos relacionados con los componentes de diseño y construcción del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Si hay alguna propuesta no relacionada con el diseño y la construcción del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta (Delta Conveyance Project, DCP), esos elementos se atenderán por medio de un método separado.

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2 Stakeholder Engagement Committee Presentations

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The Delta Conveyance Project – Community Benefits Program

Community Benefits Program – December 9th, 2020 SEC Presentation



DELTA CONVEYANCE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

DECEMBER 9, 2020

Stakeholder Engagement Committee Meeting

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Introduction to Proposed Delta Conveyance Community Benefit Program

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December 2020

COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM (CBP)
Agenda

- Background
- Case Studies and Best Practices
- Next Steps

Background

What is a Community Benefits Program?



- Defined set of commitments made by project proponents and created in coordination with the local community
- The commitments are made separate from and in addition to permit conditions or environmental mitigations
- Can include a wide range of benefits to address effects beyond what may be afforded by existing regulatory processes
- A demonstration of goodwill and concern regarding adverse effects communities may endure through construction of major capital works

Why Pursue a Community Benefits Program?



- Large infrastructure projects such as the proposed Delta Conveyance Project inevitably create effects to the communities and the local environment in which they are built.
- A Community Benefits Program would provide opportunities for Delta communities to articulate ways the Delta Conveyance Project can address project conflicts with any local Delta uses that affect the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place (Delta as Place).

Possible Objectives

- Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
- Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency and accountability to the community through commitments developed with stakeholder input
- Support project consistency with the Delta Plan policy DP P2 and, ultimately, the state's coequal goals for the Delta.





"Re-localizing sharing in benefit in line with the localization of impacts."

--Community Benefits from Onshore Wind Developments: Best Practice Guide for England

Build on Regional Vision

A CBP would provide additional opportunities for local communities to support the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta articulated by the Delta Plan, National Heritage Area and Conservancy Grant Program (among many others).



- ✓ Acknowledge the Delta as a special place worthy of national and state attention
- ✓ Plan to protect the Delta's lands and communities
- ✓ Maintain Delta agriculture as a primary land use, a food source, a key economic sector, and a way of life
- ✓ Encourage recreation and tourism that allow visitors to enjoy and appreciate the Delta and that contribute to its economy
- ✓ Sustain a vital Delta economy that includes a mix of agriculture, tourism, recreation, commercial and other industries, and vital components of state and regional infrastructure

Conceptual Categories of Benefits

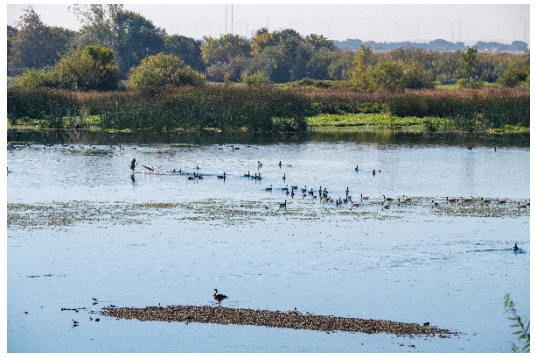
Delta As Place Fund

- Community driven framework for fund management that empowers local community
- Focus fund on those projects that can help protect, enhance, and sustain the unique cultural, historical, recreational, agricultural, and economic values of the Delta as an evolving place, consistent with the co-equal goals.

Project Implementation Commitments

- Jobs, training and labor
- Business, economy
- Construction partnerships
- Multipurpose Facilities




Three Distinct But Complementary Processes

Regulatory Mitigation

Purpose: Address project impacts related to specific regulatory requirements (e.g., CEQA/NEPA)

Community Benefits Program

Purpose: Provide resources to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by implementation, based on community collaboration.

Ombudsman Program

Purpose: Clearinghouse single point of contact to streamline information, support and claims. Includes ensuring just compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Case Studies and Best Practices

Example Case Studies



Los Angeles World Airports (LAX) $11Bil Expansion Program



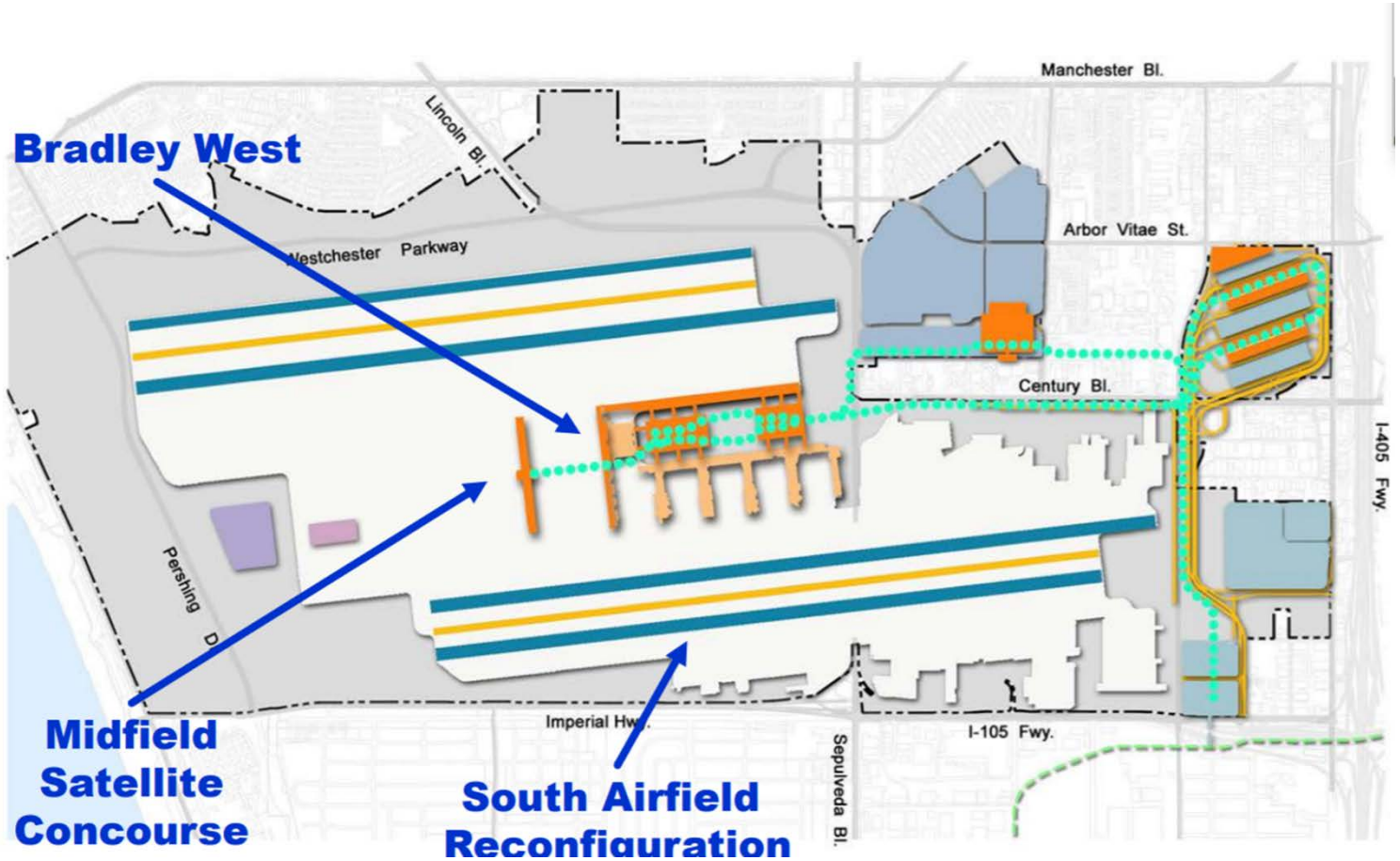
NYC Dept of Environmental Protection $3.5Bil Croton Water Plant



Various Off-Shore Wind Programs

LAX EXPANSION

Los Angeles Airport (LAX) Expansion



- ✓ Developed legally binding Community Benefit Agreement (December 2004)
- ✓ Signatory: LAX Coalition for Economic, Environmental and Educational Justice
  - Broad coalition of community-based organizations and labor unions
- ✓ Community Benefits negotiated to address impacts and maximize local project benefits

LAX EXPANSION

Example Benefits Identified







- ✓ Local hiring program to give priority for jobs at LAX to residents and low-income and special needs individuals;
  - ✓ Funds for soundproofing affected schools and residences;
  - ✓ Retrofitting diesel construction vehicles and diesel vehicles operating on the tarmac, curbing dangerous air pollutants by up to 90%;
- ✓ Electrifying airplane gates to eliminate pollution from jet engine idling;
- ✓ Funds for studying the health impacts of airport operations on surrounding communities; and
- ✓ Increased opportunities for local, minority, and women-owned businesses in the modernization of LAX.

NYC DEP CROTON WTP

NYC DEP Croton Water Treatment Plant (WTP)





- ✓ Selected site on public golf course in Van Courtland Park, Bronx, NY
- ✓ Plant constructed entirely underground to reduce affects in public park
- ✓ Agreements negotiated in two areas:
  - On-site impacts to golf course
  - Broader Bronx Community
- ✓ Community monitoring committee formed and held monthly meetings to review overall progress

Integrated Site Facilities

Croton WTP during construction. Temporary driving range and course reroute built prior to start of WTP construction; payments for lost revenue during construction.



NYC DEP CROTON WTP



Final driving range and clubhouse constructed above buried treatment plant.

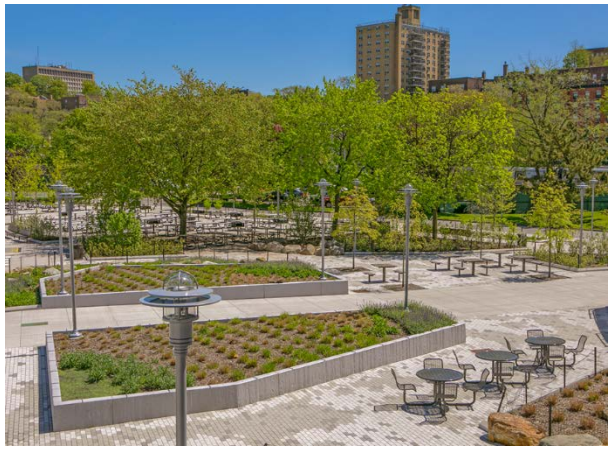
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Support for Bronx Borough Parks

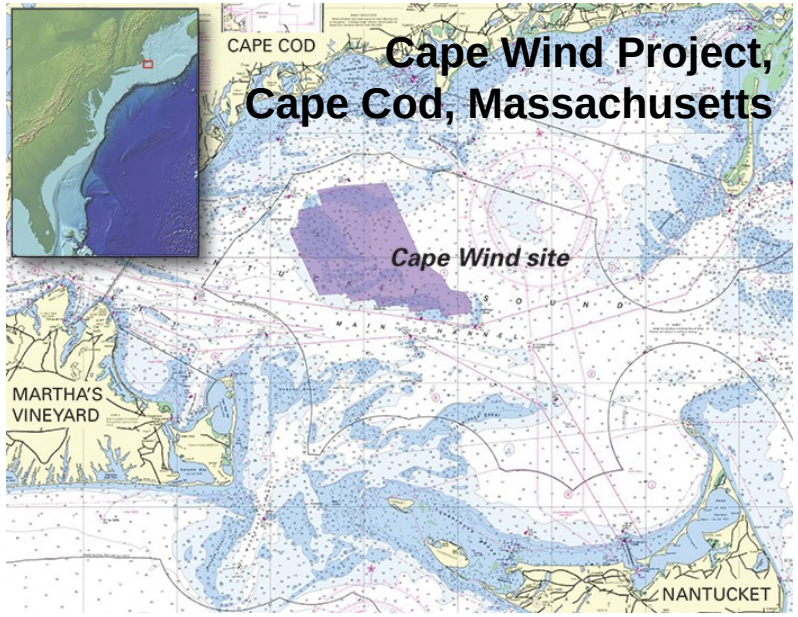


- ✓ Roberto Clemente State Park Reconstruction
- ✓ Van Courtland Park Upgrades
- ✓ Van Courtland Park Forestry Management Fund
- ✓ Tree Planting Fund
- ✓ Bronx Borough Public Parks Fund





Example Features of Offshore Wind Farm CBAs



Cape Wind Project, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

- Funding for Restoration of Bird Island
- Annual payment for natural resource preservation, marine habitat restoration and coastal recreation enhancement projects in region

- Established grant program for assistance on local projects such as upgrade of a local village pond and its adjoining land



Sheringham Shoal Community Fund North Norfolk, England

VARIOUS WIND PROJECTS



Block Island Wind Farm Block Island, Rhode Island

- Grant money to hire third party expert to help understand planning submission drawings and other technical issues
- Hired ombudsperson to help keep town informed
- Added power and fiber optic line to connect island to mainland grid to provide high speed internet and eliminate diesel fueled power plant

Sample Best Practices

- Grassroots process with open and transparent collaboration to encourage broad community participation - outreach to interest groups that do not always have voice or participate
- Results of all meetings will be recorded and made public
- Make participants aware that participation does not affect their rights in the planning process
- Build on plans and strategies that have already been developed in Community
- Ensure benefits are fair and proportional to project magnitude
- Clear oversight and monitoring program to ensure sponsor and recipients are meeting their responsibilities

Next Steps

Phases of Development and Implementation

PHASE 1
Information Gathering

December 2020 to February 2021

PHASE 2
Develop Community Benefits Program Framework

March 2021 to December 2021

PHASE 3
Complete Benefit Identification and Finalize Program

January 2022 to December 2023

PHASE 4
Implementation and Oversight
(pending project review and approvals)

PHASE 1 *Information Gathering* | PHASE 2 *Develop CBP Framework* | PHASE 3 *Negotiate Benefits / Finalize Agreements* | PHASE 4 *Implementation and Oversight*

Information Gathering

- Interviews with Delta stakeholders and stakeholder groups to introduce proposed Community Benefit Program concept and initial solicit feedback
  - Local elected officials and Delta organizations (e.g. DSC, DPC, DC)
  - Legacy communities
  - Tribes and Tribal Members
  - Environmental Justice / Disadvantaged Communities
  - Agricultural interests
  - Recreational interests
  - Natural resources interests



PHASE 1 *Information Gathering* | PHASE 2 *Develop CBP Framework* | PHASE 3 *Negotiate Benefits / Finalize Agreements* | PHASE 4 *Implementation and Oversight*

Information Gathering

- CBPs require communities to be clear on what they need and the long-term benefits that can be derived.
- Local planning organizations can often serve that function to work with citizens to develop long term plans
- The Delta is diverse and dispersed with multiple and sometimes overlapping planning organizations
- Need input on how to navigate the current Delta community structure and identify:
  - methods to work collaboratively with community to develop the program
  - stakeholder identification

PHASE 1 *Information Gathering* | PHASE 2 *Develop CBP Framework* | PHASE 3 *Negotiate Benefits / Finalize Agreements* | PHASE 4 *Implementation and Oversight*

What may be included in the Framework Document?

- Benefit categories and goals
- Tenets and stakeholders
- Objectives for each benefit category
- Process design

Community Engagement Approach

1. Interviews with community members and community groups
   a. Interview the SEC as one of several groups (but also individuals as desired)
   b. Document and publish input for transparency
2. Public workshops
   a. Review interview results
   b. Present draft language
   c. Solicit public input
3. DWR uses interviews/workshops to prepare Draft Framework (appendix to DEIR)

Closing

Core Commitments

1

Transparent
Open process to collaborate effectively

2

Constructive
Participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy

3

Inclusive
Broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices

4

Fair
Benefits related to localized nature of effects

5

Unconditional
Community benefits are not dependent on support for project

Discussion:

- Do you understand the concept?
- Do you have any thoughts about how the SEC fits into the Framework development process?
- Do you have recommendations for who to interview?

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The Delta Conveyance Project – Community Benefits Program

Community Benefits Program – April 28th, 2021 SEC Presentation



DELTA CONVEYANCE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

Lupinus, commonly known as lupin or lupine, grows at the Dutch Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration Project, located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta near Oakley, California. Photo taken March 24, 2021.

APRIL 28, 2021

Stakeholder Engagement Committee Meeting

Item 5d.

Community Benefits Program Update



Community Benefits Report Out

Taller De Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Presentation Overview
Descripción General de la Presentación

- Review ideas from community benefits interviews
- Provide opportunity for input on community benefits program and project ideas

- *Revise las ideas de las entrevistas sobre beneficios para la comunidad*
- *Brindar la oportunidad de discutir el programa de beneficios comunitarios y proyectos.*

Community Interview Summary
Resumen de la Entrevista Comunitaria

Forty-four interviews, from 2/1/21-3/19/21

- Majority support the concept of a community benefits program
- Concerns included:
  - Complexity and feasibility
  - Trust; need for oversight and enforceable commitments
  - Lack of in-Delta capacity
  - Will projects last throughout construction and after?
  - Wanting more CEQA information first (impacts assessment; mitigation)

Cuarenta y cuatro entrevistas desde el 2/1/21 - 3/19/21

- *La mayoría apoya el concepto de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios*
- *Inquietudes incluidas :*
  - *Complejidad y viabilidad*
  - *Confianza; necesidad de supervisión y compromisos exigibles*
  - *Falta de capacidad en el Delta*
  - *Longevidad del programa*
  - *Desear primero más información de CEQA (evaluación de impactos; mitigación)*

Community Interview Summary, continued
Continuacion del Resumen

Recommendations included:

- Fund existing programs / avoid competing with existing programs
- Use existing community action plans, other Delta project plans
- Fund savings accounts for residents to use for education/job training
- Provide lump sums for legacy communities
- Ensure planning and oversight are locally driven
- Solicit broad input about different types of projects to consider

Recomendaciones incluidas

- *Financiar programas existentes / evitar competir con programas existentes*
- *Utilizar planes de acción comunitarios existentes, otros planes*
- *Fondos de cuentas de ahorro para que los residentes las utilicen con fines educativos o de capacitación laboral*
- *Financiar sumas globales para comunidades de legado*
- *Asegúrar de que la planificación y la supervisión se realicen a nivel local*
- *Ampliar información sobre diferentes tipos de proyectos a considerar*

SEC Input

Aportación SEC

Opportunity to provide input on:

1. What do you think about the community benefits concept?
2. What should the program's purpose and objectives be?
3. What is your reaction to the proposed program components?
4. What do you think about the proposed categories of benefits?
5. Do you have any project suggestions?

Brindan informacion sobre:

1. *¿Qué opinas del concepto de beneficios comunitarios?*
2. *¿Cuáles deberían ser los objetivos de un programa de beneficios comunitarios?*
3. *¿Cómo podrían beneficiarse las comunidades de Delta al participar en el programa?*
4. *¿Qué opinas de las categorías propuestas de tipos de proyectos?*
5. *¿Tiene alguna sugerencia de proyecto?*

Next Steps

Proximas Pasos

- Meeting report summarizing all input
- Workshop May 6, 6:00-8:00 pm (focusing on ideas for project types)
- Tribal Member Workshop May 17, 1:00-5:00 (Tribal Members only)
- Workshop May 25, 6:00-8:00 (focusing on implementation commitments and public participation process)
- Draft Community Benefits Program Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR, expected mid-2022

- *Informe de la reunión que resume*
- *Participación en el Taller de Categorías el 6 de Mayo, 6:00-8:00 pm*
- *Taller Tribal el 17 de Mayo 1:00-5:00*
- *Taller de Implementación de Compromisos el 25 de Mayo, 6:00-8:00*
- *Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios de Junio del 2021*
- *El proyecto de marco se incluirá como revisión del impacto ambiental., en mid-2022.*

Item 6.

Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

Date: June 23rd

Agenda Items*

- Community Benefits Framework
- Design Change Updates

(subject to change)

Thank you

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2 # April 2021, Interview Summary Report

Accessible versions of the materials provided in this attachment are available online at, https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

Community Benefits Interview Report

Submitted to the California Department of Water Resources

April 8, 2021

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Overview

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is developing a Community Benefits Program. The Program will be a part of the proposed Delta Conveyance Project. The Program will be implemented if the Delta Conveyance Project is permitted. It is common for proponents of large infrastructure projects to develop a set of commitments as part of the project proposal to:

1) acknowledge that if the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects that communities may endure due to major capital construction works,

2) go beyond what traditional "environmental mitigation" typically affords, and

3) create economic, social, and other benefits in and for the local community.

DWR is interested in hearing input from people in the Greater Delta Region on the proposed Delta Conveyance Project's Community Benefits Program. DWR asked Ag Innovations to interview community members. Ag Innovations facilitates collaboration and public engagement around complex agricultural and natural resources issues. Ag Innovations led a team of interviewers including Ag Innovations staff, project consultants and DWR.

Between February 1, 2021 and March 19, 2021, the interview team talked to 44 people. This team interviewed people who represent different interests in the Delta region and people who participated in scoping meetings. People represented agriculture, state and local government, environmental justice and disadvantaged communities, recreation, community groups, natural resources, and Tribal members. The list of interviewees is confidential to encourage people to contribute.

Numbers of Interviewees by Interest Area							
Agriculture	State Agencies	Local Government	Recreation	Environmental Justice	Natural Resources	Local Communities	Other
7	6	7	5	5	5	4	5

Section One summarizes the responses to questions about the concept of a community benefits program. Section Two summarizes responses to questions about the Delta as Place Fund. Section Three summarizes responses to questions about implementation commitments. Section four summarizes questions about community engagement, Delta needs and other ideas. The selected interview quotes included serve to illustrate common themes among responses.

Section 1: Community Benefits Program Concept

To begin, the interview team asked respondents what they thought about the concept of a community benefits program. Below are responses to questions about the concept, goals, and objectives of the Community Benefit Program.

Understanding the Community Benefits Project

To begin, the interview team reviewed the proposed program with interviewees. Here are some of the themes from the initial discussion:

- Many people asked how much money would be in the fund or could be provided. They worried that it would not be adequate to cover Environmental/CEQA mitigation as well as their understanding of extensive community impacts from the project.
- Several people questioned how the proposed Community Benefits Program would be managed. They noted that it would be inefficient or confusing to develop another Delta state program.
- Many people explained that the program would have to be comprehensive, to provide benefits from construction through operation and maintenance, and would have to cover the whole Delta.
- Several people questioned DWR's commitment to the program. They noted that they had been disappointed by previous DWR programs and commitments.
- The interview team also discussed the differences between Environmental/CEQA mitigation and community benefits with several people. Many people were concerned about mitigation and wanted to ensure that mitigation would sufficiently address impacts.

> "How will you mitigate for impacts, and how will you even be able to mitigate for all the impacts? How will we know what the community needs outside of mitigation if we do not know the impact or proposed mitigation?"

Finally, during this initial discussion, many people pointed out that they disapproved of the Delta Conveyance Project but were willing to discuss a community benefits program, if the project were permitted.

Is a Community Benefit Program a Good Idea?

The interview team asked respondents what they thought of the idea of a community benefits program. Most respondents agreed with the concept of a community benefits program.

Agree with Community Benefits Program	
Yes	38
No	6

Many respondents noted that they favored the concept but did not approve of the Delta Conveyance Project. They worry about the environmental, economic, and social impacts of the Delta Conveyance Project. People noted that a community benefit program would be difficult to develop and manage to address impacts. Several people noted that the program, as described in the concept paper, was too vague and that it was hard to see how a community benefits program could address the impacts.

> "The Community Benefits approach sounds right; intelligent. There is no local benefit from the project and until now the local community has not heard any interest in compensating the community for the imposition of the project and the pain they will suffer."

Community Benefits Program Concerns

The interview team asked people to describe what part of the Community Benefits Program they disagreed with or concerned them. The following chart displays the different concerns:

Concerns about Community Benefits Program	
Complex program concerns	12
DWR commitment concerns	7
Mitigation concerns	11
Benefit timeline concerns	8
Community concerns	6

Complex Program

Many interview respondents worried that the Community Benefits Program would be too complicated. They explained that Delta residents, community organizations, and municipalities did not have staff competent or available to apply for grants, partnerships, or programs. People noted that they did not have time to figure out program eligibility. They did not have staff to develop partnerships or coordinate to apply for funds.

> "Delta organizations are under-resourced. There is a low capacity to apply for and manage state grants/contracts, so the fund should coach applicants similar to Prop 68 grants. Some cities have less issue with capacity; but other community led efforts struggle to come together. People will need help to manage projects."

Many people noted they did not want to compete with other Delta priorities or Delta residents for funds. They also explained that complicated requirements for matching dollars would make it impossible for most Delta communities and organizations.

Finally, people explained there were too many "Delta programs" already. They explained that there were useful programs that were already underfunded to support many of the same kinds of projects. Some people suggested adding any funds to existing programs or to community foundations. develop partnerships with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) or established programs.

More Interested in Environmental/CEQA Mitigation

Several people were worried that a community benefits program would dilute the funds or attention away from Environmental/CEQA mitigation. They wanted to make sure that mitigation was fully funded, implemented, and monitored.

> "I do not want community benefits to substitute or dilute mitigation dollars. The community benefit effort might end up being competitive with mitigation and that would be a bad outcome. Community benefits cannot substitute for adequate mitigation."

Benefits Timeline

Several people were concerned about the timeline for community benefits. Respondents explained that they needed to understand project impacts and proposed Environmental/CEQA mitigation before they could evaluate community benefits. People worried that the program would not be flexible or would not address long-term issues.

> "Investments in infrastructure are important and some things like walkways and trails may not require as much maintenance but otherwise need continuous funding for operations and maintenance."

Interview respondents also commented that it would be hard to predict all the community changes from the project and therefore the process might be premature.

> **"**We should wait to develop the community benefits program until after the environmental analysis is done.**"**

Several people explained that there would need to be benefits before, during construction, and for many years after the project. They wondered how there would be guarantees of community benefits past construction. Several people noted that if the funding were limited or spreading it out meant there would be limits to address wide-ranging impacts. Others noted the fund should be spread out as a revolving fund or evergreen fund so grants can evolve as needs evolve. These people noted that it would be impossible to understand what the Delta needs 10 years from now.

> "DWR should think of the fund like adaptive management. There should be funds at construction but should also address issues incrementally. DWR should look at range of implications and impacts, not just a few."

DWR Commitment

Many people commented that they did not trust DWR to follow through on commitments. They worry that as the state administration changes, commitments could change. Several people suggested that community benefits needed to be included in legislation, as well as signed agreements, MOU's, and contracts. Some interview respondents asked what the consequences would be if DWR did not follow through with funds or make sure the funds went to the communities. Several people asked when the community benefit fund would be negotiated and who would ensure there was a commitment.

> "DWR's commitment is a financial commitment. Before we can approve of the concept, we need more information on the fund and the amount. That information is needed to understand the commitment. Everyone feels good when the agreement is signed and then there is no funding for operations."

Community Engagement

Finally, many people wondered how the community could or should be involved in developing a community benefits program. They worried that by reading the concept paper, there might be too many preconceived ideas about how it should happen. Several people worried that it would be hard to organize people to develop a program to go along with a project that many do not want.

They also worried about engaging people in different languages and from distinct parts of the Delta. Many people stressed that the Community Benefits Program would need to be a grassroots program and different for the three Delta areas. Other people stressed though that, some people will be attracted to the program just because there is funding. But they worried about accountability, equity, and who would control the fund.

> "Everyone likes money, but what are the criteria and how do you ensure equity, so everyone has a chance to access funds? Community benefits should go to all, not just the larger organizations, towns, and farms who have staff to fill out forms."

Different Approaches to Community Benefits?

The interview team asked respondents if they had a different approach to providing community benefits. If they did not agree with the concept of a community benefit fund, was there a better way to provide measures to offset impacts from the Delta Conveyance Project.

Different Approach to Community Benefits	
Do not build the project	13
Lump sum to existing organizations	9
Infrastructure	10
Other	12

Do Not Build Project

Many respondents answered that the better approach was to not build the project. They acknowledged that the Delta had needs outside of the potential impacts from the project. However, they noted the project would exacerbate Delta issues.

> "Do not build the project. And tell us about the impacts and how you plan to mitigate. Because we do not believe that you can mitigate for all the devastation you are going to bring. So little pots of money for little projects here and there will be meaningless because you will destroy agriculture, waterways, and our towns."

Fund Existing Programs or Recommendations

Many people worried that a new Delta program or funding source would be too complex or would duplicate existing programs. They suggested providing funds to current Delta programs that are underfunded. Many people suggested providing funding for recommendations from the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area's study, or from the Delta Protection Commission's Delta Community Design Study Recommendations Report and recreation plans, or the Community Action Plans for Clarksburg, Courtland, Hood, or Walnut Grove. Interviewees explained that many other natural resource, recreation, history, culture, and agriculture organizations have recommendations to improve the Delta.

> "Fund should link up with Delta Protection Commission and the many planning activities on which they have been working. They include community input and are well supported. The plans include clear recommendations and implementable projects. Look at the four community plans Delta Protection Commission did a few years ago; they might have had more interest if there had been potential funding at the end of the efforts."

Several interview respondents suggested picking existing organizations, with public support and records of achievement, and providing those organizations with lump sums or endowments to accomplish their goals. People suggested that providing an endowment to those organizations might support programs to monitor and adjust to address resource concerns. They explained that DWR could adopt an adaptive management approach so the community benefits could respond to ongoing Delta changes.

Several interview respondents suggested funding projects that need more funding like the San Francisco Bay Water Trail between Big Break and Stockton, or the Great California Delta Trail.

Fund Expensive Infrastructure

Many interviewees suggested the Community Benefits Program resources could fund large infrastructure programs. For example, people suggested that all the funds could go to levee maintenance or broadband communications. Others wanted to keep levee maintenance separate from a Community Benefits Program.

Other Ideas

Other ideas for different funding strategies included setting up savings accounts for each Delta resident to use for education and job training. Another idea was to use Community Benefits Program funds as incentives for comprehensive projects in legacy towns and Delta cities.

> "Along the same lines, figure out a set amount, say $1m for a community and convene a workshop with county, community, SACOG (or other COG), DWR, Caltrans, Parks, etc. and see what comprehensive project like Isleton's main street revitalization and get other agencies to commit to fund as well."

Section 2: Delta as Place Fund

After discussions about the concept of a community benefits program, the interviews turned to responses to the Delta as Place Fund implementation commitments.

Delta as Place Fund

In the next part of the interviews, the interview team focused on the Delta as Place Fund. The interview team asked respondents what they thought about a fund to support community driven projects.

Opinion about Delta as Place Fund	
Great idea	24
Might work	5
Here are some concerns	10
Do not think it will work	5

Great Idea

Most people responded that some kind of fund is a good idea. Respondents noted that if the fund addressed impacts, it was a good idea. They also expressed a desire that the fund be locally driven and locally developed ideas. Each community should decide how to invest community benefits funds. People also wanted to make sure the fund would acknowledge the differences between the North, Central and South Delta.

> "Yes, a community driven fund may be able to soften the blow on the residents and farmers. But make sure the community gets substantial benefits to offset severe damage and disruption."

Concerns

Even when interview respondents supported a community benefits fund, they had significant concerns. Many people emphasized that they worried that Environmental/CEQA mitigation would not address all impacts and that focusing on a community benefits program diluted that focus. Others worried about a community benefit fund taking emphasis away from mitigation.

Complicated Program

Interview respondents emphasized their concerns about equity, that it would be hard to decide which projects to fund. Many people reiterated their concerns about new organizations or complicated grant programs. Respondents explained that the Delta does not have NGOs and Resource Conservation Districts that can write proposals and manage funds. Several respondents suggested providing funds to regional or community foundations to administer. They noted that foundations already had community representatives on their boards, knew community needs, and had clear accountability structures. Other people reiterated their suggestions to add funds to existing programs.

Focus on Unifying Vision

Several people explained that the fund should focus on priorities as Delta as Place or other overarching visions. People suggested health disparities, water quality, or the National Heritage Areas priorities as overarching visions. These respondents noted that the fund would not have as much impact as it would if it were leveraged to help fund some larger vision.

Capacity

Many interview respondents noted that it was unlikely the community fund would have any impact without focusing on programs and investments that work. Several people said the fund needed to support coordination, planning, and return on investments. They noted that Delta municipalities and organizations did not have the capacity to manage funds for efficiency and return on investments. They explained that with such overarching problems and complex dynamics, small project funds would not really make a difference.

List of Categories or Benefit Types

The interview team asked if the Delta as Place fund should include any additional categories or types of benefits.

Land Purchase and Easements

Many people suggested adding land purchase and habitat easements to the list of categories proposed in the concept paper. They explained a concern that the project would cause land values to drop. Providing funds to organizations to buy land to further Delta-wide priorities would help. Without funding, people worried that they would be forced to abandon their lands and their investments. Several other people suggested that funding for habitat easements would help ameliorate the ecological losses from the project. Several people also noted that land purchase and habitat easements might reduce some urban encroachment on the Delta.

Education

Many people suggested adding education as its own category. These respondents noted that schools needed investments in infrastructure, clean water, delayed maintenance, and programs. Some people also said the program should invest in environmental education in schools.

Levee Maintenance

Several people suggested levee maintenance as its own category. They stressed that without levee maintenance any other investments would be wasted. People explained that the reclamation districts understood the Delta system and the risks from flooding and levee failures. Several people noted that levee failures would occur soon, and the Delta was not prepared. Others noted that levee maintenance should be funded in a different way.

Safety

Several people suggested adding safety and fire protection to the list of categories. They explained complex municipal/county safety coordination problems. Respondents noted that there were no funds to coordinate or to create county wide safety and fire responses. Often Delta residents do not have anyone or do not know who to call in emergencies.

Water Quality

Finally, some people recommended adding water quality as its own category. They noted that the Delta is experiencing problems with salinity, algal blooms, and pollution and expressed a concern that the project would exacerbate these problems. They encouraged investments in improving ground water, drinking water, and water throughout the Delta.

Section 3: Delta Conveyance Program Implementation Commitments

As part of the Community Benefits Program, DWR is proposing to include “project implementation commitments”. These commitments could include opportunities to employ or train Delta residents, economic development, purchasing, infrastructure and facilities to leave behind for Delta residents. Respondents agreed with investing in implementation commitments if the project had to go forward.

Implementation Commitment Preferences	
Communication infrastructure	26
Jobs	24
Job training	21
Transportation improvements	17
Local business preferences	13
Other	29

Communications Infrastructure

A majority of people emphasized the need for immediate broadband investments. Respondents noted that schools, libraries, and community facilities often lacked reliable broadband. Several people suggested investing in the program recommendations sponsored by the Delta Protection Commission and developed by Valley Vision.

Jobs

Many people commented on the importance of jobs for the Delta. Other people noted that committing a percentage of jobs to disadvantaged census tracts made sense. However, these respondents emphasized that Delta residents needed jobs that will stay in the area, not just temporary construction. People explained that people in West Sacramento and Stockton might benefit more from construction employment.

Many respondents recommended support for summer jobs for youth. They argued that there are few opportunities for youth. Transportation to job sites is a major problem for youth. Also, people commented that these jobs could provide job readiness skills such as showing up to work, learning to take directions, asking questions, and meeting deadlines. Many people wondered if investments in water quality, water tourism, and environment jobs could support the long-term economy of the region.

Job Training

Respondents also agreed that investments in job training could be useful. Of these respondents, many people suggested training for environmental jobs and water quality jobs. They noted that the Delta already had a water economy and investing in environmental jobs – marina operators, water quality technicians, maintenance, water engineers, monitoring, water planning, etc. – made sense if the project went forward.

However, most people explained that typical job training programs that accompany large infrastructure projects will not help in the Delta. Many respondents stressed the need to provide comprehensive job training in different languages. Several people explained that people did not have job readiness skills and did not have any support

systems. They explained that a comprehensive program also needed to provide transportation, childcare, health care, and substance abuse support.

Other people commented before spending any funds on job training the programs should research what kinds of jobs might be available in 25 years. Those predictions could target funding to high schools, trade programs, and community colleges to prepare for that economy.

Local Business Preferences

Many people commented that it was unlikely that there would be enough providers in the Delta to prioritize purchasing supplies and materials from the Delta. However, several people thought it was worth research and investment if the project went forward.

Transportation Improvements

The interview team asked respondents to comment on improvements to transportation infrastructure if the project went forward. Several people noted that there were recommendations from CalTrans on how to improve roads in the Delta. They suggested working with CalTrans to develop funding priorities for road improvements.

Several people suggested that any investments in roads would just increase traffic and congestion. They wondered if DWR could invest in shuttle systems, water taxis, or increased bus routes. Interview respondents noted that there was no dependable or affordable transportation for people to go work, health appointments, or school. A few people wondered if investments in an Uber economy would help the Delta.

Finally, under transportation people urged the fund to support sidewalks and parking in legacy communities and municipalities. Respondents also encouraged adding bike and walking trails wherever possible.

Section Four: Other Questions and Project Examples

Community Engagement

The interview team asked interview respondents how to include community residents in developing the program. Many respondents explained that it was difficult to involve the community in a program that will develop in conjunction with a project they do not support.

As stated previously, several people suggested waiting to develop the program until project impacts and Environmental/CEQA mitigation are better understood. Other people noted that the community benefits program would seem like a bribe, so people were unlikely to associate with it.

Many people stressed that local communities should develop the programs. They stressed again that it would make more sense to provide funds to community foundations or existing programs.

Other comments explained that it would be important to meet with people face to face in the Delta. They encouraged DWR to wait until the COVID-19 pandemic has eased so

residents, municipal leaders, local organizations, and groups could discuss the program. Many people also stressed conducting any outreach in many languages.

> "Need to meet with people locally. Ensure you meet with all language groups especially Spanish. It can be tough to get the word out although there are networks within each community, you need to develop relationships to help groups develop the program. In some communities like Locke, it is hard to find a trusted organization that everyone likes."

Proposed Project Examples

Although it is too early to develop project concepts and ideas in terms of what is a reasonably foreseeable future project supported by the Community Benefits Program, DWR will benefit from learning what kinds of projects people are thinking about. Respondents directed the interview team to reports, recommendations, and plans from California State and Delta organizations. These reports contain program and project recommendations to sustain the Delta's unique ecology, economy, history, and culture.

The interview team also asked people to share what kinds of projects they think would meet Delta needs. Respondents shared many ideas with the interview team.

Agriculture

Several people suggested funding projects that would help agriculture reverse subsidence. Others suggested providing incentives to farms to move to sustainable crops and wildlife friendly crops. Still others suggested providing funds for farmers to easements.

> **"**Farmers are interested in putting some part of their farm into habitat, could the program pay for easements? There is a model in the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) program, formerly the Wetland Reserve Program, NRCS holds the easement for at least 20 years but often in perpetuity. There are restrictions but the owner keeps fee title."

Delta Heritage

Several people emphasized projects that connected the unique cultures and outdoors in the Delta. People suggested funding recommendations from the Sacramento San Joaquin Natural Heritage Areas study. They also suggested improving history and culture markers and sites throughout the Delta.

> "Create a history, culture, walking trail along Mormon Slough from Scotts Ave to the river. Connect green space at Reyes Park to the boat launch. Work with youth to plant

> trees and community gardens all along the slough. Put up history and culture interpretative signs to connect to MiWok and other history. Make sure area stays safe and clean and provides benches and shade."

Some people also noted that the Delta Protection Commission had clear recommendations for how to protect heritage and plans for several legacy towns. They urged funds for technical design support as well as planning, architecture, and engineering.

> "Implement the Delta Protection Commission Community Design Study Recommendations. You do not need to recreate the wheel, the ideas are "ours" and they have been vetted."

Recreation and Tourism

Many people referenced projects to improve the recreation and tourism experiences in the Delta. People explained that the investments in outdoor recreation would reinforce the local economy and culture. Respondents suggested developing fishing, walking, biking, and picnic places throughout the Delta. Several people suggested completing urban to rural bike trails. They stressed that all these places should be regularly monitored for safety and trash.

Several people noted that recreation and outdoor jobs made the most sense in the Delta. Many people suggested providing incentive funds for marinas repair and modernization. They also noted that marinas could use funds to provide more boating experiences, rent smaller craft, and enforce environmental regulations.

> "Everywhere possible, install boat launches for all kinds of craft, fishing docks, fish cleaning stations, bathrooms, car and boat parking lots. Ensure that walking and picnicking places are shady and safe. These places and waters need to be regularly. Patrolled, maintained, and protected. Please hire local people and youth from the Delta for these projects."

Many people suggested providing incentives for people to develop or expand agricultural tourism, such as Delta product brands, wine tours, pick your own fruit farms, and agricultural fairs.

Other Project Ideas

Many people suggested providing funds to strengthen levees. They recommended providing funds to reclamation districts so they could decide on priorities and restore those priority levees.

Several people also suggested training and paying youth and unemployed people to remove invasive species. Some people also suggested providing funds to dredge important waterways.

Delta Community Needs and Learning

After discussing the Community Benefits Program, the interviews turned to what the Delta needed and how to learn more. Interviewees provided a comprehensive list of Delta needs. People also suggested reports for DWR to review, organizations to consult with, and suggested other people to include in outreach and engagement. This section reviews proposed project examples about agriculture, Delta heritage, recreation and tourism, and other ideas.

Section 5: Next Steps

The interview team is grateful for the time and thought that interview respondents provided. Information from the interview will be used to refine the Community Benefits Program. There will be also be four workshops to provide input on the program. The workshops are on April 14, May 6, and May 25. The Tribal Workshop, by invitation only is on May 17.

Interview Questions

1. The Framework Outline describes a community benefits program as a defined set of commitments made by project proponents and created in coordination with the local community. One objective is to, in part, provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits.
    a. Do you agree with this concept?
    b. What would you add or change?
2. The Framework Outline describes two kinds of benefits, the first is a fund to implement community-driven projects and the second would be implementation commitments -- things like jobs, job training, local business preferences, and leave-behinds.
    a. What do you think about these benefit objectives?
    b. Would you add or change anything?
3. Thinking about the idea of a Delta Fund, the Framework Outline proposes several categories or benefit types, including agriculture, recreation, economic, legacy communities, tribal and environmental justice.
    a. Would you change any of those categories or benefit types?
    b. Would you add any benefit types?
4. Are there any existing plans or visions that the community benefits program should build on?
    a. How should the program build on those plans?
5. Is there anything else you want to tell me about the concept we have for a community benefits program?
6. Are there others that we should try to include in this learning process?

Reporte de Entrevista de Beneficios Comunitarios

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Breve Resumen

El Departamento de Recursos Hídricos (DWR *por sus siglas en inglés*) está desarrollando un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. El Programa formará parte del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta propuesto. El Programa se implementará se otorga el permiso del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Es común que los proponentes de grandes proyectos de infraestructura desarrollen un conjunto de compromisos como parte de la propuesta del proyecto para:

1) reconocer que si se aprueba el proyecto podría tener posibles efectos adversos que las comunidades pueden soportar debido a las grandes obras de construcción de capital,

2) ir más allá de lo que la "mitigación ambiental" tradicional normalmente ofrece,

3) crear beneficios económicos, sociales y de otro modo en y para la comunidad local.

DWR está interesado en escuchar las aportaciones de las personas de la Región del Gran Delta sobre el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta propuesto. DWR pidió a Ag Innovations que entrevistara a miembros de la comunidad. Ag Innovations facilita la colaboración y la participación pública en torno a problemas complejos de recursos agrícolas y naturales. Ag Innovations dirigió un equipo de entrevistadores, incluyendo personal de Ag Innovations, consultores de proyectos y DWR.

Entre el 1 de febrero del 2021 y el 19 de marzo del 2021, el equipo de entrevistas habló con 44 personas. Este equipo entrevistó a personas que representan diferentes intereses en la región Delta y personas que participaron en reuniones de búsqueda. Las personas representaban a la agricultura, el gobierno estatal y local, la justicia ambiental y las comunidades desfavorecidas, la recreación, los grupos comunitarios, los recursos naturales y los miembros tribales. La lista de entrevistados es confidencial para animar a la gente a contribuir.

Número de entrevistados por área de interés							
Agricultura	Agencias Estatales	Gobierno Local	Recreación	Justicia Ambiental	Recursos Naturales	Comunidades Locales	Otro
7	6	7	5	5	5	4	5

La Sección Uno resume las respuestas a preguntas sobre el concepto de un programa de beneficios comunitarios. La Sección Dos resume las respuestas a las preguntas sobre el Fondo de Lugar del Delta. La Sección Tres resume las respuestas a las preguntas sobre los compromisos de aplicación. La Sección Cuatro resume preguntas sobre la participación de la comunidad, las necesidades del Delta y otras ideas. Las citas de entrevista seleccionadas incluidas sirven para ilustrar temas comunes entre las respuestas.

Sección 1: Concepto del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Para empezar, el equipo de entrevistas preguntó a los encuestados qué pensaban sobre el concepto de un programa de beneficios comunitarios. A continuación, se presentan las respuestas a preguntas sobre el concepto, las metas y los objetivos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

Comprendiendo el Proyecto de Beneficios Comunitarios

Para empezar, el equipo de entrevista revisó el programa propuesto con los entrevistados. Estos son algunos de los temas de la discusión inicial:

- Muchas personas preguntaron cuánto dinero habría en el fondo o podría ser proporcionado. Les preocupaba que no fuera adecuado para cubrir la mitigación Ambiental/CEQA, así como su comprensión de los extensos impactos comunitarios del proyecto.
- Varias personas cuestionaron cómo se gestionaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto. Señalaron que sería ineficiente o confuso desarrollar otro programa estatal del Delta.
- Muchas personas explicaron que el programa tendría que ser comprensivo, para proporcionar beneficios de la construcción a través de la operación y el mantenimiento, y tendría que cubrir todo el Delta.
- Varias personas cuestionaron el compromiso de DWR con el programa. Señalaron que habían sido decepcionados por los programas y compromisos anteriores de DWR.
- El equipo de entrevistas también discutió las diferencias entre la mitigación ambiental/CEQA y los beneficios de la comunidad con varias personas. Muchas personas estaban preocupadas por la mitigación y querían asegurarse de que la mitigación abordara suficientemente los impactos.

> "¿Cómo mitigará los impactos y cómo será capaz de mitigar todos los impactos? ¿Cómo sabremos lo que la comunidad necesita fuera de la mitigación si no sabemos el impacto o la mitigación propuesta?"

Finalmente, durante esta discusión inicial, muchas personas señalaron que desaprobaban el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, pero estaban dispuestos a discutir un programa de beneficios comunitarios, si se permitía el proyecto.

¿Es una Buena Idea un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios?

El equipo de la entrevista preguntó a los encuestados qué pensaban de la idea de un programa de beneficios comunitarios. La mayoría de los encuestados estuvieron de acuerdo con el concepto de un programa de beneficios comunitarios.

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No	6

Muchos encuestados señalaron que estaban a favor del concepto, pero no aprobaron el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Se preocupan por los impactos ambientales, económicos y sociales del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. La gente señaló que un programa de beneficios comunitarios sería difícil de desarrollar y lograr abordar los impactos. Varias personas señalaron que el programa, como se describe en el documento conceptual, era demasiado vago y que era difícil ver cómo un programa de beneficios comunitarios podía abordar los impactos.

> "El enfoque de beneficios comunitarios suena bien; inteligente. No hay ningún beneficio local del proyecto y hasta ahora la comunidad local no ha escuchado ningún interés en compensar a la comunidad por la imposición del proyecto y el dolor que sufrirán".

Preocupaciones del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

El equipo de entrevista pidió a las personas que describieran con qué parte del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios no estaban de acuerdo o les preocupaban. La siguiente gráfica muestra las diferentes preocupaciones:

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Programa Complejo

A muchos encuestados les preocupaba que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios sería demasiado complicado. Explicaron que los residentes del Delta, las organizaciones comunitarias y los municipios que no tenían personal competente ni disponible para solicitar subvenciones, asociaciones o programas. Las personas señalaron que no tenían tiempo para determinar la elegibilidad del programa. No tenían personal para desarrollar asociaciones ni coordinarse para solicitar fondos.

> "Las organizaciones Delta no tienen suficientes recursos. Hay una baja capacidad para solicitar y administrar subvenciones/contratos estatales, por lo que el fondo debe entrenar a solicitantes similares a las subvenciones de la Proposición 68. Algunas ciudades tienen menos problemas con la capacidad; pero otros esfuerzos liderados por la comunidad batallan para unirse. La gente necesitará ayuda para gestionar proyectos."

Muchas personas señalaron que no querían competir con otras prioridades del Delta o con los residentes del Delta por los fondos. También explicaron que los requisitos complicados para igualar los dólares lo harían imposible para la mayoría de las comunidades y organizaciones del Delta.

Finalmente, la gente explicó que ya había demasiados "programas Delta". Explicaron que existen programas útiles que ya están infra financiados para apoyar muchos de los mismos tipos de proyectos. Algunas personas sugirieron agregar fondos a los programas existentes o a fundaciones comunitarias. desarrollar asociaciones con organizaciones no gubernamentales (ONG por sus siglas en inglés) o programas establecidos.

Más Interesados en la Mitigación Ambiental/CEQA

A varias personas les preocupaba que un programa de beneficios comunitarios diluyera los fondos o la atención lejos de la mitigación ambiental/CEQA. Querían asegurarse de que la mitigación estuviera totalmente financiada, implementada y supervisada.

> "No quiero que los beneficios de la comunidad sustituyan o diluyan los dólares de mitigación. El esfuerzo de beneficios de la comunidad podría terminar siendo competitivo con la mitigación y eso sería un mal resultado. Los beneficios comunitarios no pueden sustituir por una mitigación adecuada."

Cronograma de Beneficios

Varias personas estaban preocupadas por el cronograma de beneficios comunitarios. Los encuestados explicaron que necesitaban entender los impactos del proyecto y propusieron la mitigación ambiental/CEQA antes de poder evaluar los beneficios de la comunidad. A la gente le preocupaba que el programa no fuera flexible o no abordara problemas a largo plazo.

"Las inversiones en infraestructura son importantes y algunas cosas como áreas de caminata y senderos pueden no requerir tanto mantenimiento, pero de lo contrario necesitan financiación continua para operaciones y mantenimiento."

Los encuestados en la entrevista también comentaron que sería difícil predecir todos los cambios de la comunidad del proyecto y, por lo tanto, el proceso podría ser prematuro.

"Debemos esperar para desarrollar el programa de beneficios comunitarios hasta después de que se haga el análisis ambiental".

Varias personas explicaron que tendría que haber beneficios antes, durante la construcción y durante muchos años después del proyecto. Se preguntaban cómo habría garantías de beneficios comunitarios después de la construcción. Varias personas señalaron que si la financiación era limitada o si el extenderlo significaba que habría límites para abordar los impactos de amplio alcance. Otros señalaron que el fondo debería distribuirse como un fondo rotativo o un fondo perenne para que las subvenciones puedan evolucionar a medida que evolucionan las necesidades. Estas personas señalaron que sería imposible entender lo que el Delta necesita dentro de 10 años.

"DWR debería pensar en el fondo como una gestión adaptativa. Debería haber fondos en la construcción, pero también debería abordar los problemas gradualmente. DWR debe examinar la variedad de implicaciones e impactos, no sólo algunos."

Compromiso de DWR

Muchas personas comentaron que no confiaban en DWR para cumplir con los compromisos. Les preocupa que a medida que cambie la administración estatal, los compromisos puedan cambiar. Varias personas sugirieron que los beneficios comunitarios debían incluirse en la legislación, así como los acuerdos firmados, los MOU's (por sus siglas en inglés) y los contratos. Algunos encuestados en la entrevista preguntaron cuáles serían las consecuencias si DWR no siguiera adelante con los fondos o se asegurara de que los fondos fueran a las comunidades. Varias personas preguntaron cuándo se negociaría el fondo de beneficios comunitarios y quién se aseguraría de que hubiera un compromiso.

"El compromiso de DWR es un compromiso financiero. Antes de poder aprobar el concepto, necesitamos más información sobre el fondo y la cantidad. Esa información es necesaria para entender el compromiso. Todo mundo se siente bien cuando se firma el acuerdo y luego no hay financiación para las operaciones".

Participación de la Comunidad

Finalmente, muchas personas se preguntaron cómo la comunidad podría o debería participar en el desarrollo de un programa de beneficios comunitarios. Les preocupaba que, al leer el documento conceptual, pudiera haber demasiadas ideas preconcebidas sobre cómo debería suceder. A varias personas les preocupaba que sería difícil organizar a la gente para desarrollar un programa para acompañar un proyecto que muchos no quieren.

También les preocupaba involucrar a la gente en diferentes idiomas y de partes distintas del Delta. Muchas personas subrayaron que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios tendría que ser un programa de base comunitario y diferente para las tres áreas del Delta. Otras personas enfatizaron sin embargo que, algunas personas se sienten atraídas por el programa sólo porque hay fondos. Pero les preocupaba la rendición de cuentas, la equidad y quién controlaría el fondo.

> "A todo el mundo le gusta el dinero, pero ¿cuáles son los criterios y cómo se garantiza la equidad, para que todos tengan la oportunidad de acceder a los fondos? Los beneficios comunitarios deben ir a todos, no sólo a las organizaciones, pueblos y ranchos más grandes que tienen personal para llenar formularios".

¿Diferentes Enfoques de los Beneficios Comunitarios?

El equipo de la entrevista preguntó a los encuestados si tenían un enfoque diferente para proporcionar beneficios comunitarios. Si no estaban de acuerdo con el concepto de un fondo de beneficios comunitarios, ¿había una mejor manera de proporcionar medidas para compensar los impactos del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.

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No Construir el proyecto

Muchos encuestados respondieron que el mejor enfoque era no construir el proyecto. Reconocieron que el Delta tenía necesidades fuera de los impactos potenciales del proyecto. Sin embargo, señalaron que el proyecto exacerbaría los problemas del Delta.

"No construyan el proyecto. Y cuéntenos sobre los impactos y cómo planean mitigar. Porque no creemos que puedan mitigar toda la devastación que van a traer. Así que pequeñas *cantidades* de dinero para pequeños proyectos aquí y allá no tendrán sentido porque destruirán la agricultura, las vías fluviales y nuestras ciudades".

Financiar programas existentes o recomendaciones

A muchas personas les preocupaba que un nuevo programa o fuente de financiamiento del Delta fuera demasiado complejo o duplicara los programas existentes. Sugirieron proporcionar fondos a los programas actuales del Delta que están infra financiados. Muchas personas sugirieron proporcionar fondos para recomendaciones del estudio del Área del Patrimonio Nacional del Delta de Sacramento San Joaquín, o del Informe de Recomendaciones de Estudio de Diseño Comunitario Delta de la Comisión de Protección del Delta y planes de recreación, o los Planes de Acción Comunitaria para Clarksburg, Courtland, Hood o Walnut Grove.Los entrevistados explicaron que muchas otras organizaciones de recursos naturales, recreación, historia, cultura y agricultura tienen recomendaciones para mejorar el Delta.

"El fondo debería vincularse con la Comisión de Protección del Delta y las numerosas actividades de planificación en las que han estado trabajando. Incluyen la aportación de la comunidad y son bien apoyados. Los planes incluyen recomendaciones claras y proyectos implementables. Miren los cuatro planes comunitarios que hizo la Comisión de Protección del Delta hace unos años; podrían haber tenido más interés si hubiera habido financiación potencial al final de los esfuerzos."

Varios encuestados sugirieron elegir organizaciones existentes, con apoyo público y registros de logros, y proporcionar a esas organizaciones una suma grande o dotaciones para lograr sus metas. La gente sugirió que proporcionar una dotación a esas organizaciones podría apoyar programas para monitorear y ajustarse para abordar las preocupaciones de recursos. Explicaron que DWR podría adoptar un enfoque de gestión adaptativa para que los beneficios de la comunidad pudieran responder a los cambios actuales del Delta.

Varios encuestados sugirieron que financiar proyectos que necesitan más fondos como el Sendero de Agua de la Bahía de San Francisco (San Francisco Bay Water Trail) entre Big Break y Stockton, o el Gran Sendero de California del Delta (Great California Delta Trail).

Financiar infraestructura costosa

Muchos entrevistados sugirieron que los recursos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios podrían financiar grandes programas de infraestructura. Por ejemplo, la gente sugirió que todos los fondos podrían destinarse a mantenimiento de diques o comunicaciones de banda amplia. Otros querían mantener el mantenimiento del dique separado de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

Otras Ideas

Otras ideas para diferentes estrategias de financiamiento incluyeron la creación de cuentas de ahorro para cada residente del Delta para usar para la educación y la capacitación laboral. Otra idea era utilizar los fondos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios como incentivos para proyectos comprensivos en ciudades heredadas y Delta.

> "En la misma alineación, figurar una cantidad fija, digamos $1 millón para una comunidad y convoca un taller con el condado, comunidad, SACOG (u otro COG), DWR, Caltrans, Parques, etc. y vea qué proyecto integral como la revitalización de la calle principal de Isleton y conseguir que otras agencias se comprometan a financiar también."

Sección 2: Delta como Fondo de Lugar

Después de discusiones sobre el concepto de un programa de beneficios comunitarios, las entrevistas se centraron en las respuestas a los compromisos de implementación del Delta como Fondo de Lugar.

Delta como Fondo de Lugar

En la siguiente parte de las entrevistas, el equipo de entrevistas se centró en el Delta como Fondo de Lugar. El equipo de entrevistas preguntó a los encuestados qué pensaban sobre un fondo para apoyar proyectos impulsados por la comunidad.

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Gran Idea

La mayoría de la gente respondió que algún tipo de fondo es una buena idea. Los encuestados señalaron que, si el fondo abordaba los impactos, era una buena idea. También expresaron su deseo de que el fondo sea impulsado localmente y en las ideas desarrolladas localmente. Cada comunidad debe decidir cómo invertir fondos de beneficios comunitarios. La gente también quería asegurarse de que el fondo reconociera las diferencias entre el Delta del Norte, Central y del Sur.

"Sí, un fondo impulsado por la comunidad puede suavizar el golpe a los residentes y agricultores. Pero asegúrese de que la comunidad obtenga beneficios sustanciales para compensar los daños severos y la interrupción".

Preocupaciones

Incluso cuando los encuestados en la entrevista apoyaban un fondo de beneficios comunitarios, tenían preocupaciones significativas. Muchas personas enfatizaron que les preocupaba que la mitigación ambiental/CEQA no abordara todos los impactos y que centrarse en un programa de beneficios comunitarios diluyó ese enfoque. A otros les preocupaba que un fondo de beneficios comunitarios quitara énfasis de la mitigación.

Programa complicado

Los encuestados enfatizaron sus preocupaciones sobre la equidad, que sería difícil decidir qué proyectos financiar. Muchas personas reiteraron sus preocupaciones por las nuevas organizaciones o los complicados programas de subvenciones. Los encuestados explicaron que el Delta no tiene NGOs (por sus siglas en inglés) y Distritos de Conservación de Recursos que puedan escribir propuestas y administrar fondos. Varios encuestados sugirieron proporcionar fondos a fundaciones regionales o comunitarias para administrar. Señalaron que las fundaciones ya tenían representantes comunitarios en sus mesas directivas, conocían las necesidades de la comunidad y tenían estructuras claras de rendición de cuentas. Otras personas reiteraron sus sugerencias para agregar fondos a los programas existentes.

Concentrarse en Unificar la Visión

Varias personas explicaron que el fondo debería centrarse en prioridades como el Delta como Lugar u otras visiones generales. La gente sugirió disparidades de salud, calidad del agua o las prioridades de las Áreas del Patrimonio Nacional como visiones generales. Estos encuestados señalaron que el fondo no tendría tanto impacto como lo haría si se aprovechara para ayudar a financiar alguna visión más amplia.

Capacidad

Muchos encuestados señalaron que era poco probable que el fondo comunitario tuviera algún impacto sin centrarse en programas e inversiones que funcionan. Varias personas dijeron que el fondo necesitaba apoyar la coordinación, la planificación y el retorno en las inversiones. Señalaron que los municipios y organizaciones del Delta no tenían la capacidad de administrar fondos para la eficiencia y el retorno de las inversiones. Explicaron que, con problemas tan generales y dinámicas complejas, los pequeños fondos de los proyectos no harían realmente la diferencia.

Lista de Categorías o Tipos de Beneficios

El equipo de entrevistas preguntó si el fondo Delta como fondo de Lugar debería incluir categorías o tipos de beneficios adicionales.

Comparas de Terreno y Servidumbres

Muchas personas sugirieron agregar la compra de terrenos y servidumbres de hábitat a la lista de categorías propuestas en el documento conceptual. Explicaron la preocupación de que el proyecto provocaría la caída de los valores de la tierra. Proporcionar fondos a las organizaciones para comprar terrenos para promover las prioridades del Delta ayudaría. Sin financiación, a la gente le preocupaba que se vieran obligadas a abandonar sus terrenos y sus inversiones. Varias otras personas sugirieron que la financiación para servidumbres de hábitat ayudaría a mejorar las pérdidas ecológicas del proyecto. Varias personas también señalaron que la compra de terrenos y servidumbres de hábitat podrían reducir algunas invasiones urbanas en el Delta.

Educación

Muchas personas sugirieron agregar la educación como su propia categoría. Estos encuestados señalaron que las escuelas necesitaban inversiones en infraestructura, agua potable, mantenimiento retrasado y programas. Algunas personas también dijeron que el programa debería invertir en educación ambiental en las escuelas.

Mantenimiento de Diques

Varias personas sugirieron el mantenimiento de diques como su propia categoría. Subrayaron que sin mantenimiento de diques se desperdiciarían otras inversiones. La gente explicó que los distritos de recuperación entendían el sistema Delta y los riesgos de inundaciones y fallas en los diques. Varias personas señalaron que las fallas en los diques ocurrirían pronto, y el Delta no estaba preparado. Otros señalaron que el mantenimiento de diques debería financiarse de una manera diferente.

Seguridad

Varias personas sugirieron agregar seguridad y protección contra incendios a la lista de categorías. Explicaron complejos problemas de coordinación de seguridad municipal y del condado. Los encuestados señalaron que no había fondos para coordinar o para crear respuestas de seguridad e incendios en todo el condado. A menudo los residentes del Delta no tienen nadie o no saben a quién llamar en emergencias.

Calidad de Agua

Por último, algunas personas recomendaron agregar la calidad del agua como su propia categoría. Señalaron que el Delta está experimentando problemas de salinidad, floración de algas y contaminación y expresaron su preocupación de que el proyecto exacerbara estos problemas. Animaron inversiones en el mejoramiento del agua subterránea, el agua potable y el agua en todo Delta.

Sección 3: Compromisos de implementación del Proyecto de Agua Través del Delta

Como parte del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, DWR propone incluir "compromisos de implementación de proyectos". Estos compromisos podrían incluir oportunidades para emplear o capacitar a los residentes del Delta, desarrollo económico, compras, infraestructura e instalaciones para dejar establecidos para los residentes del Delta. Los encuestados estuvieron de acuerdo con invertir en compromisos de implementación si el proyecto tenía que seguir adelante.

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Infraestructura de Comunicación

La mayoría de la gente enfatizo en la necesidad de inversiones inmediatas en banda amplia. Los encuestados señalaron que las escuelas, bibliotecas e instalaciones comunitarias a menudo carecían de banda ancha confiable. Varias personas sugirieron invertir en las recomendaciones del programa patrocinadas por la Comisión de Protección del Delta y desarrolladas por Valley Vision.

Empleos

Muchas personas comentaron sobre la importancia de los empleos para el Delta. Otras personas señalaron que comprometer un porcentaje de empleos en los distritos censales desfavorecidos tenía sentido. Sin embargo, estos encuestados enfatizaron que los residentes del Delta necesitaban empleos que se quedaran en el área, no sólo la construcción temporal. La gente explicó que las personas en el oeste de Sacramento y Stockton podrían beneficiarse más del empleo en la construcción.

Muchos encuestados recomendaron apoyo para los trabajos de verano para los jóvenes. Argumentaron que hay pocas oportunidades para los jóvenes. El transporte a sitios de trabajo es un problema importante para los jóvenes. Además, la gente comentó que estos trabajos podrían proporcionar habilidades de preparación para el trabajo, como presentarse a trabajar, aprender a tomar instrucciones, hacer preguntas y cumplir con los plazos. Mucha gente se preguntó si las inversiones en calidad del agua, turismo acuático y empleos medioambientales podrían apoyar la economía a largo plazo de la región

Capacitación Laboral

Los encuestados también estuvieron de acuerdo en que las inversiones en capacitación laboral podrían ser útiles. De estos encuestados, muchas personas sugirieron capacitación para empleos ambientales y empleos de calidad del agua. Señalaron que el Delta ya tenía una economía del agua e invirtiendo en empleos ambientales - operadores de puertos deportivos, técnicos de calidad del agua, mantenimiento, ingenieros de agua, monitoreo, planificación del agua, etc. - tenía sentido si el proyecto avanzaba.

Sin embargo, la mayoría de la gente explicó que los programas típicos de capacitación laboral que acompañan grandes proyectos de infraestructura no ayudarán en el Delta. Muchos encuestados subrayaron la necesidad de proporcionar una capacitación laboral integral en diferentes idiomas. Varias personas explicaron que las personas no tenían habilidades de preparación para el trabajo y no tenían ningún sistema de apoyo. Explicaron que también se necesitaba un programa comprensivo para proporcionar apoyo de transporte, cuidado de niños, atención médica y abuso de sustancias.

Otras personas comentaron que antes de gastar cualquier dinero en capacitación laboral los programas deben investigar qué tipo de empleos podrían estar disponibles en 25 años. Esas predicciones podrían destinar fondos a escuelas preparatorias, programas de oficio y colegios comunitarios para prepararse para esa economía.

Preferencias de Empresas Locales

Muchas personas comentaron que era poco probable que hubiera suficientes proveedores en el Delta para priorizar la compra de suministros y materiales del Delta. Sin embargo, varias personas pensaron que valía la pena investigar e invertir si el proyecto avanzaba.

Mejoras en Transportación

El equipo de entrevistas pidió a los encuestados que comentaran sobre las mejoras en la infraestructura de transporte si el proyecto avanzaba. Varias personas señalaron que había recomendaciones de CalTrans sobre cómo mejorar las carreteras en el Delta. Sugirieron trabajar con CalTrans para desarrollar prioridades de financiación para mejoras en carreteras.

Varias personas sugirieron que cualquier inversión en carreteras sólo aumentaría el tráfico y la congestión. Se preguntaban si DWR podría invertir en sistemas de transporte, taxis acuáticos o aumento de rutas de autobús. Los encuestados en la entrevista señalaron que no había transporte confiable o asequible para que las personas fueran a trabajar, a citas de salud o a la escuela. Algunas personas se preguntaban si las inversiones en una economía de Uber ayudarían al Delta.

Por último, bajo transportación la gente insistió que el fondo apoye con las aceras y el estacionamiento en las comunidades y municipios heredados. Los encuestados también animaron el añadir senderos para bicicletas y caminatas siempre que sea posible.

Sección Cuatro: Otras Preguntas y Ejemplos del Proyecto

Participación de la Comunidad

El equipo de entrevistas preguntó a los encuestados cómo incluir a los residentes de la comunidad en el desarrollo del programa. Muchos encuestados explicaron que era difícil involucrar a la comunidad en un programa que se desarrollará en conjunto con un proyecto que no apoyan.

Como se indicó anteriormente, varias personas sugirieron esperar para desarrollar el programa hasta que los impactos del proyecto y la mitigación de Medio Ambiente /CEQA se entiendan mejor. Otras personas señalaron que el programa de beneficios comunitarios parecería un soborno, por lo cual era poco probable que la gente se asociara con él.

Muchas personas enfatizaron que las comunidades locales deberían desarrollar los programas. Volvieron a subrayar que tendría más sentido proporcionar fondos a fundaciones comunitarias o programas existentes.

Otros comentarios explicaron que sería importante reunirse con personas cara a cara en el Delta. Animaron a DWR a esperar hasta que la pandemia COVID-19 se haya tranquilizado para que los residentes, líderes municipales, organizaciones locales y grupos pudieran discutir el programa. Muchas personas también destacaron la realización de cualquier alcance en muchos idiomas.

> "Necesitan reunirse con la gente a nivel local. Aseguren el reunirse con todos los grupos lingüísticos, especialmente el español. Puede ser difícil correr la voz, aunque hay redes dentro de cada comunidad, necesitan desarrollar relaciones para ayudar a los grupos a desarrollar el programa. En algunas comunidades como Locke, es difícil encontrar una organización de confianza que a todo el mundo le guste".

Ejemplos del Proyectos Propuestos

Aunque es demasiado pronto para desarrollar conceptos e ideas de proyectos en términos de lo que es un proyecto futuro razonablemente previsible apoyado por el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, DWR se beneficiará de aprender en qué tipo de proyectos está pensando la gente. Los encuestados dirigieron al equipo de entrevistas a informes, recomendaciones y planes de organizaciones del estado de California y Delta. Estos informes contienen recomendaciones de programas y proyectos para sostener la ecología, la economía, la historia y la cultura única del Delta.

El equipo de entrevistas también le pidió a la gente que compartiera qué tipo de proyectos creen que van a satisfacer las necesidades del Delta. Los encuestados compartieron muchas ideas con el equipo de entrevistas.

Agricultura

Varias personas sugirieron financiar proyectos que ayudarían a la agricultura a revertir el hundimiento. Otros sugirieron proporcionar incentivos a los ranchos para pasar a cultivos sostenibles y cultivos amigables con la vida silvestre. Otros sugirieron proporcionar fondos para los agricultores a servidumbres.

> "Los agricultores están interesados en poner parte de su granja en hábitat, ¿podría el programa pagar por servidumbres? Hay un modelo en el programa del Servicio Nacional de Conservación de Recursos (NRCS, por sus siglas en ingles), anteriormente el Programa de Reserva de Humedales, NRCS mantiene la servidumbre durante al menos 20 años, pero a menudo a perpetuidad. Hay restricciones, pero el propietario mantiene el título de la tarifa."

Patrimonio del Delta

Varias personas destacaron proyectos que conectaban las culturas únicas y el aire libre en el Delta. La gente sugirió recomendaciones de financiamiento del Estudio de las Áreas de Patrimonio Natural de Sacramento San Joaquín. También sugirieron mejorar la historia y los marcadores de cultivo y sitios en todo el Delta.

> "Crean una historia, cultura, sendero para caminar a lo largo de Mormon Slough desde la Avenida Scotts hasta el río. Conecte el espacio verde en el Parque Reyes con el lanzamiento del barco. Trabajen con los jóvenes para plantar árboles y jardines comunitarios a lo largo de la eslora. Pongan los signos interpretativos de la historia y la cultura para conectarse a MiWok y otra historia. Asegúrese de que el área permanezca segura y limpia y proporcione bancos y sombra."

Algunas personas también señalaron que la Comisión de Protección del Delta tenía recomendaciones claras sobre cómo proteger el patrimonio y los planes para varias ciudades heredadas. Urgieron el obtener fondos para el apoyo al diseño técnico, así como para la planificación, la arquitectura y la ingeniería.

> "Aplicar las Recomendaciones del Estudio de Diseño Comunitario de la Comisión de Protección del Delta. No es necesario recrear la rueda, las ideas son "nuestras" y han sido investigadas".

Recreación y turismo

Muchas personas hicieron referencia a proyectos para mejorar las experiencias recreativas y turísticas en el Delta. La gente explicó que las inversiones en recreación al aire libre reforzarían la economía y la cultura local. Los encuestados sugirieron desarrollar lugares de pesca, senderismo, ciclismo y picnic en todo el Delta. Varias personas sugirieron completar senderos urbanos a rurales para bicicletas. Destacaron que todos estos lugares deben ser monitoreados regularmente en busca de seguridad y basura.

Varias personas señalaron que la recreación y los trabajos al aire libre eran los que más sentido tienen en el Delta. Muchas personas sugirieron proporcionar fondos de incentivos para la reparación y modernización de los puertos deportivos. También señalaron que los puertos deportivos podrían utilizar fondos para proporcionar más experiencias de navegación, alquilar embarcaciones más pequeñas y hacer cumplir las regulaciones ambientales.

> "En todas partes posibles, instalen lanzamientos de barcos para todo tipo de embarcaciones, muelles de pesca, estaciones de limpieza de peces, baños, estacionamientos para automóviles y barcos. Asegúrense de que los lugares para caminar y hacer picnic tengan sombra y sean seguros. Estos lugares y aguas deben ser regularmente patrullados, mantenido y protegido. Por favor, contrate gente local y jóvenes del Delta para estos proyectos."

Muchas personas sugirieron proporcionar incentivos para que las personas desarrollen o amplíen el turismo agrícola, como marcas de productos del Delta, tours de vino, elijan sus propios ranchos de frutas y ferias agrícolas.

Otras Ideas del Proyecto

Muchas personas sugirieron proporcionar fondos para fortalecer los diques. Recomendaron proporcionar fondos a los distritos de recuperación para que pudieran decidir sobre las prioridades y restaurar esos diques prioritarios.

Varias personas también sugirieron capacitar y pagar a jóvenes y desempleados para eliminar especies invasoras. Algunas personas también sugirieron proporcionar fondos para dragar vías fluviales importantes.

Necesidades de la Comunidad del Delta y Aprendizaje

Después de discutir el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, las entrevistas se dirigieron a lo que el Delta necesitaba y cómo aprender más. Los entrevistados proporcionaron una lista comprensiva de las necesidades del Delta. La gente también sugirió informes para revisar para DWR, organizaciones con quien consultar, y sugirió a otras personas para incluir en la divulgación y la participación. En esta sección se revisan los ejemplos de proyectos propuestos sobre la agricultura, el patrimonio del Delta, la recreación y el turismo, y otras ideas.

Sección 5: Próximos Pasos

El equipo de entrevistas está agradecido por el tiempo y pensamiento que los encuestados de la entrevista proporcionaron. La información de las entrevistas se utilizará para refinar el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. También habrá cuatro talleres para proporcionar información sobre el programa. Los talleres se llevarán a cabo el 14 de abril, el 6 de mayo y el 25 de mayo. El Taller Tribal, por invitación solamente, es el 17 de mayo.

Preguntas de entrevista

1. El Marco describe un programa de beneficios comunitarios como un conjunto definido de compromisos asumidos por los proponentes de proyectos y creados en coordinación con la comunidad local. Uno de los objetivos es, en parte, proporcionar un mecanismo para que la comunidad delta identifique oportunidades de beneficios locales.
    a. ¿Está de acuerdo con este concepto?
    b. ¿Qué agregaría o cambiaría?
2. El Esquema del Marco describe dos tipos de beneficios, el primero es un fondo para implementar proyectos impulsados por la comunidad y el segundo serían compromisos de implementación -- cosas como empleos, capacitación laboral, preferencias de empresas locales y permisos.
    a. ¿Qué opina de estos objetivos de beneficios?
    b. ¿Agregaría o cambiaría algo?
3. Pensando en la idea de un Fondo del Delta, el Esquema del Marco propone varias categorías o tipos de beneficios, incluyendo agricultura, recreación, económicas, comunidades heredadas, justicia tribal y ambiental.
    a. ¿Cambiaría alguna de esas categorías o tipos de beneficios?
    b. ¿Agregaría algún tipo de beneficio?
4. ¿Hay algunos planes o visiones existentes sobre los que el programa de beneficios comunitarios debería basarse?
    a. ¿Cómo debe basarse el programa en esos planes?
5. ¿Hay algo más que quiera decirme sobre el concepto que tenemos para un programa de beneficios comunitarios?
6. ¿Hay otros que debemos tratar de incluir en este proceso de aprendizaje?

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2 April 14, 2021, Workshop Materials

Accessible versions of the materials provided in this attachment are available online at, https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program

Workshop 1: What Community Benefits Mean to You

Agenda

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions *(10 minutes)*

2. Agenda Review and How to Participate *(10 minutes)*

3. How the Community Benefits Program Fits into the Delta Conveyance Project *(10 minutes)*

4. Community Benefits Program Overview and Public Input Polls *(30 minutes)*
    - What do you think about the community benefits concept?
    - What should the program's purpose and objectives be?
    - What is your reaction to the proposed program components?
    - What do you think about the proposed categories of benefits?

5. Public Input: Questions and Feedback *(50 minutes)*

6. Next Steps *(10 minutes)*

For any questions or feedback related to the development of the Community Benefits Program, please email DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

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WATER RESOURCES

Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta
1er Taller: ¿Qué significan los beneficios comunitarios para usted?
Agenda

Miércoles, 14 de abril del 2021| 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Bienvenida e Introducciones (*10 minutos*)

2. Revisión del Agenda y Cómo Participar (*10 minutos*)

3. Cómo encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta (*10 minutos)*

4. Resumen del programa de Beneficios Comunitarios y Encuestas de Opinión Pública (*30 minutos*)
    - ¿Qué opinas del concepto de beneficios comunitarios?
    - ¿Cuáles deberían ser los propósitos y objetivos del programa?
    - ¿Cuál es su reacción a los componentes del programa propuestos?
    - ¿Qué opinas de las categorías de beneficios propuestas?

5. Comentarios del público: preguntas y comentarios *(50 minutos)*

6. Siguientes Pasos (*10 minutos*)

Para cualquier pregunta o comentario relacionado con el desarrollo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, envíe un correo electrónico DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

Delta Conveyance Project

Community Benefits Program Workshop

April 14, 2021 • Workshop Begins at 6:00pm

Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

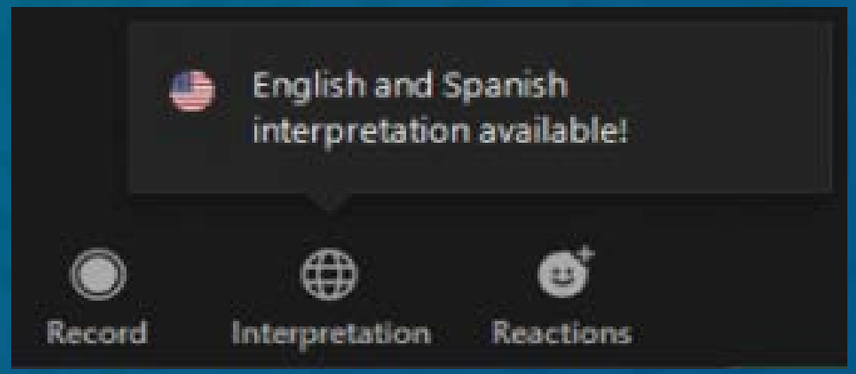
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Welcome
Bienvenidos





Objectives
Objetivos



- Understand how the Community Benefits Program fits within the Delta Conveyance Project
- Ensure participants understand the Community Benefits program

- Comprender cómo encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios dentro del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.
- Asegúrese de que los participantes comprendan el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Objectives
Objetivos



Opportunities for participants to provide input on:

- What do you think about the community benefits concept?
- What should the program's purpose and objectives be?
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Los participantes brindan información sobre:

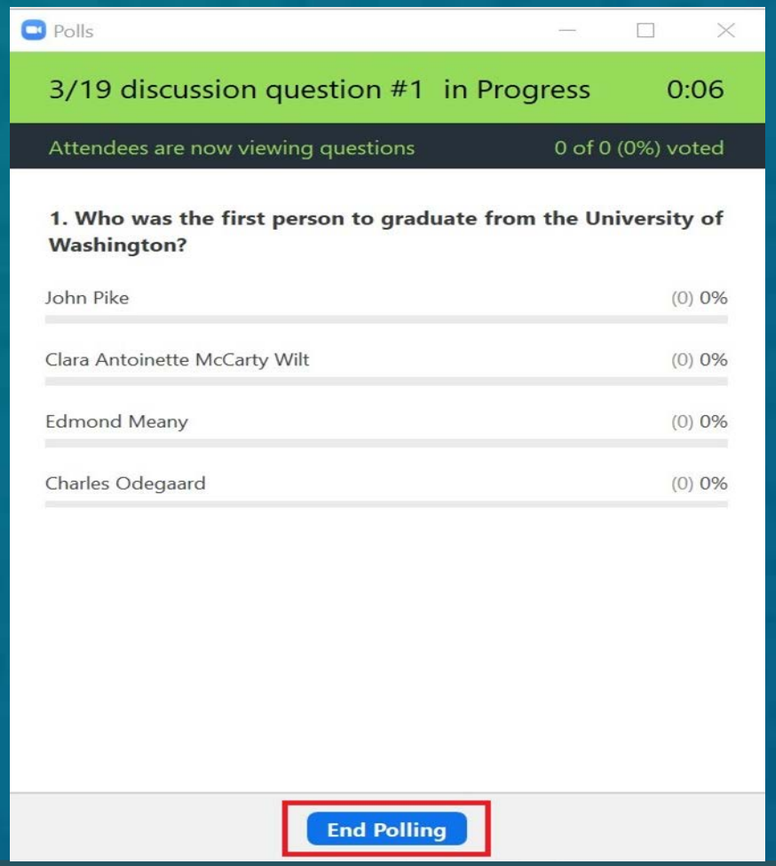
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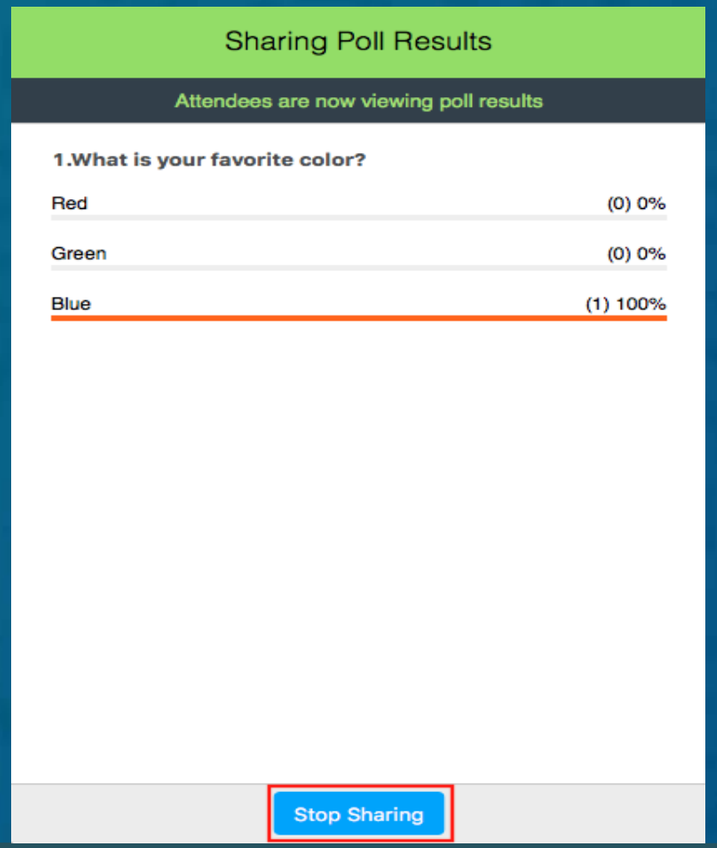
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6:00 - 6:10 pm	**Welcome & Introductions**
6:10 - 6:20 pm	**Agenda and How to Participate**
6:20 - 6:30 pm	**How the Community Benefits Program Fits Into the Delta Conveyance Project**
6:30 - 7:00 pm	**Community Benefits Program Overview and Public Input**
7:00 - 7:50 pm	**Public Input**
7:50 - 8:00 pm	**Next Steps**

6:00 - 6:10 pm	**Bienvenida y Presentaciones**
6:10 - 6:20 pm	**Agenda y Como Participar**
6:20 - 6:30 pm	**El Programa de Beneficios Communitarios y el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta**
6:30 - 7:00 pm	**El Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios y Comentario Publico**
7:00 - 7:50 pm	**Sesión de Aportes Públicos**
7:50 - 8:00 pm	**Proximos Pasos**

How to Participate in Zoom Poll
Cómo Participar en las Encuestas de Zoom







How to Ask Questions in Zoom
Cómo Hacer Preguntas en Zoom



To ask a question, click Q&A icon, and type your question into the box throughout the course of the workshop. DWR will respond to your questions during the webinar or in the meeting summary.

Para hacer una pregunta, haga clic en el icono Q&A y escriba su pregunta en el cuadro. DWR responderá a sus preguntas durante el seminario web o en el resumen de la reunión.

How to Provide Input
Cómo Proporcionar Información



To provide input, click the Raise Hand icon. The facilitator will send you a note to unmute your microphone. Unmute your microphone, you will have two minutes to comment on the Community Benefits program. Levantar la mano durante los segmentos de entrada.

Para proporcionar información, haga clic en el icono levantar la mano. El facilitador le enviará una nota para reactivar su micrófono. Desactive su micrófono, tendrá dos minutos para comentar sobre el programa de Beneficios para la comunidad. Levantar la mano durante los segmentos de entrada.



How to Provide Written Input
Cómo Proporcionar Información Escrita

Form on the DWR Website / Formulario en el sitio web de DWR
https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

Email
DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov

What County Do You Live In?
¿En que condado vives?

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Sacramento
- San Joaquin
- Solano
- Yolo
- Other/Otro



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Delta Conveyance Project Overview
El Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Carrie Buckman
Environmental Program Manager

Delta Conveyance Project Purpose
El Proyecto Proposito

Purpose

Modernize the aging 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.

Propósito

Modernizar la vieja infraestructura SWP en el Delta para restaurar y proteger la confiabilidad de las entregas de agua SWP de una manera económica, consistente con la Cartera de Resiliencia del Agua del Estado.



Delta Conveyance Project Objectives
El Proyecto Objetivos

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

Objetivos

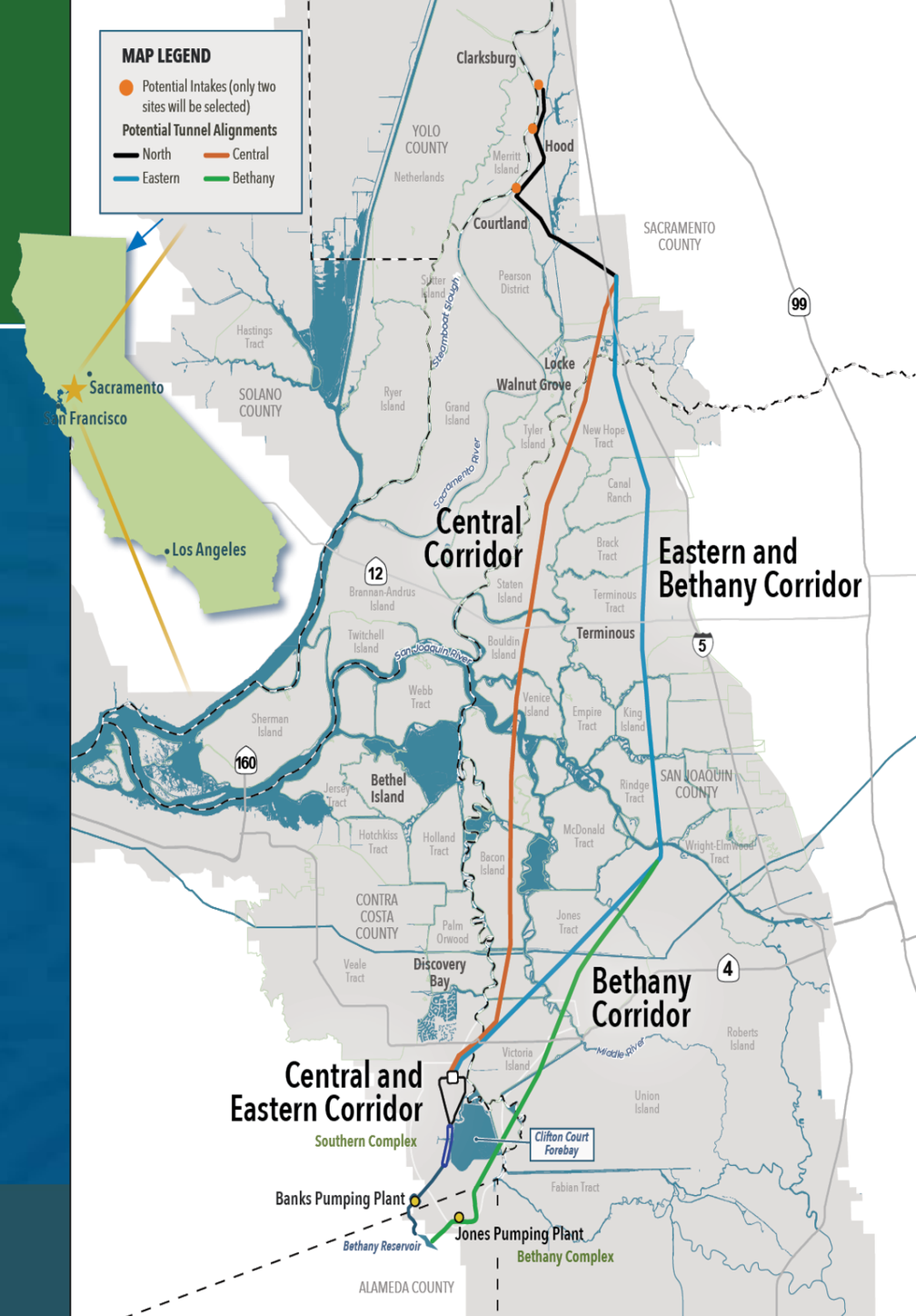
- Abordar el aumento del nivel del mar y el cambio climático
- Minimizar la interrupción del suministro de agua debido al riesgo sísmico
- Protejer la confiabilidad del suministro de agua
- Proporcionar flexibilidad operativa para mejorar las condiciones acuáticas.



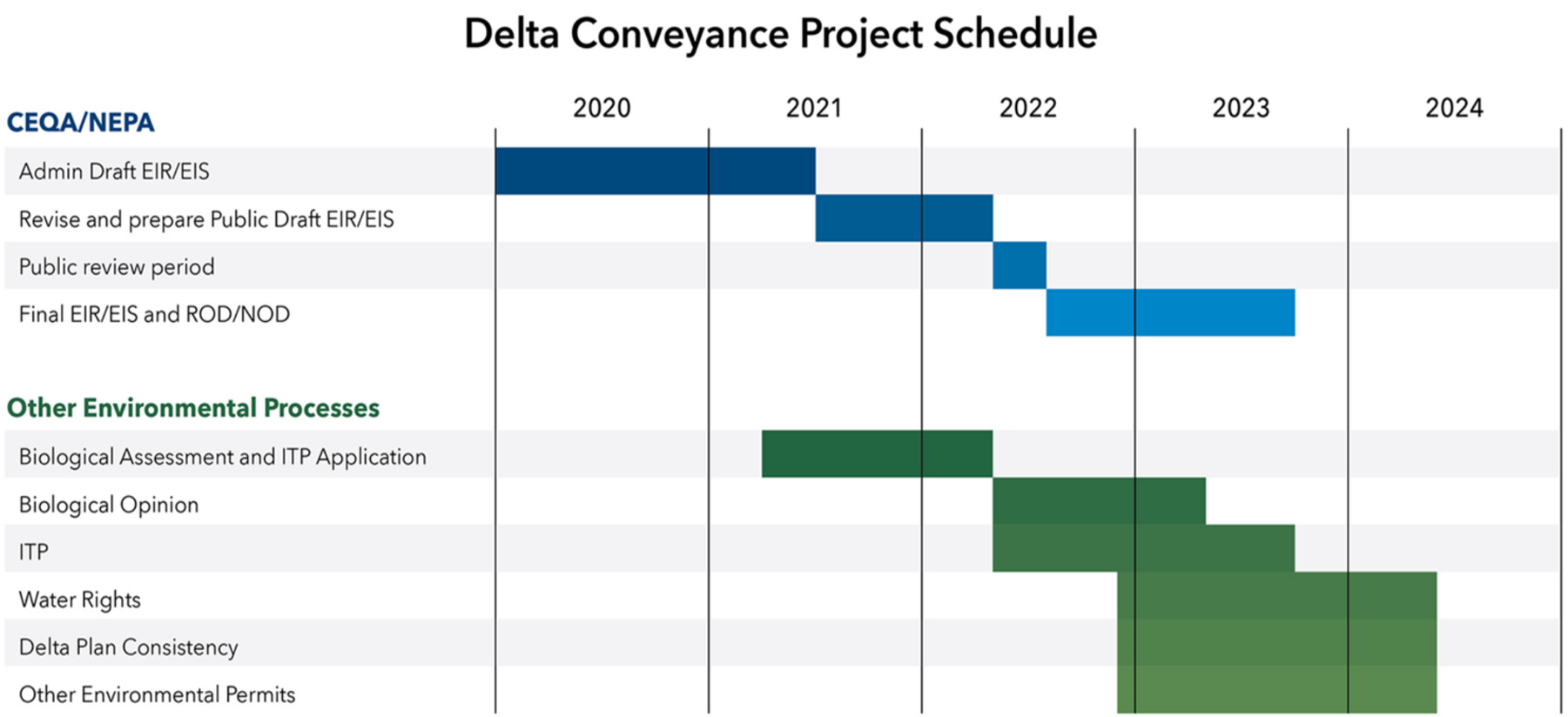
Proposed Project
Proyecto propuesto

- Intake facilities on the Sacramento River
- Tunnel reaches and tunnel shafts
- Pumping plant
- Forebay
- South Delta conveyance facilities

- Instalaciones de admisión en el río Sacramento
- Tramos de túneles y pozos de túneles
- Planta de bombeo
- Cámaras de carga
- Instalaciones de transporte del Delta del sur



Updated Project Schedule
Calendario Proyecto



Three Distinct But Complementary Processes
Tres Procesos Distintos Pero Complementarios

Regulatory Mitigation
Mitigación regulatoria

Purpose: Address project impacts related to specific regulatory requirements (e.g., CEQA/NEPA)

Propósito: Abordar los impactos del proyecto relacionados con requisitos regulatorios específicos (por ejemplo, CEQA/NEPA)

Community Benefits Program
Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Purpose: Provide resources to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by implementation, based on community collaboration.

Propósito: Proporcionar recursos para dirigir los beneficios hacia las comunidades más afectadas por la implementación, basados en la colaboración comunitaria.

Ombudsman Program
Programa Defensor del Pueblo

Purpose: Clearinghouse single point of contact to streamline information, support and claims. Includes ensuring just compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Propósito: Centro de intercambio de información único punto de contacto para agilizar la información, el soporte y las reclamaciones. Incluye asegurar una compensación justa como resultado de los impactos directos de la construcción.

Core Commitments
Compromisos Básicos

If the Delta Conveyance Project is approved, core commitments for a potential Community Benefits Program would include:

1

Transparent
Open process to collaborate effectively

2

Constructive
Participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy

3

Inclusive
Broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices

4

Fair
Benefits related to localized nature of effects

5

Unconditional
Community benefits are not dependent on support for project

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About the Proposed Community Benefits Program

Sobre la Propuesta Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Janet Barbieri
Communication and Public Outreach Manager

We Need Your Input
Necesitamos su opinión

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Road Map
Mapa Vial

- Meeting report summarizing your input
- Workshop May 6, 6:00-8:00pm (focusing on ideas for project types)
- Tribal Member Workshop May 17, 1:00-3:00pm (Tribal Members only)
- Workshop May 25, 6:00-8:00pm (focusing on implementation commitments and public participation process)
- Draft Community Benefits Program Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR, expected mid-2022

- Informe de la reunión que resume su opinión
- Taller 6 de mayo, 6:00-8:00pm (enfocándose en ideas para tipos de proyectos)
- Taller para miembros tribales 17 de mayo, 1:00-3:00pm (solo miembros tribales)
- Taller 25 de mayo, 6:00-8:00pm (centrado en los compromisos de implementación y el proceso de participación pública)
- El Borrador del Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios se incluirá como un apéndice en el Borrador del EIR, previsto para mediado de 2022



Community Interview Summary
Resumen de la Entrevista Comunitaria

- 44 interviews from 2/1/21 – 3/19/21
- Majority support the concept of a Community Benefits Program
- Concerns included:
- Complexity and feasibility
- Trust; need for oversight and enforceable commitments
- Timing of the effort (premature)
- Lack of in-Delta capacity
- Longevity of the program
- Wanting more CEQA information first (impacts assessment; mitigation)

- 44 entrevistas desde el 2/1/21 - 3/19/21
- La mayoría apoya el concepto de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios
- Las preocupaciones incluyeron:
- Complejidad y viabilidad
- Confianza; necesidad de supervisión y compromisos exigibles
- Momento del esfuerzo (prematuro)
- Falta de capacidad en el Delta
- Longevidad del programa
- Desear primero más información de CEQA (evaluación de impactos; mitigación)



Community Interview Summary *continued*
Continuacion del Resumen

- Recommendations included:
- Fund existing programs / avoid competing with existing programs
- Utilize existing community action plans, other plans
- Fund savings accounts for residents to use for education/job training
- Fund lump sums for legacy communities
- Ensure planning and oversight are locally driven
- Broad input about different types of projects to consider

- Recomendaciones incluidas:
- Financiar programas existentes / evitar competir con programas existentes
- Utilizar planes de acción comunitarios existentes, otros planes
- Fondos de cuentas de ahorro para que los residentes las utilicen con fines educativos o de capacitación laboral
- Financiar sumas globales para comunidades de legado
- Asegúrar de que la planificación y la supervisión se realicen a nivel local
- Ampliar información sobre diferentes tipos de proyectos a considerar

Why Create a Community Benefits Program
?Por que Crear un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios?

- Acknowledge that the direct project benefits (e.g. State Water Project reliability) are not located inside the Delta.
- Acknowledge that if the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects that Delta communities may endure through construction.
- Acknowledge the limitations of traditional CEQA “environmental mitigation” typically affords.

- Reconozca que los beneficios directos del proyecto (por ejemplo, la confiabilidad del Proyecto Estatal de Agua) no se encuentran dentro del Delta.
- Reconozca que si se aprueba el proyecto, podría tener efectos adversos potenciales que las comunidades de Delta pueden soportar durante la construcción.
- Reconocer las limitaciones que la "mitigación ambiental" tradicionalmente de CEQA ofrece.

Community Benefits Program Concept
Concepto del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

A defined set of commitments made by project proponents and created in coordination with the local community to create lasting, tangible and potentially significant economic and social benefit to the residents, businesses and organizations facing project impacts.

Un conjunto definido de compromisos asumidos por los proponentes del proyecto y creado en coordinación con la comunidad local para crear un beneficio económico y social duradero, tangible y potencialmente significativo para los residentes, empresas y organizaciones que enfrentan los impactos del proyecto.

Examples
Ejemplos



Los Angeles World Airports (LAX) Expansion Program



NYC Dept of Environmental Protection Croton Water Plant



Various Off-Shore Wind Programs

Poll Question 1
Pregunta de Encuesta 1

What do you think of the Community Benefits Program concept as proposed?

Using a scale of 1-5:

1. Strongly dislike the concept
2. Somewhat dislike the concept
3. Neutral on the concept
4. Somewhat like the concept
5. Strongly like the concept

¿Qué piensa del concepto del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto?

Usando una escala del 1 al 5:

1. No me gusta mucho el concepto
2. Algo no me gusta del concepto
3. Neutral en el concepto
4. Me gusta un poco el concepto
5. Me gusta mucho el concepto

Community Benefits Purpose
Propósito de los Beneficios Comunitarios

Purpose

Harness the Delta Conveyance Project—a major capital works project—to create measurable economic, social and other benefits in the local Delta community

Propósito

Aprovechar el Proyecto de Transporte del Delta, un importante proyecto de obras de capital, para crear beneficios económicos, sociales y de otro tipo mensurables y permanentes en la comunidad local de Delta.

Community Benefits Objectives
Objetivos de Beneficios para la Comunidad

Objectives

1. Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
2. Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with stakeholder input
3. Protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place

Objetivos

1. Proporcionar un mecanismo para que la comunidad de Delta identifique oportunidades de beneficios locales
2. Proporcionar un mecanismo para que los proponentes del proyecto demuestren buena fe, transparencia y rendición de cuentas a la comunidad a través de compromisos formales desarrollados con los aportes de las partes interesadas
3. Proteger y mejorar los valores culturales, recreativos, naturales y agrícolas únicos del Delta como un lugar en evolución

Poll Question 2
Pregunta de Encuesta 2

2

What do you think of the proposed purpose and objectives for the Community Benefits Program as presented?

Using a scale of 1-4:

1. The proposed purpose and objectives need a lot of refinement
2. I do not have an opinion on the proposed purpose and objectives
3. The proposed purpose and objectives need some refinement
4. The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is

¿Qué piensa del propósito y los objetivos propuestos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios tal como se presentan?

Usando una escala del 1 al 4:

1. El propósito y los objetivos propuestos necesitan mucho refinamiento.
2. No tengo opinión sobre el propósito y los objetivos propuestos.
3. El propósito y los objetivos propuestos necesitan algunos refinamientos
4. El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están

Community Benefits Program Components
Componentes del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Delta As Place Fund

Grassroots framework for fund development and management that empowers local community

Project Implementation Commitments

- Hiring targets, labor agreements, jobs training and education
- Local business utilization
- Multipurpose facilities

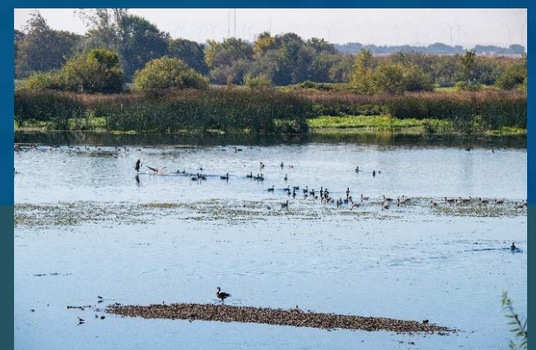
Delta Como Lugar de Fondos

Marco de base para el desarrollo y la administración de fondos que empodera a la comunidad local

Compromisos de Ejecución del Proyecto

- Objetivos de contratación, convenios laborales, formación y educación laboral
- Utilización de Empresas Locales
- Instalaciones Polivalentes




Poll Question 3
Pregunta de Encuesta 3

3

What do you think of the proposed components as presented (creating a fund and identifying implementation commitments)?

Using a scale of 1-4:

1. The proposed components need a lot of refinement
2. I do not have an opinion on the proposed components
3. The proposed components need some refinement
4. The proposed components look good to me as is

¿Qué piensa de los componentes propuestos tal como se presentan (creación de un fondo e identificación de compromisos de implementación)?

Usando una escala del 1 al 4:

1. Los componentes propuestos necesitan mucho refinamiento
2. No tengo una opinión sobre los componentes propuestos.
3. Los componentes propuestos necesitan algo de refinamiento
4. Los componentes propuestos se ven bien para mí tal como están

Community Benefits Program Fund Categories
Categorías de Fondos

Concept Paper Identified:

- Recreation/ *Recreación*
- Agriculture/ *Agricultura*
- Natural Resources/ *Recursos Naturales*
- Culture and History/ *Cultura e Historia*
- Economy/ *Economía*

Interviewees Added:

- Public Safety and Emergency Response/ *Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias*
- Water Quality/ *Calidad de Agua*
- Levee Maintenance*/ *Mantenimiento de Diques*
- Education/ *Educacion*
- Land Purchase and Easements/ *Compra de Terrenos y Servidumbres*

* Some interviewees wanted to keep levee maintenance separated from community benefits.

Poll Question 4
Pregunta de Encuesta 4

4

For the Delta as Place Fund, which three categories are *most* important to you?

- Recreation
- Agriculture
- Natural Resources
- Culture and History
- Economy
- Public Safety and Emergency Response
- Water Quality
- Levee Maintenance
- Education
- Land Purchase and Easements

Para el Delta Como Lugar de Fondos, ¿qué tres categorías son *las más* importantes para usted?

- Recreación
- Agricultura
- Recursos Naturales
- Cultura e Historia
- Economía
- Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias
- Calidad del Agua
- Mantenimiento de Diques
- Educación
- Compra de Terrenos y Servidumbres

Poll Question 5
Pregunta de Encuesta 5

5

For the Delta as Place Fund, which three categories are *least* important to you?

- Recreation
- Agriculture
- Natural Resources
- Culture and History
- Economy
- Public Safety and Emergency Response
- Water Quality
- Levee Maintenance
- Education
- Land Purchase and Easements

Para el Delta Como Lugar de Fondos, ¿qué tres categorías son *las menos* importantes para ti?

- Recreación
- Agricultura
- Recursos naturales
- Cultura e historia
- Economía
- Seguridad pública y respuesta a emergencias
- Calidad del agua
- Mantenimiento de diques
- Educación
- Compra de terrenos y servidumbres

Public Input
Aporte Público

- What do you think about the community benefits concept?
- What should the program's purpose and objectives be?
- What is your reaction to the proposed program components?
- What do you think about the proposed categories of benefits?

- ¿Qué piensa sobre un programa de beneficios para la comunidad como parte del Proyecto de Transporte del Delta?
- ¿Cuáles deberían ser el propósito y los objetivos del programa?
- ¿Cuál es tu reacción a los componentes propuestos del programa?
- ¿Qué opinas de las categorías de beneficios propuestas?

Public Input
Aporte Público

- What do you think about the community benefits **concept**?
- What should the program's purpose and **objectives** be?
- What is your reaction to the proposed program **components**?
- What do you think about the proposed **categories** of benefits?

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- ¿Qué opinas del **concepto** de beneficios comunitarios?
- ¿Cuáles deberían ser los **objetivos** de un programa de beneficios comunitarios?
- ¿Cuál es tu reacción a los **componentes** propuestos del programa?
- ¿Qué opinas de las **categorías** propuestas de tipos de proyectos?



Next Steps
Próximos Pasos

- Meeting report summarizing your input
- Workshop May 6, 6:00-8:00pm (focusing on ideas for project types)
- Tribal Member Workshop May 17, 1:00-3:00pm (Tribal Members only)
- Workshop May 25, 6:00-8:00pm (focusing on implementation commitments and public participation process)
- Draft Community Benefits Program Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR, expected mid-2022

- Informe de la reunión que resume su opinión
- Taller 6 de mayo, 6:00-8:00pm (enfocándose en ideas para tipos de proyectos)
- Taller para miembros tribales 17 de mayo, 1:00-3:00pm (solo miembros tribales)
- Taller 25 de mayo, 6:00-8:00pm (centrado en los compromisos de implementación y el proceso de participación pública)
- El Borrador del Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios se incluirá como un apéndice en el Borrador del EIR, previsto para mediado de 2022

Thank You for Participating!

¡Gracias por su participación!

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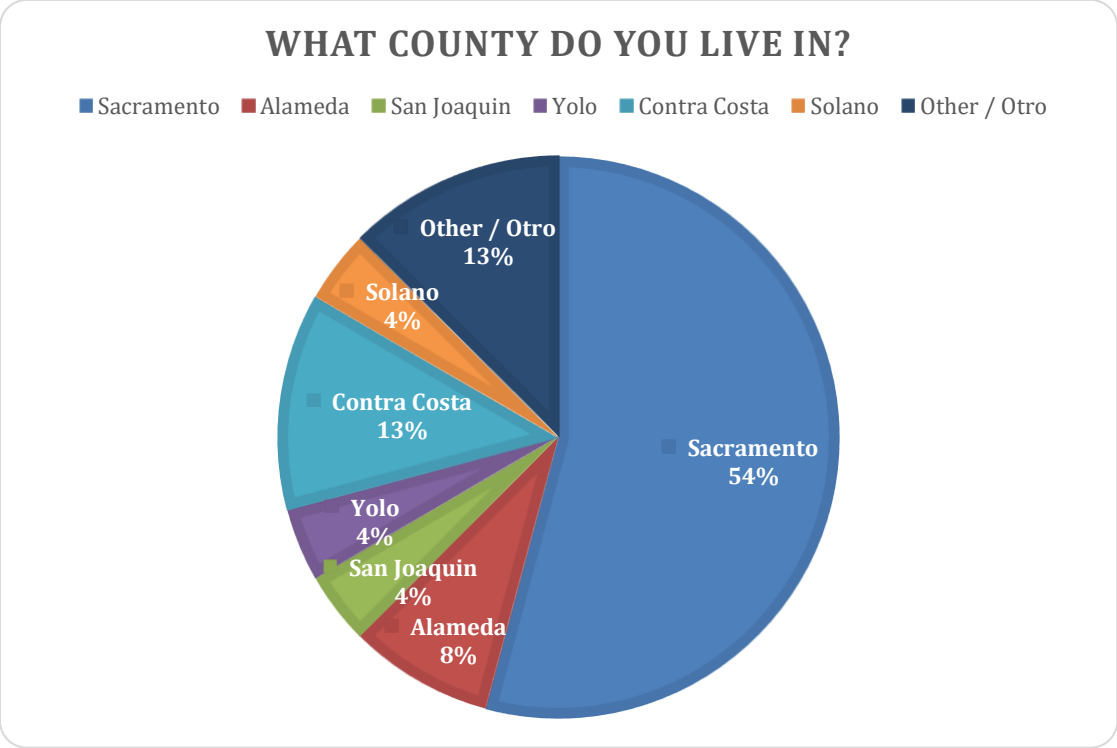
Meeting Summary
Community Benefits Program Workshop
Delta Conveyance Project
California Department of Water Resources
April 14, 2021, 6pm - 8pm

Meeting Synopsis

On April 14, 60 people attended the first Community Benefits Program Workshop (Workshop). Tony Estremera, Board of Directors, Valley Water, welcomed participants. Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager, Department of Water Resources (DWR), reviewed how the Community Benefits Program fits into the Delta Conveyance Project and Janet Barbieri described the proposed Community Benefits Program.

DWR is proposing a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Background on the proposed program is available on the Delta Conveyance Project website. This first Workshop focused on the concept, goals, and objectives of the Community Benefits Program. Participants provided input via Zoom polls, asking questions, and making suggestions. The Workshop concluded with dates for the next workshops and how DWR will use participant input to develop the Community Benefits Program Framework, which will be included as an appendix to the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Workshop participants represented the following California Counties:



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This meeting summary paraphrases individual comments and suggestions from participants in the Community Benefits Program Workshop.
All materials are available to participants at the DWR website.
For questions, please contact the facilitator at juliana@aginnovations.org (916) 917 5669.

Participant Welcome and Introductions

Tony Estremera, Board of Directors, Valley Water welcomed participants to the Workshop. He said he believes it is important for people within the Delta to be engaged throughout project planning, design, and construction. He noted that if the Delta Conveyance Project is approved, people across California will benefit from it and the local Delta community will bear the burden of construction impacts. Mr. Estremera explained that is why the participating public water agencies believe that it is crucial that DWR develop a community benefits program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Estremera concluded that public input helps all the agencies supporting the Delta Conveyance Project to understand what the community wants to see in a Community Benefits Program.

The facilitator, Juliana Birkhoff, said the objectives of the Workshop were to:

- Understand how the Community Benefits Program fits within the Delta Conveyance Project
- Ensure participants understand the Community Benefits Program
- Provide an opportunity for participants to provide input on:
    - What do you think about the community benefits concept?
    - What should the programs' purpose and objectives be?
    - What is your reaction to the proposed program components?
    - What do you think about the proposed categories of benefits?

The facilitator reviewed how to participate in English or Spanish in the meeting. She also explained how participants could provide input via Zoom polls, asking questions, and providing verbal and written input.

How the Community Benefits Program Fits into the Delta Conveyance Project

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, DWR, presented the purpose of the Delta Conveyance Project. Ms. Buckman started by noting that State Water Project (SWP) infrastructure is aging. She explained how modernizing SWP infrastructure will restore and protect the future reliability of SWP water deliveries. Ms. Buckman outlined that the proposed project is designed to modernize the infrastructure in a cost-effective way and is consistent with California's Water Resilience Portfolio.

Ms. Buckman described the four Delta Conveyance Project objectives. These are:

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

Ms. Buckman reviewed the location and facilities for the proposed project. She pointed out the proposed locations for intake facilities, tunnels, pumping plants, forebays, and the South Delta conveyance facilities.

Ms. Buckman also outlined the timeline for the proposed project, identifying the next major milestone as the release of a public review Draft Environmental Impact Report in early to mid-2022. A PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation and a link to the recorded workshop can be found at

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

Ms. Buckman explained that the Community Benefits Program is part of DWR's approach to address impacts from Delta Conveyance Project construction and operations that are not addressed through traditional mitigation. She clarified that regulatory mitigation would address proposed project impacts based on requirements in environmental regulations. Ms. Buckman said the proposed Community Benefits Program would provide resources for direct benefits to communities most impacted by project implementation. She described the proposed ombudsman program as a program to provide information, explore complaints, and

provide compensation from potential unforeseen construction impacts. Taken together, DWR proposes the three processes to address community impacts.

Ms. Buckman finished her presentation by outlining five core commitments for the proposed community benefits program. She described the five commitments as:

1. Transparent: open process to collaborate effectively
2. Constructive: participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy
3. Inclusive: broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. Fair: benefits related to localized nature of effects
5. Unconditional: community benefits are not dependent on support for project

Community Benefits Program Overview and Public Input Polls

Janet Barbieri, a consultant to DWR and the Communications and Public Outreach Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, reviewed proposed Community Benefits Program concepts, purpose, objectives, components, and categories. She explained that DWR proposed creating the Community Benefits Program to acknowledge:

- The direct project benefits are not located inside the Delta
- If the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects on the Delta through construction
- The limitations of typical environmental mitigation

Throughout her presentation, Ms. Barbieri asked participants to provide input via Zoom polls. Between 24 and 30 people participated in the polls.

Community Benefits Program Concept

Participants were asked to provide input on the Community Benefits Program concept through a Zoom poll. The poll asked participants to rank their opinions on a scale of 1-5, with one being strong dislike of the concept and five being strongly like the concept. Participants responded as follows:

What Do You Think of the Community Benefits Program as Proposed? Using a Scale of 1-5

Strongly Dislike / No Me Gusta Mucho el Concepto	1
Somewhat Dislike the Concept / Algo No Me Gusta del Concepto	1
Neutral on the Concept / Neutral en el Concepto	9
Somewhat Like the Concept / Me Gusta un Poco el Concepto	7
Strongly Like the Concept / Me Gusta Mucho el Concepto	5

Ms. Barbieri said that community benefits programs are common in large, infrastructure projects. She explained that they are a defined set of commitments made by project proponents created with the local community to create lasting, tangible, and potentially significant economic and social benefits to residents, businesses, and organizations facing potential project impacts.

Community Benefits Program Purpose and Objectives

The proposed purpose of the Community Benefits Program is to harness the Delta Conveyance Project to create benefits for the local Delta community. The objectives are:

- Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
- Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency, and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with community input
- Protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place

Next, Workshop participants were asked: What do you think of the proposed purpose and objectives for the Community Benefits Program as presented? Using the Zoom poll, most participants said the purpose and objectives needed a lot of refinement (29%) or some refinement (42%). See the following chart.

What Do You Think of the Proposed Purpose and Objectives for the Community Benefits Program as Presented?

The proposed purpose and objectives need a lot of refinement / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos necesitan mucho refinamiento.	7
I do not have an opinion on the proposed purpose and objectives / No tengo opinión sobre el propósito y los objetivos propuestos.	4
The proposed purpose and objectives need some refinement / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos necesitan algunos refinamientos	10
The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	3

Community Benefits Program Components

Ms. Barbieri explained that DWR proposed two components to the Community Benefits Program. A community benefits program for the Delta Conveyance Project could involve several components of community benefits, depending on community input:

- Creating a fund to identify and implement projects to protect and preserve the unique cultural, recreational, agricultural, natural resource and economic values of the Delta
- Integrating benefits into Delta Conveyance Project implementation, including economic and infrastructure related benefits.
    - Economic development opportunities for the Delta community, could include education and training, jobs, and local business utilization commitments
    - Infrastructure related benefits could include potential multipurpose projects related to logistics and infrastructure (e.g., roads, utilities, emergency services) and ensuring input on site specific development (e.g., architecture and landscaping)

Ms. Barbieri asked the participants what they thought about these components. People responded to a Zoom poll, with most people saying the components needed a lot of refinement. See chart below:

What Do You Think of the Proposed Components as Presented (Creating A Fund and Identifying Implementation Commitments?

The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	12
The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	1
The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	5
The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	3

Categories of Benefits

In the last section of Ms. Barbieri's presentation, participants were invited to comment on proposed benefit categories. DWR developed these benefit categories from the environmental justice survey, the community benefit interviews as well as other public input. The proposed benefit categories included:

- Natural resources
- Water quality
- Recreation
- Agriculture
- Culture and history
- Public safety and emergency response
- Economy
- Levee maintenance
- Education
- Land purchase and easements

The goal for the public to provide project ideas, types of projects, in each of the categories. The final Zoom poll asked participants for provide input on which three categories are most important to them. Participants noted that natural resources and water quality were important categories. They also ranked recreation, agriculture, and culture/history as important. See the following chart for more information.

Natural Resources/Recursos Naturales	14
Water Quality / Calidad del agua	12
Recreation / Recreación	9
Culture and History / Cultura e Historia	8
Agriculture / Agricultura	8
Public Safety and Emergency Response / Seguridad pública y respuesta a emergencias	5
Economy / Economía	4
Levee Maintenance / Mantenimiento de diques	2
Education / Educación	1
Land Purchase and Easements / Compra de terrenos y servidumbres	1

Participants also were asked to provide input on which three categories were least important to them. People shared that land purchase and easements, levee maintenance, and recreation were the least important to them. See the following chart for more details.

Land Purchase and Easements / Compra de terrenos y servidumbres	9
Levee Maintenance / Mantenimiento de diques	8
Recreation / Recreación	7
Public Safety and Emergency Response / Seguridad pública y respuesta a emergencias	5
Education/Educacion	5
Agriculture/Agricultura	4
Culture and History / Cultura e Historia	4
Economy / Economía	3
Natural Resources	1
Water Quality / Calidad del agua	1

Public Input: Questions and Feedback

Connection Between Delta Conveyance Project and Community Benefits Program

A participant asked if the Delta Conveyance Project does not go forward will there be a Community Benefits Program?

- Ms. Buckman responded that the Community Benefits Program is specifically a part of the Delta Conveyance Project. If the conveyance project does not move forward, this program would also not move forward.

Focus for Community Benefits Program?

A participant wondered what kind of projects could be funded by the proposed Community Benefits Program. Would the program only focus on elements related to design and construction components of the Delta Conveyance Project?

- Ms. Buckman responded that the Community Benefits Program could fund elements beyond design and construction. Direct impacts to the community from construction will be managed through traditional environmental mitigation.

Another participant asked what the focus area was for the Community Benefits Program. Will the Community Benefits Program just focus on the legal Delta or the larger Sacramento- San Joaquin River Delta?

- Ms. Buckman explained that the DWR has been focused on the whole Delta. If someone wanted benefits outside of the Delta, DWR would have to understand why it was important to fund with community benefits funds.

How Would the Community Benefits Program Be Funded and How Much Funding?

There were several questions and comments from participants about funding for the Community Benefits Program. A participant asked where the funding would come from for the Community Benefits Program. Another participant wondered if the DWR knew what percentage of the project would go to community benefits and what percentage to construction.

- Ms. Buckman responded that the Community Benefits Program would be funded as part of the Delta Conveyance Project. Funds will be part of the construction funding provided by the water agencies that participate in the project. Ms. Buckman explained that DWR did not yet know what percentage would go to community benefits or what the total amount would be as it is still very early in the program development process. She encouraged participants to see more information about project funding on the DWR website.

Another person wondered if funding were part of construction, would funding end when construction ends, or would community benefits be supported in a lump sum? A second person asked if there was a mechanism for long term or ongoing funding so that the community benefits could last as long as the project, not just construction?

- Ms. Buckman said that DWR planned to have a construction budget but has not identified how the community benefit funds would be timed with construction. She hoped that participants would provide input. She asked, for example, is it better to have a lump sum so the Community Benefits Program tackles larger projects or is it better to save funds and distribute them over time. She reminded participants that the DWR would appreciate input on how to time funds.

Traffic Congestion and Road Impacts

Several participants noted that they had concerns about traffic congestion and how additional trucks would affect the area. One person explained there is already a lot of truck traffic and with construction there will be more problems. Another person said many county roads were in horrible condition, almost impassable with paving. She worried that their condition would worsen with heavy trucks. A community benefits program could improve road conditions and build up these kinds of projects. She said that needs to be somehow integrated into one of the categories.

Another person said that traffic congestion and road conditions should be in the environmental mitigation, community benefits, and implementation commitments. This person explained they assumed the environmental mitigation would address traffic and road congestion. However, they said, Delta infrastructure is not set up for heavy vehicles. The impact would be extensive so community benefits could also address bridges and roadways. Traffic and deteriorated roads have safety, health, and traffic impacts.

Another person wondered if there was a way to use tunnels for traffic to divert traffic away from the Delta. Perhaps the tunnel could convey traffic as well. A participant suggested putting signs up on local roads and developing consequences for contractors who do not follow designated routes.

- Ms. Buckman assured participants that the amount of traffic and traffic safety would be important in project implementation. She also reminded participants that the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) has studied traffic and traffic safety through the design and engineering process and there was valuable information on the DCA website (https://www.dcdca.org/).

A participant worried that DWR was only addressing impacts to roads used for construction, and not impacts from the project on all the surrounding roads that residents use; roads that would be heavily used to get around the construction project. She stressed her concern that levees and roads would be impacted and destroyed by the project.

Fund New Facilities Parks and Recreation

A participant asked if the “leave behinds” mentioned in the concept paper could be facilities that could be repurposed for benefits for the community later. She also noted that funding should support new recreation facilities, parks, and other recreation areas, not just repurposed facilities.

Connections Between Environmental Mitigation and Community Benefits

There were several questions and concerns about environmental mitigation and community benefits. A person wondered if community benefits were part of mitigation or compensation for impacts from the tunnel?

- Ms. Buckman responded that the environmental impact report would analyze possible environmental impacts and propose measures to avoid, reduce, or minimize those effects. The Community Benefits Program does not replace environmental mitigation but can address other effects the communities might experience. Community benefits programs can provide additional resources to address community led priorities.

Another person said that to understand the Community Benefit Program, it would be helpful to know what the community impacts were in order to compare them to possible community benefits.

A participant explained that they were worried about seismic hazards and encouraged DWR to address earthquake risks to the Delta Conveyance infrastructure.

Ensure Program Accountability

A participant explained that people are not always satisfied with the results from community benefits programs. She wondered how DWR would ensure that community benefit projects would be completed? A participant worried that funding or commitment would run out before projects were completed.

A second participant said DWR had not fully listened to her concerns. She explained that she feels disregarded as she relates concerns about the Delta Conveyance Project. Since she has not felt heard so far, she does not trust that the Community Benefits program will provide community benefits
fully. She explained that people would not want to participate in the Community Benefits Program because of their concerns about DWR listening.

- Ms. Buckman responded that DWR heard from the Environmental Justice (EJ) survey and the community benefits interviews that people were concerned about accountability. Ms. Buckman said DWR will demonstrate its accountability moving forward.
- Ms. Buckman explained that the Community Benefits Framework would include accountability measures and a structure to ensure potential community benefits projects met their goals and were completed. The third public Workshop will discuss how to develop an accountable community benefits structure. The Community Benefits Framework, which will be in the Environmental Impact Report, will include suggestions on how to organize the program.
- Ms. Buckman said in the next step DWR will work with the community—potentially with a community group still to be either formed or identified—to develop a process and a structure for the Community Benefits Program. She stressed that it was important to include the community in developing the structure. Whatever the structure is, DWR will make sure that measurability, tangibility, and accountability are accounted for in some way that makes sense to everyone involved.

Environmental Justice Survey

A participant asked how many people participated in the Delta Conveyance Project Environmental Justice Surveys.

- Ag Innovations responded that 2,177 people participated in the survey.

Changes to The Purpose and Objectives of the Community Benefits Program

Stakeholders

A participant asked how DWR defined a stakeholder in the Community Benefit Program purposes and objectives. He encouraged DWR to define a stakeholder clearly. Would the DWR define a broad stakeholder group? Would the stakeholder group develop organically? Would state agencies be stakeholders? He explained that there are people who live and work in the Delta who are not typically included, and that state agencies are not representative surrogates for these typically-unincluded residents. He encouraged DWR to develop a clear way to identify stakeholders and to include stakeholders who are not typically included.

Another person suggested that DWR could revise the concept, purpose, and objectives language to clarify who is a stakeholder. A participant suggested that it might be possible to have different categories or participation levels for residents versus other kinds of participants.

Community Benefits Concept, Purpose and Objectives

A participant commented that the concept and purpose only mention economic and social benefits to the Delta. She wants to make sure it is clear that there will be impacts and therefore a need to provide cultural, recreational, natural resources, and agriculture benefits. She acknowledged those were included in the benefit categories but wanted to make sure people understand the range of benefits.

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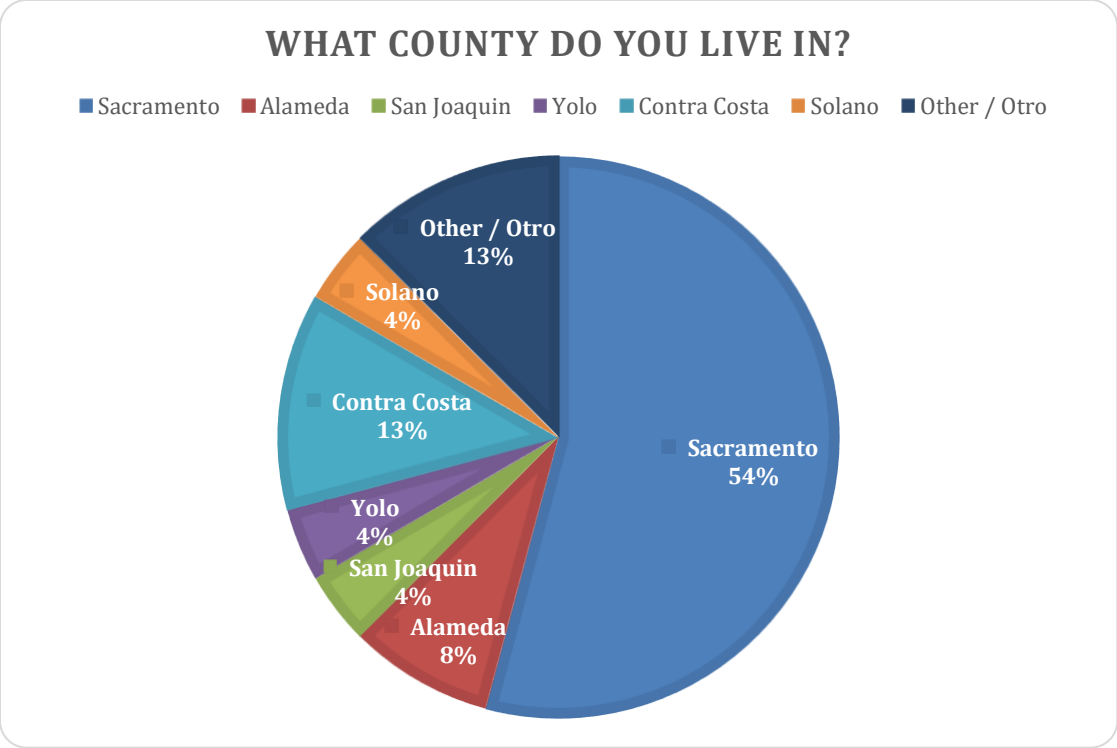
Meeting Summary
Community Benefits Program Workshop
Delta Conveyance Project
California Department of Water Resources
April 14, 2021, 6pm - 8pm

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DWR is proposing a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Background on the proposed program is available on the Delta Conveyance Project website. This first Workshop focused on the concept, goals, and objectives of the Community Benefits Program. Participants provided input via Zoom polls, asking questions, and making suggestions. The Workshop concluded with dates for the next workshops and how DWR will use participant input to develop the Community Benefits Program Framework, which will be included as an appendix to the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Workshop participants represented the following California Counties:



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Participant Welcome and Introductions

Tony Estremera, Board of Directors, Valley Water welcomed participants to the Workshop. He said he believes it is important for people within the Delta to be engaged throughout project planning, design, and construction. He noted that if the Delta Conveyance Project is approved, people across California will benefit from it and the local Delta community will bear the burden of construction impacts. Mr. Estremera explained that is why the participating public water agencies believe that it is crucial that DWR develop a community benefits program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Estremera concluded that public input helps all the agencies supporting the Delta Conveyance Project to understand what the community wants to see in a Community Benefits Program.

The facilitator, Juliana Birkhoff, said the objectives of the Workshop were to:

- Understand how the Community Benefits Program fits within the Delta Conveyance Project
- Ensure participants understand the Community Benefits Program
- Provide an opportunity for participants to provide input on:
    - What do you think about the community benefits concept?
    - What should the programs' purpose and objectives be?
    - What is your reaction to the proposed program components?
    - What do you think about the proposed categories of benefits?

The facilitator reviewed how to participate in English or Spanish in the meeting. She also explained how participants could provide input via Zoom polls, asking questions, and providing verbal and written input.

How the Community Benefits Program Fits into the Delta Conveyance Project

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, DWR, presented the purpose of the Delta Conveyance Project. Ms. Buckman started by noting that State Water Project (SWP) infrastructure is aging. She explained how modernizing SWP infrastructure will restore and protect the future reliability of SWP water deliveries. Ms. Buckman outlined that the proposed project is designed to modernize the infrastructure in a cost-effective way and is consistent with California's Water Resilience Portfolio.

Ms. Buckman described the four Delta Conveyance Project objectives. These are:

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

Ms. Buckman reviewed the location and facilities for the proposed project. She pointed out the proposed locations for intake facilities, tunnels, pumping plants, forebays, and the South Delta conveyance facilities.

Ms. Buckman also outlined the timeline for the proposed project, identifying the next major milestone as the release of a public review Draft Environmental Impact Report in early to mid-2022. A PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation and a link to the recorded workshop can be found at

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

Ms. Buckman explained that the Community Benefits Program is part of DWR's approach to address impacts from Delta Conveyance Project construction and operations that are not addressed through traditional mitigation. She clarified that regulatory mitigation would address proposed project impacts based on requirements in environmental regulations. Ms. Buckman said the proposed Community Benefits Program would provide resources for direct benefits to communities most impacted by project implementation. She described the proposed ombudsman program as a program to provide information, explore complaints, and

provide compensation from potential unforeseen construction impacts. Taken together, DWR proposes the three processes to address community impacts.

Ms. Buckman finished her presentation by outlining five core commitments for the proposed community benefits program. She described the five commitments as:

1. Transparent: open process to collaborate effectively
2. Constructive: participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy
3. Inclusive: broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. Fair: benefits related to localized nature of effects
5. Unconditional: community benefits are not dependent on support for project

Community Benefits Program Overview and Public Input Polls

Janet Barbieri, a consultant to DWR and the Communications and Public Outreach Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, reviewed proposed Community Benefits Program concepts, purpose, objectives, components, and categories. She explained that DWR proposed creating the Community Benefits Program to acknowledge:

- The direct project benefits are not located inside the Delta
- If the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects on the Delta through construction
- The limitations of typical environmental mitigation

Throughout her presentation, Ms. Barbieri asked participants to provide input via Zoom polls. Between 24 and 30 people participated in the polls.

Community Benefits Program Concept

Participants were asked to provide input on the Community Benefits Program concept through a Zoom poll. The poll asked participants to rank their opinions on a scale of 1-5, with one being strong dislike of the concept and five being strongly like the concept. Participants responded as follows:

What Do You Think of the Community Benefits Program as Proposed? Using a Scale of 1-5

Strongly Dislike / No Me Gusta Mucho el Concepto	1
Somewhat Dislike the Concept / Algo No Me Gusta del Concepto	1
Neutral on the Concept / Neutral en el Concepto	9
Somewhat Like the Concept / Me Gusta un Poco el Concepto	7
Strongly Like the Concept / Me Gusta Mucho el Concepto	5

Ms. Barbieri said that community benefits programs are common in large, infrastructure projects. She explained that they are a defined set of commitments made by project proponents created with the local community to create lasting, tangible, and potentially significant economic and social benefits to residents, businesses, and organizations facing potential project impacts.

Community Benefits Program Purpose and Objectives

The proposed purpose of the Community Benefits Program is to harness the Delta Conveyance Project to create benefits for the local Delta community. The objectives are:

- Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
- Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency, and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with community input
- Protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place

Next, Workshop participants were asked: What do you think of the proposed purpose and objectives for the Community Benefits Program as presented? Using the Zoom poll, most participants said the purpose and objectives needed a lot of refinement (29%) or some refinement (42%). See the following chart.

What Do You Think of the Proposed Purpose and Objectives for the Community Benefits Program as Presented?

The proposed purpose and objectives need a lot of refinement / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos necesitan mucho refinamiento.	7
I do not have an opinion on the proposed purpose and objectives / No tengo opinión sobre el propósito y los objetivos propuestos.	4
The proposed purpose and objectives need some refinement / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos necesitan algunos refinamientos	10
The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	3

Community Benefits Program Components

Ms. Barbieri explained that DWR proposed two components to the Community Benefits Program. A community benefits program for the Delta Conveyance Project could involve several components of community benefits, depending on community input:

- Creating a fund to identify and implement projects to protect and preserve the unique cultural, recreational, agricultural, natural resource and economic values of the Delta
- Integrating benefits into Delta Conveyance Project implementation, including economic and infrastructure related benefits.
    - Economic development opportunities for the Delta community, could include education and training, jobs, and local business utilization commitments
    - Infrastructure related benefits could include potential multipurpose projects related to logistics and infrastructure (e.g., roads, utilities, emergency services) and ensuring input on site specific development (e.g., architecture and landscaping)

Ms. Barbieri asked the participants what they thought about these components. People responded to a Zoom poll, with most people saying the components needed a lot of refinement. See chart below:

What Do You Think of the Proposed Components as Presented (Creating A Fund and Identifying Implementation Commitments?

The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	12
The proposed purpose and objectives look good to me as is / El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	1
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Categories of Benefits

In the last section of Ms. Barbieri's presentation, participants were invited to comment on proposed benefit categories. DWR developed these benefit categories from the environmental justice survey, the community benefit interviews as well as other public input. The proposed benefit categories included:

- Natural resources
- Water quality
- Recreation
- Agriculture
- Culture and history
- Public safety and emergency response
- Economy
- Levee maintenance
- Education
- Land purchase and easements

The goal for the public to provide project ideas, types of projects, in each of the categories. The final Zoom poll asked participants for provide input on which three categories are most important to them. Participants noted that natural resources and water quality were important categories. They also ranked recreation, agriculture, and culture/history as important. See the following chart for more information.

Natural Resources/Recursos Naturales	14
Water Quality / Calidad del agua	12
Recreation / Recreación	9
Culture and History / Cultura e Historia	8
Agriculture / Agricultura	8
Public Safety and Emergency Response / Seguridad pública y respuesta a emergencias	5
Economy / Economía	4
Levee Maintenance / Mantenimiento de diques	2
Education / Educación	1
Land Purchase and Easements / Compra de terrenos y servidumbres	1

Participants also were asked to provide input on which three categories were least important to them. People shared that land purchase and easements, levee maintenance, and recreation were the least important to them. See the following chart for more details.

Land Purchase and Easements / Compra de terrenos y servidumbres	9
Levee Maintenance / Mantenimiento de diques	8
Recreation / Recreación	7
Public Safety and Emergency Response / Seguridad pública y respuesta a emergencias	5
Education/Educacion	5
Agriculture/Agricultura	4
Culture and History / Cultura e Historia	4
Economy / Economía	3
Natural Resources	1
Water Quality / Calidad del agua	1

Public Input: Questions and Feedback

Connection Between Delta Conveyance Project and Community Benefits Program

A participant asked if the Delta Conveyance Project does not go forward will there be a Community Benefits Program?

- Ms. Buckman responded that the Community Benefits Program is specifically a part of the Delta Conveyance Project. If the conveyance project does not move forward, this program would also not move forward.

Focus for Community Benefits Program?

A participant wondered what kind of projects could be funded by the proposed Community Benefits Program. Would the program only focus on elements related to design and construction components of the Delta Conveyance Project?

- Ms. Buckman responded that the Community Benefits Program could fund elements beyond design and construction. Direct impacts to the community from construction will be managed through traditional environmental mitigation.

Another participant asked what the focus area was for the Community Benefits Program. Will the Community Benefits Program just focus on the legal Delta or the larger Sacramento- San Joaquin River Delta?

- Ms. Buckman explained that the DWR has been focused on the whole Delta. If someone wanted benefits outside of the Delta, DWR would have to understand why it was important to fund with community benefits funds.

How Would the Community Benefits Program Be Funded and How Much Funding?

There were several questions and comments from participants about funding for the Community Benefits Program. A participant asked where the funding would come from for the Community Benefits Program. Another participant wondered if the DWR knew what percentage of the project would go to community benefits and what percentage to construction.

- Ms. Buckman responded that the Community Benefits Program would be funded as part of the Delta Conveyance Project. Funds will be part of the construction funding provided by the water agencies that participate in the project. Ms. Buckman explained that DWR did not yet know what percentage would go to community benefits or what the total amount would be as it is still very early in the program development process. She encouraged participants to see more information about project funding on the DWR website.

Another person wondered if funding were part of construction, would funding end when construction ends, or would community benefits be supported in a lump sum? A second person asked if there was a mechanism for long term or ongoing funding so that the community benefits could last as long as the project, not just construction?

- Ms. Buckman said that DWR planned to have a construction budget but has not identified how the community benefit funds would be timed with construction. She hoped that participants would provide input. She asked, for example, is it better to have a lump sum so the Community Benefits Program tackles larger projects or is it better to save funds and distribute them over time. She reminded participants that the DWR would appreciate input on how to time funds.

Traffic Congestion and Road Impacts

Several participants noted that they had concerns about traffic congestion and how additional trucks would affect the area. One person explained there is already a lot of truck traffic and with construction there will be more problems. Another person said many county roads were in horrible condition, almost impassable with paving. She worried that their condition would worsen with heavy trucks. A community benefits program could improve road conditions and build up these kinds of projects. She said that needs to be somehow integrated into one of the categories.

Another person said that traffic congestion and road conditions should be in the environmental mitigation, community benefits, and implementation commitments. This person explained they assumed the environmental mitigation would address traffic and road congestion. However, they said, Delta infrastructure is not set up for heavy vehicles. The impact would be extensive so community benefits could also address bridges and roadways. Traffic and deteriorated roads have safety, health, and traffic impacts.

Another person wondered if there was a way to use tunnels for traffic to divert traffic away from the Delta. Perhaps the tunnel could convey traffic as well. A participant suggested putting signs up on local roads and developing consequences for contractors who do not follow designated routes.

- Ms. Buckman assured participants that the amount of traffic and traffic safety would be important in project implementation. She also reminded participants that the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) has studied traffic and traffic safety through the design and engineering process and there was valuable information on the DCA website (https://www.dcdca.org/).

A participant worried that DWR was only addressing impacts to roads used for construction, and not impacts from the project on all the surrounding roads that residents use; roads that would be heavily used to get around the construction project. She stressed her concern that levees and roads would be impacted and destroyed by the project.

Fund New Facilities Parks and Recreation

A participant asked if the “leave behinds” mentioned in the concept paper could be facilities that could be repurposed for benefits for the community later. She also noted that funding should support new recreation facilities, parks, and other recreation areas, not just repurposed facilities.

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There were several questions and concerns about environmental mitigation and community benefits. A person wondered if community benefits were part of mitigation or compensation for impacts from the tunnel?

- Ms. Buckman responded that the environmental impact report would analyze possible environmental impacts and propose measures to avoid, reduce, or minimize those effects. The Community Benefits Program does not replace environmental mitigation but can address other effects the communities might experience. Community benefits programs can provide additional resources to address community led priorities.

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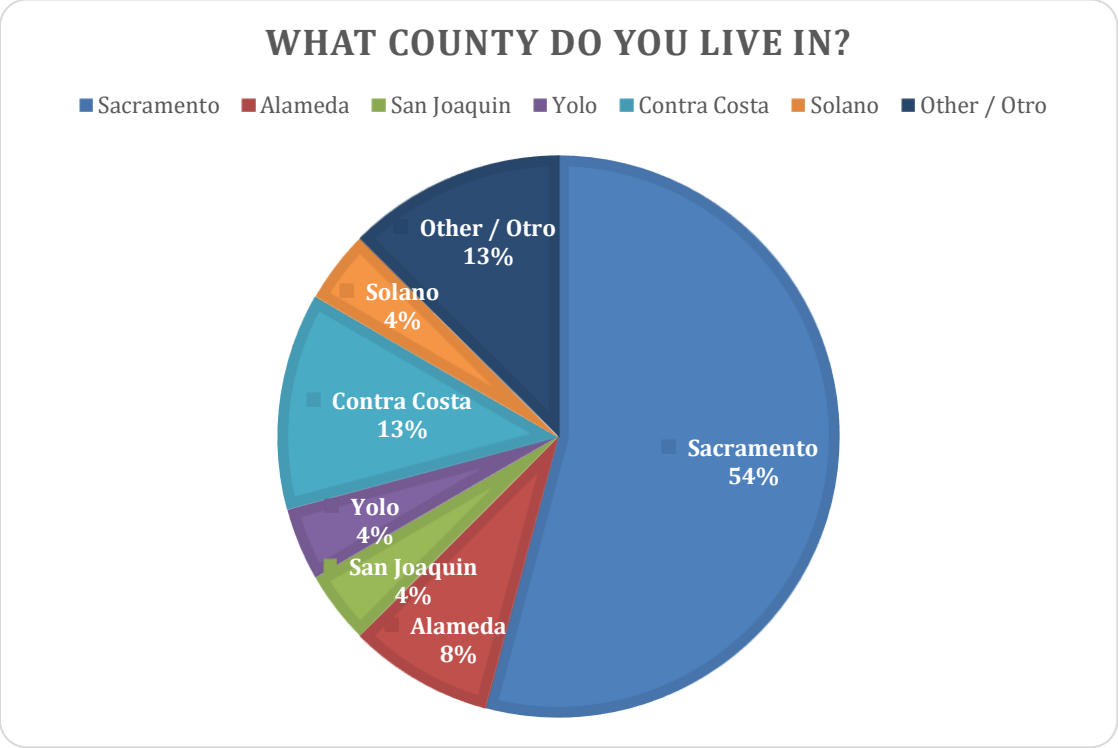
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Departamento de Recursos Hídricos de California
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Sinopsis de la Reunión

El 14 de abril, 60 personas asistieron al primer Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios (Taller). Tony Estremera, Junta Directiva de Valley Water, dio la bienvenida a los participantes. Carrie Buckman, Gerente del Programa Ambiental, Departamento de Recursos Hídricos (DWR, por sus siglas en inglés), revisó cómo encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y Janet Barbieri describió el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto.

DWR propone un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Los antecedentes sobre el programa propuesto están disponibles en internet del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Este primer Taller se enfocó en el concepto, metas y objetivos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Los participantes proporcionaron información a través de encuestas de Zoom, haciendo preguntas y sugerencias. El Taller concluyó con las fechas de los próximos talleres y cómo DWR utilizará las aportaciones de los participantes para desarrollar el Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, que se incluirá como un apéndice al Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental del proyecto.

Los participantes del taller representaron los siguientes Condados de California:



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Este resumen de la reunión parafrasea los comentarios individuales y las sugerencias de los participantes en el Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.
Todos los materiales están disponibles para los participantes en el sitio de internet de DWR.
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Bienvenida e Introducción de los Participantes

Tony Estremera, Junta Directiva de Valley Water dio la bienvenida a los participantes al Taller. Dijo que cree que es importante que las personas del Delta participen en la planificación, el diseño y la construcción del proyecto. Señaló que, si se aprueba el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, las personas de todo California se beneficiarán y que él y la comunidad local del Delta cargará con la carga de los impactos de la construcción. El Sr. Estremera explicó que es por eso que las agencias públicas de agua participantes creen que es crucial que DWR desarrolle un programa de beneficios comunitarios para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. El Sr. Estremera concluyó que la opinión pública ayuda a todas las agencias que apoyan el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta a comprender lo que la comunidad quiere ver en un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

La facilitadora, Juliana Birkhoff, dijo que los objetivos del Taller eran:

- Comprender cómo encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.
- Asegurar de que los participantes comprendan el Programa de beneficios comunitarios.
- Brindar a los participantes la oportunidad de aportar opiniones sobre:
    - ¿Qué opina del concepto de Beneficios Comunitarios?
    - ¿Cuál debería ser el propósito y los objetivos de los programas?
    - ¿Cuál es su reacción a los componentes del programa propuestos?
    - ¿Qué opina de las categorías de beneficios propuestas?

El facilitador repasó cómo participar en inglés o español en la reunión. También explicó cómo los participantes podían proporcionar información a través de encuestas de Zoom, hacer preguntas y proporcionar información verbal y escrita.

Cómo Encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Carrie Buckman, Gerente del Programa Ambiental para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, DWR, presentó el propósito del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. La Sra. Buckman comenzó señalando que la infraestructura del Proyecto de Agua Estatal (SWP, por sus siglas en inglés) está envejeciendo. Explicó cómo la modernización de la infraestructura de SWP restaurará y protegerá la confiabilidad futura de las entregas de agua de SWP. La Sra. Buckman destacó que el proyecto propuesto está diseñado para modernizar la infraestructura de una manera rentable y es consistente con el Porfolio de Resiliencia del Agua de California.

La Sra. Buckman describió los cuatro objetivos del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Estos son:

- Abordar el aumento del nivel del mar y el cambio climático.
- Minimizar el suministro de agua y las interrupciones debido al riesgo sísmico.
- Proteger la confiabilidad del suministro de agua.
- Proporcionar flexibilidad operativa para mejorar las condiciones acuáticas.

La Sra. Buckman revisó la ubicación y las instalaciones del proyecto propuesto. Señaló las ubicaciones propuestas para las instalaciones de admisión, túneles, plantas de bombeo, cámaras de presión y las instalaciones de Agua a Través del Delta Sur.

La Sra. Buckman también describió el cronograma para el proyecto propuesto, identificando la próxima meta importante como la publicación de un Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental de revisión pública a principios o mediados de 2022. Puede encontrar una versión en PDF de la presentación de PowerPoint y un enlace al taller grabado en
https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

La Sra. Buckman explicó que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios es parte del enfoque de DWR para abordar los impactos de la construcción y las operaciones del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta que no se abordan mediante la mitigación tradicional. Aclaró que la mitigación regulatoria abordaría los impactos del proyecto propuesto según los requisitos de las regulaciones ambientales. La Sra. Buckman dijo que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto proporcionaría recursos para beneficios directos a las comunidades más afectadas por la implementación del proyecto. Describió el programa de defensor del pueblo propuesto como un programa para proporcionar información, explorar quejas y proporcionar compensación por posibles impactos imprevistos de la construcción. En conjunto, DWR propone los tres procesos para abordar los impactos comunitarios.

La Sra. Buckman terminó su presentación describiendo cinco compromisos básicos para el programa de beneficios comunitarios propuesto. Ella describió los cinco compromisos como:

1. Transparente: proceso abierto para colaborar de forma eficaz
2. Constructivo: participación de buena fe con la comunidad para crear un legado positivo.
3. Inclusivo: amplia participación de las partes interesadas para ampliar la captura de voces
4. Justo: beneficios relacionados con la naturaleza localizada de los efectos.
5. Incondicional: los beneficios para la comunidad no dependen del apoyo al proyecto

Resumen del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios y Encuestas de Opinión Pública

Janet Barbieri, consultora de DWR y Gerente de Comunicaciones y Difusión Pública del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, revisó los conceptos, el propósito, los objetivos, los componentes y las categorías propuestos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Explicó que DWR propuso crear el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para reconocer:

- Los beneficios directos del proyecto no se encuentran dentro del Delta.
- Si se aprueba el proyecto, podría tener efectos adversos potenciales en el Delta a través de la construcción.
- Las limitaciones de la mitigación ambiental típica

A lo largo de su presentación, la Sra. Barbieri pidió a los participantes que dieran su opinión a través de encuestas de Zoom. Entre 24 y 30 personas participaron en las encuestas.

Concepto de Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Se pidió a los participantes que dieran su opinión sobre el concepto del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios a través de una encuesta de Zoom. La encuesta pidió a los participantes que clasificaran sus opiniones en una escala del 1 al 5, siendo uno un no me gusta mucho el concepto y cinco una fuerte me gusta mucho el concepto. Los participantes respondieron de la siguiente manera:

¿Qué Piensa del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto? Usando una Escala del 1 al 5

No Me Gusta Mucho el Concepto	1
Algo No Me Gusta del Concepto	1
Neutral en el Concepto	9
Me Gusta un Poco el Concepto	7
Me Gusta Mucho el Concepto	5

La Sra. Barbieri dijo que los programas de beneficios comunitarios son comunes en grandes proyectos de infraestructura. Explicó que son un conjunto definido de compromisos hechos por los proponentes de proyectos creados con la comunidad local para crear beneficios económicos y sociales duraderos, tangibles y potencialmente significativos para los residentes, empresas y organizaciones que enfrentan impactos potenciales del proyecto.

Propósito y Objetivos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

El propósito propuesto del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios es aprovechar el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta para crear beneficios para la comunidad local del Delta. Los objetivos son:

- Proporcionar un mecanismo para que la comunidad del Delta identifique oportunidades de beneficios locales.
- Proporcionar un mecanismo para que los proponentes del proyecto demuestren buena fe, transparencia y responsabilidad ante la comunidad a través de compromisos formales desarrollados con aportes de la comunidad.
- Proteger y mejorar los valores culturales, recreativos, naturales y agrícolas únicos del Delta como un lugar en evolución.

A continuación, se preguntó a los participantes del Taller: ¿Qué piensa del propósito y los objetivos propuestos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios tal como se presenta? Usando la encuesta de Zoom, la mayoría de los participantes dijeron que el propósito y los objetivos necesitaban mucho refinamiento (29%) o algo de refinamiento (42%). Ver la siguiente tabla.

¿Qué Piensa del Propósito y los Objetivos Propuestos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios tal como se Presenta?

El propósito y los objetivos propuestos necesitan mucho refinamiento.	7
No tengo opinión sobre el propósito y los objetivos propuestos.	4
El propósito y los objetivos propuestos necesitan algunos refinamientos	10
El propósito y los objetivos propuestos me parecen bien tal como están	3

Componentes del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

La Sra. Barbieri explicó que DWR propuso dos componentes para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Un programa de beneficios comunitarios para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta podría involucrar varios componentes de beneficios comunitarios, dependiendo de la opinión de la comunidad.:

- Crear un fondo para identificar e implementar proyectos para proteger y preservar los valores culturales, recreativos, agrícolas, de recursos naturales y económicos únicos del Delta.
- Integrar los beneficios en la implementación del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, incluyendo los beneficios económicos y relacionados con la infraestructura.
    - Las oportunidades de desarrollo económico para la comunidad del Delta podrían incluir educación y capacitación, trabajos y compromisos de utilización de negocios locales.
    - Los beneficios relacionados con la infraestructura podrían incluir posibles proyectos multipropósito relacionados con la logística y la infraestructura (por ejemplo, carreteras, servicios públicos, servicios de emergencia) y garantizar la participación en el desarrollo específico del sitio (por ejemplo, arquitectura y paisajismo)

La Sra. Barbieri preguntó a los participantes qué pensaban sobre estos componentes. La gente respondió a una encuesta de Zoom, y la mayoría de la gente dijo que los componentes necesitaban mucho refinamiento. Ver cuadro a continuación:

¿Qué Piensa de los Componentes Propuestos tal Como se Presentan (Creación de un Fondo e Identificación de Compromisos de Implementación)?

Los componentes propuestos necesitan mucho refinamiento	12
No tengo una opinión sobre los componentes propuestos.	1
Los componentes propuestos necesitan algo de refinamiento	5
Los componentes propuestos se ven bien para mí tal como están	3

Categorías de Beneficios

En la última sección de la presentación de la Sra. Barbieri, se invitó a los participantes a comentar sobre las categorías de los beneficios propuestos. DWR desarrolló estas categorías de beneficios a partir de la encuesta de justicia ambiental, las entrevistas de beneficios comunitarios y otras aportaciones del público. Las categorías de beneficios propuestos incluyeron:

- Recursos Naturales
- Calidad del Agua
- Recreación
- Agricultura
- Cultura e Historia
- Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias
- Economía
- Mantenimiento de Diques
- Educación
- Compra de Terrenos y Servidumbres

El objetivo es que el público proporcione ideas de proyectos, tipos de proyectos, en cada una de las categorías. La encuesta final de Zoom pidió a los participantes que dieran su opinión sobre las tres categorías que son más importantes para ellos. Los participantes señalaron que los recursos naturales y la calidad del agua eran categorías importantes. También clasificaron la recreación, la agricultura y la cultura/historia como importantes. Consulte la siguiente tabla para obtener más información.

Recursos Naturales	14
Calidad del Agua	12
Recreación	9
Cultura e Historia	8
Agricultura	8
Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias	5
Economía	4
Mantenimiento de Diques	2
Educación	1
Compra de Terrenos y Servidumbres	1

También se le pidió a los participantes que dieran su opinión sobre las tres categorías que les resultaban menos importantes. La gente compartió que la compra de tierras y las servidumbres, el mantenimiento de diques y la recreación eran los menos importantes para ellos. Consulte la siguiente tabla para obtener más detalles.

Compra de Terrenos y Servidumbres	9
Mantenimiento de Diques	8
Recreación	7
Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias	5
Educación	5
Agricultura	4
Cultura e Historia	4
Economía	3
Recursos Naturales	1
Calidad del Agua	1

Comentarios del Público: Preguntas y Comentarios

Conexión entre el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Un participante preguntó si el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta no avanza, ¿habrá un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios?

- La Sra. Buckman respondió que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios es específicamente una parte del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Si el Proyecto de Transporte no avanza, este programa tampoco avanzará.

¿Enfoque para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios?

Un participante se preguntó qué tipo de proyectos podrían financiarse con el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto. ¿El programa solo se enfocaría en elementos relacionados con los componentes de diseño y construcción del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta?

- La Sra. Buckman respondió que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios podría financiar elementos más allá del diseño y la construcción. Los impactos directos a la comunidad de la construcción se manejarán a través de la mitigación ambiental tradicional.

Otro participante preguntó cuál era el área de enfoque del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. ¿Se enfocará el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios en el Delta real o en el Delta del Río Sacramento-San Joaquín más grande?

- La Sra. Buckman explicó que el DWR se ha centrado en todo el Delta. Si alguien quisiera beneficios fuera del Delta, DWR tendría que entender por qué era importante financiar con fondos de beneficios comunitarios.

¿Cómo se Financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios y Cuánto se Financiaría?

Hubo varias preguntas y comentarios de los participantes sobre la financiación del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Un participante preguntó de dónde vendrían los fondos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Otro participante se preguntó si el DWR sabía qué porcentaje del proyecto se destinaría a beneficios comunitarios y qué porcentaje a la construcción.

- La Sra. Buckman respondió que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios se financiaría como parte del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Los fondos serán parte de los fondos de construcción proporcionados por las agencias de agua que participan en el proyecto. La Sra. Buckman explicó que DWR aún no sabía qué porcentaje se destinaría a beneficios comunitarios o cuál sería la cantidad total, ya que aún es muy temprano en el proceso de desarrollo del programa. Animó a los participantes a ver más información sobre la financiación de proyectos en el sitio de internet de DWR.

Otra persona se preguntó si los fondos eran parte de la construcción, ¿terminarían los fondos cuando finalice la construcción o se apoyarían los beneficios para la comunidad en una suma global? Una segunda persona preguntó si existía un mecanismo de financiamiento continuo o a largo plazo para que los beneficios para la comunidad pudieran durar tanto como el proyecto, no solo la construcción.

- La Sra. Buckman dijo que DWR planeaba tener un presupuesto de construcción, pero no ha identificado cómo los fondos de beneficio comunitario se sincronizarán con la construcción. Esperaba que los participantes hicieran aportaciones. Preguntó, por ejemplo, si es mejor tener una suma global para que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios aborde proyectos más grandes o si es mejor ahorrar fondos y distribuirlos a lo largo del tiempo. Recordó a los participantes que el DWR agradecería sus comentarios sobre cómo programar los fondos.

Congestión del Tráfico e Impactos en las Carreteras

Varios participantes señalaron que tenían preocupaciones sobre la congestión del tráfico y cómo los camiones adicionales afectarían el área. Una persona explicó que ya hay mucho tráfico de camiones y que con la construcción habrá más problemas. Otra persona dijo que muchas carreteras del condado estaban en condiciones horribles, casi intransitables con pavimento. Le preocupaba que su condición empeorara con camiones pesados. Un programa de beneficios comunitarios podría mejorar las condiciones de las carreteras y desarrollar este tipo de proyectos. Dijo que debe integrarse de alguna manera en una de las categorías.

Otra persona dijo que la congestión del tráfico y las condiciones de las carreteras deben estar en los compromisos de mitigación ambiental, beneficios para la comunidad y ejecución. Esta persona explicó que asumieron que la mitigación ambiental abordaría la congestión del tráfico y las carreteras. Sin embargo, dijeron, la infraestructura del Delta no está configurada para vehículos pesados. El impacto sería extenso, por lo que los beneficios para la comunidad también podrían abarcar puentes y carreteras. El tráfico y las carreteras deterioradas tienen impactos en la seguridad, la salud y el tráfico.

Otra persona se preguntó si había alguna forma de utilizar túneles para el tráfico para desviar el tráfico del Delta. Quizás el túnel también podría transportar tráfico. Un participante sugirió colocar letreros en las carreteras locales y desarrollar consecuencias para los contratistas que no siguen las rutas designadas.

- La Sra. Buckman aseguró a los participantes que la cantidad de tráfico y la seguridad del tráfico serían importantes en la implementación del proyecto. También recordó a los participantes que la Autoridad de Construcción y Diseño de Transporte del Delta (DCA) ha estudiado el tráfico y la seguridad del tráfico a través del proceso de diseño e ingeniería y que había información valiosa en el sitio web del DCA (https://www.dcdca.org/).

A un participante le preocupaba que DWR solo estuviera abordando los impactos en las carreteras utilizadas para la construcción, y no los impactos del proyecto en todas las carreteras circundantes que utilizan los residentes; carreteras que se utilizarían mucho para sortear el proyecto de construcción. Hizo hincapié en su preocupación por el impacto y la destrucción de diques y carreteras por el proyecto.

Financiar Nuevas Instalaciones, Parques y Recreación

Un participante preguntó si lo que “quedara atrás” mencionado en el documento conceptual podrían ser instalaciones que podrían reutilizarse para beneficiar a la comunidad más adelante. También señaló que los fondos deberían apoyar nuevas instalaciones recreativas, parques y otras áreas recreativas, no solo instalaciones reutilizadas.

Conexiones entre la Mitigación Ambiental y los Beneficios Comunitarios

Hubo varias preguntas e inquietudes sobre la mitigación ambiental y los beneficios para la comunidad. Una persona se preguntó si los beneficios para la comunidad eran parte de la mitigación o compensación por los impactos del túnel.

- La Sra. Buckman respondió que el informe de impacto ambiental analizaría los posibles impactos ambientales y propondría medidas para evitar, reducir o minimizar esos efectos. El Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios no reemplaza la mitigación ambiental, pero puede abordar otros efectos que las comunidades puedan experimentar. Los programas de beneficios comunitarios pueden proporcionar recursos adicionales para abordar las prioridades lideradas por la comunidad.

Otra persona dijo que, para entender el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, sería útil saber cuáles fueron los impactos comunitarios para compararlos con los posibles beneficios comunitarios.

Un participante explicó que estaban preocupados por los peligros sísmicos y alentó a DWR a abordar los riesgos de terremotos en la infraestructura de Agua a Través del Delta.

Garantizar la Responsabilidad del Programa

Un participante explicó que las personas no siempre están satisfechas con los resultados de los programas de beneficios comunitarios. Se preguntó cómo DWR aseguraría que se completen los proyectos de beneficio comunitario. A un participante le preocupaba que se agotaran los fondos o el compromiso antes de que se completaran los proyectos.

Un segundo participante dijo que DWR no había escuchado completamente sus preocupaciones. Explicó que se siente ignorada al relatar sus preocupaciones sobre el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Dado que hasta ahora no se ha sentido escuchada, no confía en que el programa de Beneficios Comunitarios proporcione beneficios comunitarios completamente. Explicó que las personas no querrían participar en el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios debido a sus preocupaciones sobre la escucha de DWR.

- La Sra. Buckman respondió que DWR escuchó de la encuesta de Justicia Ambiental (EJ) y las entrevistas de beneficios comunitarios que las personas estaban preocupadas por la responsabilidad. La Sra. Buckman dijo que DWR demostrará su responsabilidad en el futuro.
- La Sra. Buckman explicó que el Marco de Beneficios Comunitarios incluiría medidas de responsabilidad y una estructura para asegurar que los proyectos potenciales de beneficios comunitarios cumplieran sus metas y fueran completados. El tercer taller público discutirá cómo desarrollar una estructura de beneficios comunitarios responsable. El Marco de Beneficios Comunitarios, que estará en el Informe de Impacto Ambiental, incluirá sugerencias sobre cómo organizar el programa.
- La Sra. Buckman dijo que en el próximo paso DWR trabajará con la comunidad, potencialmente con un grupo comunitario que aún no se ha formado o identificado, para desarrollar un proceso y una estructura para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Hizo hincapié en que era importante incluir a la comunidad en el desarrollo de la estructura. Cualquiera que sea la estructura, DWR se asegurará de que la mensurabilidad, la tangibilidad y la responsabilidad se tengan en cuenta de alguna manera que tenga sentido para todos los involucrados.

Encuesta de Justicia Ambiental

Un participante preguntó cuántas personas participaron en las encuestas de Justicia Ambiental del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.

- Ag Innovations respondió que 2177 personas participaron en la encuesta.

Cambios en el Propósito y los Objetivos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Partes Interesadas

Un participante preguntó cómo DWR definía a una parte interesada en los propósitos y objetivos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Alentó a DWR a definir claramente a una parte interesada. ¿Definiría el DWR un grupo amplio de partes interesadas? ¿El grupo de partes interesadas se desarrollaría orgánicamente? ¿Serían partes interesadas las agencias estatales? Explicó que hay personas que viven y trabajan en el Delta que normalmente no están incluidas, y que las agencias estatales no son representantes representativos de estos residentes normalmente no incluyendo. Alentó a DWR a desarrollar una forma clara de identificar a las partes interesadas e incluir a las partes interesadas que normalmente no están incluidas.

Otra persona sugirió que DWR podría revisar el concepto, el propósito y el lenguaje de los objetivos para aclarar quién es un interesado. Un participante sugirió que podría ser posible tener diferentes categorías o niveles de participación para los residentes en comparación con otros tipos de participantes.

Concepto, Propósito y Objetivos de Beneficios para la Comunidad

Un participante comentó que el concepto y el propósito solo mencionan los beneficios económicos y sociales para el Delta. Quiere asegurarse de que quede claro que habrá impactos y, por lo tanto, la necesidad de proporcionar beneficios culturales, recreativos, naturales y agrícolas. Reconoció que se incluyeron en las categorías de beneficios, pero quería asegurarse de que las personas comprendan la gama de beneficios.

Otra persona estuvo de acuerdo y sugirió considerar todos los impactos del proyecto. Sugirió incluir un lenguaje para incluir beneficios para la calidad del agua, los peces y la vida silvestre al principio del documento.

Otro comentarista sugirió que los objetivos se ampliaran para incluir el potencial de los beneficios del suministro de agua y se refirió a iteraciones anteriores de propuestas de transporte delta que habían incluido opciones de suministro de agua local.

Contribución de la Comunidad para la Asignación

Un participante reconoció que habría desafíos para distribuir los beneficios de manera justa y adecuada. El participante dijo que ayudaría dar un paso atrás para considerar los posibles beneficios del programa de beneficios comunitarios. Una vez que se hayan identificado todos los tipos de beneficios, hable sobre la asignación.

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Componentes del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Un participante señaló que “Fondo Delta como Lugar” es una declaración extremadamente incómoda. Ella animó a DWR a usar un lenguaje diferente. El participante explicó que las comunidades locales y de base podrían ser más claras que Delta como el Lugar.

Compromisos de Ejecución del Proyecto

A un participante le gustaron los compromisos de implementación del proyecto. Estuvo de acuerdo en que el proyecto debe comprometerse con las personas que tendrán el proyecto en sus patios traseros y afectarán sus caminos. Dijo que era importante escuchar cómo la construcción y el proyecto afectarán a las personas todos los días.

Varias personas sugirieron aclarar y explicar las instalaciones polivalentes.

- La Sra. Buckman respondió que las instalaciones multipropósito significaban que el proyecto desarrollaría una instalación de construcción que luego pasaría a un uso local. Por ejemplo, convertir espacios de construcción temporales en parques públicos, entregar instalaciones de comunicaciones o helipuertos a la comunidad. Las instalaciones se diseñarían intencionalmente para uso comunitario en el futuro, así como para uso del proyecto.

Un participante preguntó si los compromisos de implementación del proyecto solo estaban relacionados con la construcción. Se preguntó si todos los objetivos de contratación, la mano de obra y la utilización de empresas locales se relacionaban únicamente con la construcción del proyecto. El participante le pidió a DWR que considerara compromisos no vinculados a la construcción, como los que podrían beneficiar a los distritos escolares. Hizo hincapié en que todos los distritos escolares del Delta necesitaban mejoras y reparaciones de infraestructura, así como mejoras en el sitio. Destacó que es necesario que existan compromisos más allá del diseño y la construcción.

Cambios en las Categorías de Fondos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Un participante alentó al DWR a aclarar los recursos naturales e incluir la calidad del agua como una categoría de fondo. Señaló que la calidad del agua es una categoría extremadamente importante para muchas personas y están preocupadas por el impacto del proyecto en la calidad del agua.

Próximos Pasos

El facilitador explicó que Ag Innovations resumiría las ideas de los participantes en un resumen de la reunión y lo publicaría en el sitio de internet de DWR.

El facilitador explicó que el próximo Taller el 6 de mayo se enfocará en ideas de proyectos para el Fondo de Beneficios Comunitarios. Los miembros de las tribus están invitados a participar en un Taller el 17 de mayo. El último Taller comunitario será el 25 de mayo, y se centrará en los compromisos de implementación y cómo el público debe participar en el desarrollo del programa.

La información de las entrevistas, los talleres públicos, los correos electrónicos al programa y los comentarios de los formularios de comentarios informarán al Marco de Beneficios Comunitarios. El Marco se incluirá como apéndice en el Informe de Impacto Ambiental.

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2 May 6, 2021, Workshop Materials

Accessible versions of the materials provided in this attachment are available online at, https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
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Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program
Workshop 2: Funding Ideas
Agenda

Thursday, May 6, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions *(10 minutes)*

2. Agenda Review and How to Participate *(10 minutes)*

3. How the Community Benefits Program Fits into the Delta Conveyance Project *(10 minutes)*

4. Community Benefits Program Overview and Workshop 1 Summary *(10 minutes)*

5. Breakout Room Discussions *(1 hour)*

    - Provide input on the types of things the proposed Community Benefits Program could fund in the following categories *(Two 30-minute sessions)*:

        Session 1
        - Water and Air Quality
        - Public Safety and Emergency Response
        - Recreation
        - Habitat Conservation
        - Culture and History

        Session 2
        - Economy
        - Infrastructure
        - Agriculture
        - Education and Workforce Development
        - Levee Maintenance

6. General Public Input and Feedback *(15 minutes)*

7. Next Steps *(5 minutes)*

For any questions or feedback related to the development of the Community Benefits Program, please email DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta
2ndo Taller: Ideas de Financiación
Agenda

Jueves 6 de mayo del 2021 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

1. Bienvenida e Introducciones *(10 minutos)*

2. Repaso del Agenda y Cómo Participar *(10 minutos)*

3. Cómo encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta *(10 minutos)*

4. Resumen del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios y Resumen del 1er Taller *(10 minutos)*

5. Discusión en los Salones de Descanso *(1 hora)*

    - Proporcionar información sobre el tipo de cosas que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto podría financiar en las siguientes categorías *(Dos sesiones de 30 minutos):*

Sesión 1
- Calidad del Agua y el Aire
- Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias
- Recreación
- Conservación del Hábitat
- Cultura e Historia

Sesión 2
- Economía
- Infraestructura
- Agricultura
- Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral
- Mantenimiento de Diques

6. Comentarios y Opiniones del Público en General *(15 minutos)*

7. Siguientes Pasos *(5 minutos)*

Para cualquier pregunta o comentario relacionado con el desarrollo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, envíe un correo electrónico DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

Delta Conveyance Project

Community Benefits Program Workshop

May 6, 2021 • Workshop Begins at 6:00pm

Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

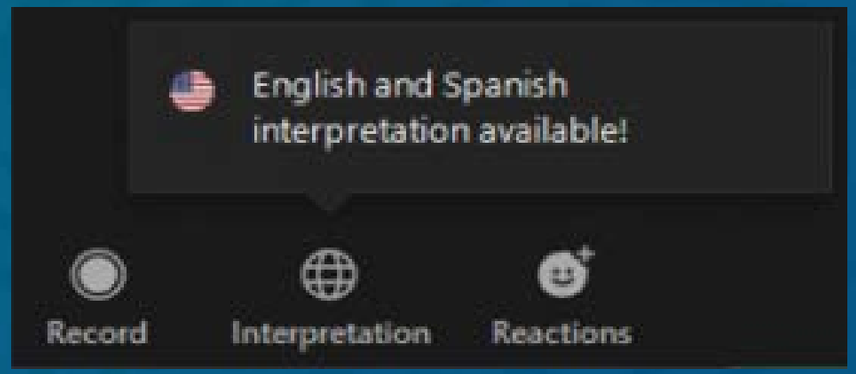
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Welcome
Bienvenidos

Objectives
Objetivos



- Ensure participants understand the Community Benefits Program
- Recap from Workshop #1
- Participants share funding ideas that could benefit water and air quality, habitat conservation, recreation, agriculture, culture and history, economy, public safety and emergency response, levee maintenance, infrastructure, and education and workforce development

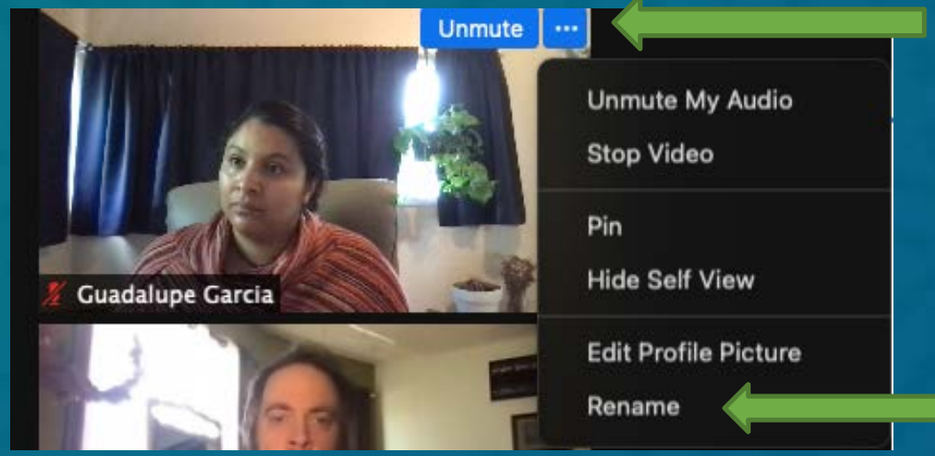
- Asegurarse de que los participantes comprendan el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios
- Resumen del 1er Taller
- Los participantes comparten ideas de financiación que podrían beneficiar la calidad del agua y el aire, la conservación del hábitat, la recreación, la agricultura, la cultura y la historia, la economía, la seguridad pública y la respuesta a emergencias, el mantenimiento de diques, infraestructura, y la educación y desarrollo de la fuerza laboral

Agenda

6:00 - 6:10 pm	**Welcome & Introductions**
6:10 - 6:20 pm	**Agenda and How to Participate**
6:20 - 6:30 pm	**How the Community Benefits Program Fits Into the Delta Conveyance Project**
6:30 – 6:40 pm	**Community Benefits Program and Recap from Workshop 1**
6:40 - 7:40 pm	**Breakout Group Discussions**
7:40 - 7:55 pm	**Public Input**
7:55 - 8:00 pm	**Next Steps**

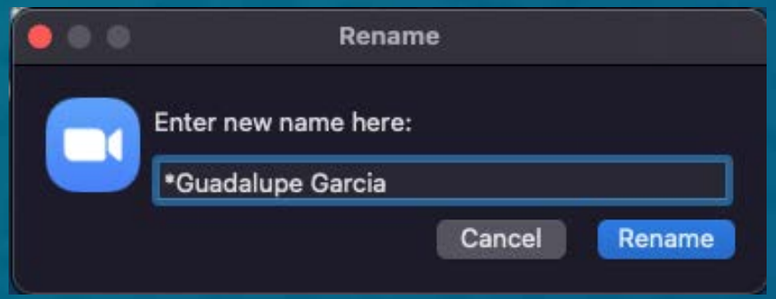
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6:40 - 7:40 pm	**Discusiones en Sesión de Grupo**
7:40 - 7:55 pm	**Aporte Publico**
7:55 - 8:00 pm	**Próximos pasos**

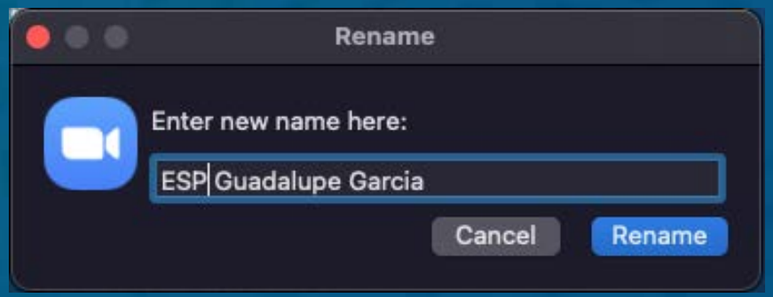
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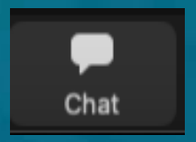


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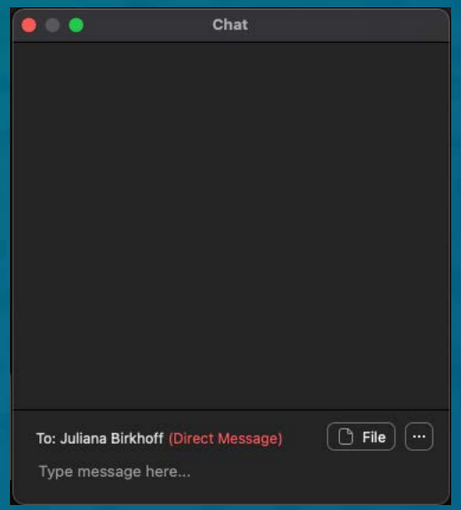


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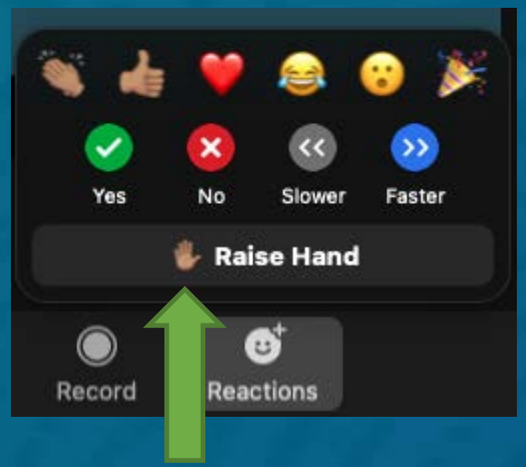


Your question will be seen by the host and DWR will do their best to answer relevant questions

El anfitrión verá su pregunta y DWR hará todo lo posible para responder a las preguntas relevantes.



How to Provide Input
Cómo Proporcionar Aporte



To provide input, click the Raise Hand icon. The facilitator will send you a note to unmute your microphone. Unmute your microphone, you will have two minutes to comment on the Community Benefits Program.

Para levantar la mano durante los segmentos de aporte, haga clic en el icono de levantar la mano. El facilitador le enviará una nota para activar su micrófono. Quite de modo silencio su micrófono, tendrá dos minutos para comentar sobre el programa de Beneficios para la comunidad. Levantar la mano durante los segmentos de aporte.



How to Provide Written Input
Cómo Proporcionar Información Escrita

Form on the DWR Website / Formulario en el sitio web de DWR
https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

Email
DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov

What County Do You Live In?
¿En que condado vive?

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Sacramento
- San Joaquin
- Solano
- Yolo
- Other/Otro



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Delta Conveyance Project Overview
Resumen del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Carrie Buckman
Environmental Program Manager

Delta Conveyance Project Purpose
El Propósito del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Purpose

Modernize the aging 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.

Propósito

Modernizar la vieja infraestructura SWP en el Delta para restaurar y proteger la confiabilidad de las entregas de agua SWP de una manera económica, consistente con la Cartera de Resiliencia del Agua del Estado.



Delta Conveyance Project Objectives
El Proyecto Objetivos

Objectives

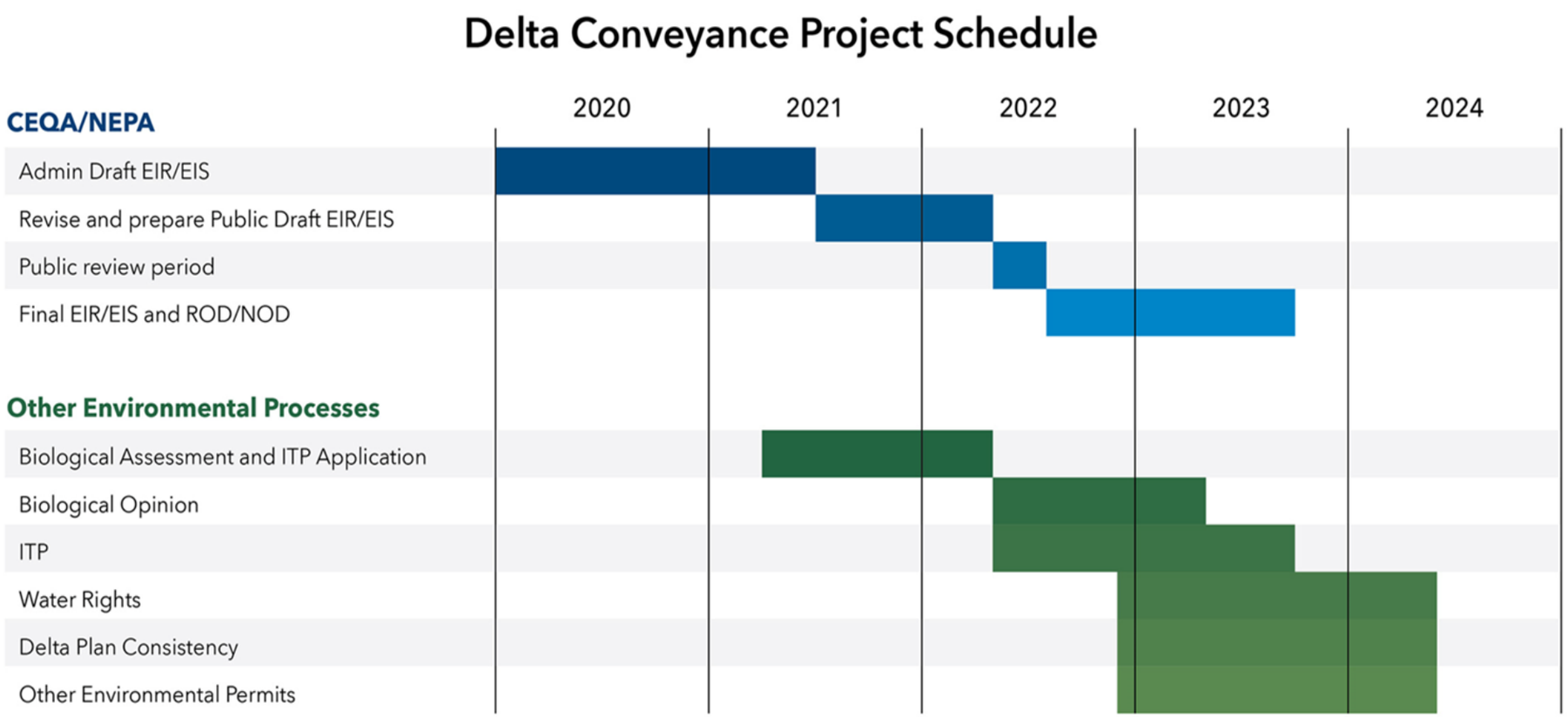
- Address sea level rise and climate change
- Minimize water supply disruption due to seismic risk
- Protect water supply reliability
- Provide operational flexibility to improve aquatic conditions

Objetivos

- Abordar el aumento del nivel del mar y el cambio climático
- Minimizar la interrupción del suministro de agua debido al riesgo sísmico
- Proteger la confiabilidad del suministro de agua
- Proporcionar flexibilidad operativa para mejorar las condiciones acuáticas



Updated Project Schedule
Calendario del Proyecto



Three Distinct But Complementary Processes
Tres Procesos Distintos Pero Complementarios

Regulatory Mitigation
Mitigación regulatoria

Purpose: Address project impacts related to specific regulatory requirements (e.g., CEQA/NEPA).

Propósito: Abordar los impactos del proyecto relacionados con requisitos regulatorios específicos (por ejemplo, CEQA/NEPA).

Community Benefits Program
Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Purpose: Provide resources to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by implementation, based on community collaboration.

Propósito: Proporcionar recursos para dirigir los beneficios hacia las comunidades más afectadas por la implementación, basados en la colaboración comunitaria.

Ombudsman Program
Programa del Defensor del Pueblo

Purpose: Clearinghouse single point of contact to streamline information, support and claims. Includes ensuring just compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Propósito: Centro de intercambio de información de punto único de contacto para agilizar la información, el apoyo y las reclamaciones. Incluye asegurar una compensación justa como resultado de los impactos directos de la construcción.

Core Commitments
Compromisos Centrales

If the Delta Conveyance Project is approved, core commitments for a potential Community Benefits Program would include:

1. **Transparent**
   Open process to collaborate effectively
2. **Constructive**
   Participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy
3. **Inclusive**
   Broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. **Fair**
   Benefits related to localized nature of effects
5. **Unconditional**
   Community benefits are not dependent on support for project

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About the Proposed Community Benefits Program

Sobre la Propuesta Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Janet Barbieri
Communication and Public Outreach Manager

We Need Your Input
Necesitamos su opinión

What are your funding ideas to benefit:

- Water and Air Quality
- Public Safety and Emergency Response
- Recreation
- Habitat Conservation
- Culture and History
- Economy
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Education and Workforce Development
- Levee Maintenance

Cuáles son sus ideas de financiación para beneficiar:

- Calidad del agua y del aire
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- Recreación
- Conservación del hábitat
- Cultura e Historia
- Economía
- Infraestructura
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Road Map
Mapa Vial

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Why Create a Community Benefits Program?
¿Por qué Crear un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios?

- Acknowledge that the direct project benefits (e.g. State Water Project reliability) are not located inside the Delta.
- Acknowledge that if the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects that Delta communities may endure through construction.
- Acknowledge the limitations of traditional CEQA “environmental mitigation” typically affords.

- Reconozca que los beneficios directos del proyecto (por ejemplo, la confiabilidad del Proyecto Estatal de Agua) no se encuentran dentro del Delta.
- Reconozca que si se aprueba el proyecto, podría tener efectos adversos potenciales que las comunidades de Delta pueden soportar durante la construcción.
- Reconocer las limitaciones que la "mitigación ambiental" tradicionalmente de CEQA ofrece.

Community Benefits Program Concept
Concepto del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

A defined set of commitments made by project proponents and created in coordination with the local community to create lasting, tangible and potentially significant economic and social benefit to the residents, businesses and organizations facing project impacts.

Un conjunto definido de compromisos asumidos por los proponentes del proyecto y creado en coordinación con la comunidad local para crear un beneficio económico y social duradero, tangible y potencialmente significativo para los residentes, empresas y organizaciones que enfrentan los impactos del proyecto.

Community Benefits Objectives
Objetivos de Beneficios para la Comunidad

Objectives

1. Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
2. Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with community members input
3. Protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place

Objetivos

1. Proporcionar un mecanismo para que la comunidad de Delta identifique oportunidades de beneficios locales
2. Proporcionar un mecanismo para que los proponentes del proyecto demuestran buena fe, transparencia y rendición de cuentas a la comunidad a través de compromisos formales desarrollados con los aportes de las partes interesadas
3. Proteger y mejorar los valores culturales, recreativos, naturales y agrícolas únicos del Delta como un lugar en evolución

Community Benefits Program Components
Componentes del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Delta Community Fund

Grassroots framework for fund development and management that empowers local community

Project Implementation Commitments

- Hiring targets, jobs training and education
- Local business utilization
- Infrastructure and facilities

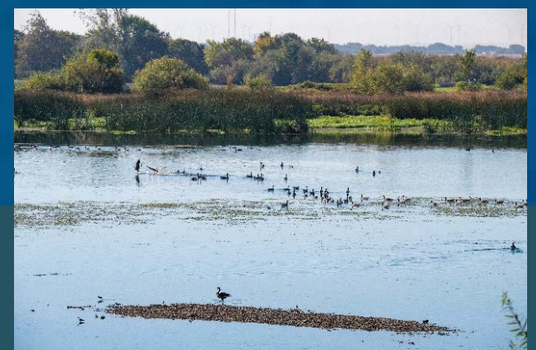
Delta Como Lugar de Fondos

Marco de base para el desarrollo y la administración de fondos que empodera a la comunidad local

Compromisos de Ejecución del Proyecto

- Objetivos de contratación, formación y educación laboral
- Utilización de empresas locales
- Instalaciones




What did we learn from the first workshop?
¿Que aprendimos del Primer Taller?

- People do not like the Delta Conveyance project but are prepared to discuss the Community Benefit Program.
- People suggested some language refinements for the Community Benefits Program.
- People think the proposed purpose and objectives of the proposed program need some refinement.
- People ranked natural resources, water quality, recreation, agriculture and culture/ history as important benefit categories.

- A la gente no le gusta el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, pero está preparada para discutir el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.
- La gente sugirió algunas mejoras en el lenguaje para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.
- La gente piensa que el propósito propuesto y los objetivos del programa propuesto necesitan algún refinamiento.
- Las personas clasificaron los recursos naturales, la calidad del agua, la recreación, la agricultura y la cultura / historia como categorías de beneficios importantes.

Suggested Funding Ideas – Session 1

The following is a list of suggested ideas* that could potentially be included if a fund were set up in the Delta as part of a Community Benefits Program. The suggestions were provided to the Department of Water Resources in the 44 community interviews conducted, Workshop 1 and in written input received through a variety of channels.

Water and Air Quality



- Clean up trash and garbage
- Address algal blooms, pollutants, invasive plant species and salt water intrusion
- Provide clean drinking water systems
- Remove derelict boats
- Water hyacinth removal
- Manage dust
- Address road congestion (related to air quality)
- Establish waste water treatment or provide access to regional sanitation

Public Safety and Emergency Response



- Address homeless encampments
- Coordinate Sheriff response so someone comes out when you call
- Increase law enforcement throughout the Delta
- Swimming lessons for all Delta residents
- Help counties and towns deal with illegal dumping and constant theft
- Create a community center that can be used for emergencies and educational workshops and other activities
- Fire protection
- Make sure recreation areas stays safe and clean and provides benches and shade

Recreation



- Develop safe, shady and clean fishing, walking and picnicking recreation places throughout the Delta
- Connect urban river walk/bike trails throughout the Delta
- Create a history/culture walking trail along Mormon Slough from Scotts Ave to the river
- Connect green space at Reyes Park to the boat launch
- Work with youth to plant trees and community gardens all along the slough
- Access to river for non-motorized boaters
- Walking and biking trails including Rails to Trails
- Fishing access especially from shore
- After construction, convert the construction roads to walking and biking routes
- Complete the Great Delta Trail with campgrounds
- Reopen Delta Shores State Park
- Public access to natural places
- Support hatcheries within recreation as part of fisheries
- Connect the missing portion of the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail between Oakley and Pardee

Habitat Conservation



- Elk Slough Project
- Protect Golden Eagle habitat in hills behind Clifton Court
- Funding to farmers to put some of their land in habitat maybe in conjunction with NRCS
- Wildlife easements
- Land acquisition and purchase easements essential to connect the refuge habitats throughout the Delta
- Land acquisition to protect habitat from urban encroachment
- Funding for easements for a greater variety of habitat types than the NRCS Wetland Reserve Program funds

Culture and History



- Put up history and culture interpretative signs to connect to MiWok and other history
- Develop a community center large enough for whole community to meet in and for larger events
- Community center with multiple uses
- Prop 68 should guide the benefit types
- Land purchase for history and culture
- Beyond Legacy communities, includes cultural landscape, towns that no longer exist like old Chinatown

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Suggested Funding Ideas – Session 2

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Economy



- Visitor and Education Center at Junctions of Highways 12 and 160
- Facilitate multi-agency funding of the Isleton Community Plan
- Develop water-related jobs related to the River as a source of work
- Fund a Rural Main Street program similar to SACOG's to fund implementation of local community plans
- Provide communities assistance to people to develop ideas and write proposals
- Equal economic opportunity
- Communities need early planning, engineering, or architectural expertise
- Need more anchor businesses to attract tourists
- Economic development for local Delta residents
- Natural resource tourism
- Funds for legacy towns for board walks and main streets
- Address housing code violations-Sac and FEMA issues
- Recreational tourism
- County regulations of AirBnB to encourage more of that type of rental in the Delta
- Marketing the region for tourism

Infrastructure



- Improve infrastructure: roads, levees, communication, power
- Improve transportation corridors
- Access to reliable highspeed internet
- Use buses used in construction for a Delta shuttle
- More bus service to major cities and towns

Agriculture



- After construction, dedicate the construction roads to agricultural transport
- Marketing and tourism grants to hire staff that could work with agriculture businesses
- Incentivize agricultural innovations
- Incentivize wildlife-friendly agriculture
- Land and easement purchase
- Assistance for conversion to agriculture that can participate in carbon markets
- Housing for farm labor closer to agricultural areas (would improve traffic)

Education and Workforce Development



- Environmental education
- Schools have a backlog of infrastructure needs
- In-person, long-term, comprehensive, hands-on agricultural education
- Workforce development for low-skilled workers with emphasis on people with disabilities and youth
- Improve academics in schools
- Provide paid internship opportunities for young people

Levee Maintenance



- Diversions should have fish screens
- Infrastructure investments especially levees
- Financing for abandoned lands
- Support for Reclamation Districts and levee maintenance
- Address subsidence
- Raise the level of flood protection to Legacy communities
- Add funding for the Delta Levee Subventions and Special Projects programs

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Breakout Group Discussions
Discusión en Sesión de Grupo

- You will be in a breakout group of 4-12 people.
- Your first breakout group lasts 30 minutes, the facilitator will ask you to provide funding ideas for half of the categories.
- After 30 minutes a new facilitator will join your group who will summarize the first discussion and ask you to add funding ideas for the other categories.
- After the second breakout conversation, the facilitators will summarize some of the ideas from the two breakout groups.

- Estarás en un grupo de 4 a 12 personas.
- Su primer grupo de trabajo dura 30 minutos, el facilitador le pedirá que proporcione ideas de financiación para la mitad de las categorías.
- Después de 30 minutos, un nuevo facilitador se unirá a su grupo, quien resumirá la primera discusión y le pedirá que agregue ideas de financiamiento para las otras categorías.
- Después de la segunda conversación, los facilitadores resumirán algunas de las ideas de los dos grupos.

Breakout Group Etiquette
Etiqueta del grupo de trabajo

- Focus on what matters
- Contribute your ideas
- Listen to understand
- Link and connect ideas
- Listen together for insights and deeper questions

- Enfócate en lo que importa
- Contribuye con tus ideas
- Escuchar para entender
- Vincula y conecta ideas
- Escuchen juntos para obtener información y preguntas más profundas

Breakout Group Questions
Preguntas para grupos de trabajo

- What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?
- Why is that an important idea?
- Would this idea be at the start of construction, ongoing or at the end of construction?
- Are there ideas to address similar interests in other Delta regions?
- Are there ideas like this to replicate or emulate?

- ¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?
- ¿Por qué es esa una idea importante?
- ¿Esta idea sería al inicio de la construcción, en curso o al final de la construcción?
- ¿Hay ideas para abordar intereses similares en otras regiones del Delta?
- ¿Hay ideas como esta para replicar o emular?

Breakout Group Sharing
Compartir en grupos de trabajo

- Were there any common ideas?
- What were some of the themes?
- Were there any surprises?
- Were there any changes to the wording for the categories?

- ¿Hubo alguna idea en común?
- ¿Cuáles fueron algunos de los temas?
- ¿Hubo alguna sorpresa?
- ¿Hubo cambios en la redacción de las categorías?

Public Input
Aporte Público

- Do you have any other ideas to share?

- ¿Tiene otras ideas para compartir?

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Next Steps
Próximos Pasos

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Thank You for Participating!

¡Gracias por su participación!

Ways to Stay Informed
Modos de Mantenerse Informado(a)

water.ca.gov

- Programs/ Programas
  - State Water Project/ Proyecto de Agua Estatal
    - Delta Conveyance/ Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

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Project Hotline/ Línea directa del proyecto

866.924.9955

Project Email/ Email del Proyecto

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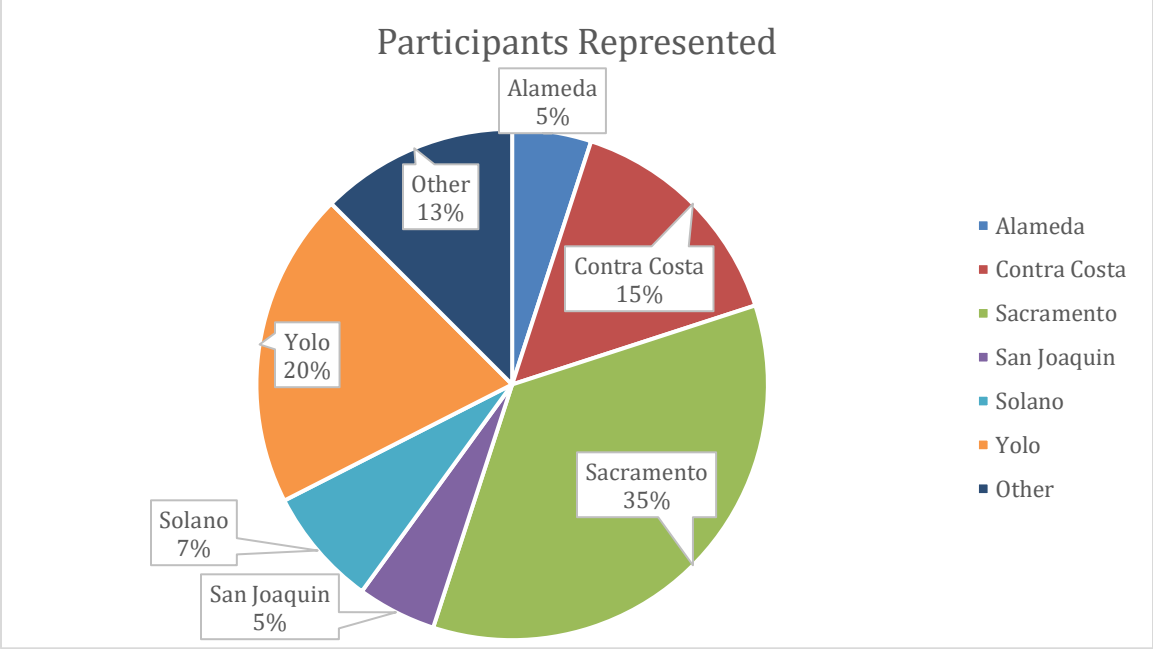
Meeting Summary
Proposed Community Benefits Program Workshop
Delta Conveyance Project
California Department of Water Resources
May 6, 2021, 6pm - 8pm

Meeting Synopsis

On May 6, 120 people attended the first proposed Community Benefits Program Workshop (Workshop). Gloria Gray, Chair of the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors, welcomed participants. Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager, Department of Water Resources (DWR), reviewed how the Proposed Community Benefits Program fits into the Delta Conveyance Project and Janet Barbieri described the proposed Community Benefits Program.

DWR is proposing a Proposed Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Background on the proposed Program is available on the Delta Conveyance Project https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program. The second Workshop focused on funding ideas for the proposed Community Benefits Program. Participants provided input in facilitated breakout groups and public comments. The Workshop concluded with dates for the next workshops. DWR will use participant input to develop the Proposed Community Benefits Program Framework. The Framework will be included as an appendix to the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Workshop participants represented the following California Counties:



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This meeting summary paraphrases individual comments and suggestions from participants in the Proposed Community Benefits Program Workshop.
All materials are available to participants at the DWR website.
For questions, please contact DWR at DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov
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Participant Welcome and Introductions

Gloria Gray, Chair of the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors, welcomed participants to the second community benefits workshop.

Ms. Gray explained she appreciated the opportunity to speak to Delta stakeholders. She shared her connection to the Delta, serving on the Delta Stewardship Council from 2000, and from 2010 to 2014 as the representative for the State Assembly. Ms. Gray noted that her role had been to protect and enhance the unique characteristics of the Delta. In that role, she learned a lot about the Delta and Delta residents' ideas and concerns. Ms. Gray emphasized the importance of collaborating with one another, with communities of interest, up and down the state, to make progress. Ms. Gray said she believed that collaboration is a key to success, and her experiences as Metropolitan Board Chair, strengthen that belief.

Ms. Gray reiterated that the Workshop was designed to learn about Delta residents' ideas about how to advance the Delta as a place. She explained that people did not have to support a conveyance project to participate in the Community Benefits Project. She supports Department of Water Resources advancing the Proposed Community Benefits Program as part of the Delta Conveyance Project; a project that has tangible benefits for the Delta itself. Ms. Gray noted that the single tunnel project is early in the planning and decision process and investment decisions by Metropolitan and other participating water agencies are a few years away. But she emphasized that this is a suitable time to better understand how to frame a Proposed Community Benefits Program, so that the concept can advance, along with the rest of the planning. Ms. Gray thanked the DWR for hosting this Workshop and thanked participants for sharing their ideas.

The facilitator, Juliana Birkhoff, said the objectives of the Workshop were to:

- Review how the Proposed Community Benefits Program fits into the Delta Conveyance Project
- Review the concept, goals, and purpose of Proposed Community Benefits Program
- Provide participants an opportunity to provide input on community benefits:
    - Funding categories
    - Funding ideas

She explained that the Workshop would conclude with information on next steps.

The facilitator reviewed how to participate in English or Spanish in the meeting. She also explained how participants could provide input in small groups, and through verbal and written input.

How the Proposed Community Benefits Program Fits into the Delta Conveyance Project

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, DWR, presented the purpose of the Delta Conveyance Project. Ms. Buckman started by noting that State Water Project (SWP) infrastructure is aging. She explained how modernizing SWP infrastructure will restore and protect the future reliability of SWP water deliveries. Ms. Buckman said the DWR has designed the proposed project to modernize the infrastructure in a cost-effective way. The Delta Conveyance project is consistent with California's Water Resilience Portfolio. A PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation and a link to the recorded workshop can be found at https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

Ms. Buckman described the four Delta Conveyance Project objectives. These are:

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

Ms. Buckman also outlined the timeline for the proposed project, identifying the next major milestone as the release of a public review Draft Environmental Impact Report in early to mid-2022. Ms. Buckman explained that the Proposed Community Benefits Program is part of DWR's approach to address impacts from Delta Conveyance Project construction and operations which are not addressed through traditional mitigation. She clarified that regulatory mitigation would address proposed project impacts based on requirements in environmental regulations. Ms. Buckman said DWR proposes three complimentary processes to address concerns.

Regulatory Mitigation	Proposed Community Benefits Program	Ombudsman Program
• Purpose: • Address project impacts related to specific requirements (CEQA/NEPA)	• Purpose: • Provide reources to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by implementation, based on community collaboration.	• Purpose: • Clearinghouse single point of contract to streamline information, support, and claims. Includes ensuring just compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Ms. Buckman finished her presentation by outlining five core commitments for the proposed Community Benefits Program. She described the five commitments as:

1. Transparent: open process to collaborate effectively
2. Constructive: participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy
3. Inclusive: broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. Fair: benefits related to localized nature of effects
5. Unconditional: community benefits are not dependent on support for project

Proposed Community Benefits Program Overview

Janet Barbieri, a consultant to DWR and the Communications and Public Outreach Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, reviewed proposed Community Benefits Program concepts, purpose, objectives, components, and categories. She explained that DWR proposed creating the Proposed Community Benefits Program to acknowledge:

- The direct project benefits are not located inside the Delta.
- If the project is approved, it could have potential adverse effects on the Delta through construction.
- The limitations of typical environmental mitigation

Ms. Barbieri explained that DWR conceived the Proposed Community Benefits Program as a defined set of commitments made by project proponents. Community Benefits program commitments would be created with the local community. The goal is to create lasting, tangible, and potentially significant economic and social benefit for residents, businesses and organizations facing project impacts.

The objectives, said Ms. Barbieri, are to provide a mechanism for:

- the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits.
- the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency, and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with community members' input.
- and to protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place.

There are two proposed components for the Proposed Community Benefits Program. The first component is a Delta Community Fund. The Delta Community Fund is proposed as a grassroots framework to fund development and management that empowers the local community. The second component is potential Project Implementation Commitments and may include hiring targets, job training and education, local business utilization, infrastructure, and facilities.

Ms. Barbieri summarized the input from the first Workshop. She explained that Workshop participants:

- Do not like the Delta Conveyance Project but are prepared to discuss the Proposed Community Benefits Program.
- Suggested language refinements for the Proposed Community Benefits Program including the proposed purpose and objectives.
- Ranked natural resources, water quality, recreation, agriculture, and culture and history as important benefit categories.

Breakout Group Discussion to Generate Funding Ideas

Participants participated in six facilitated breakout groups. Each breakout group had between 5-12 people in it along with a facilitator. The objective of the breakout groups was to learn participants input on funding ideas for the Delta Community Fund. Participants reviewed the following ten categories and discussed the following questions.

Suggested funding categories:

- Water and Air Quality
- Public Safety and Emergency Response
- Recreation
- Habitat Conservation
- Culture and History
- Economy
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Education and Workforce Development
- Levee Maintenance

Breakout group facilitators asked participants the following questions to generate funding ideas:

- What kinds of ideas would the Proposed Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?
- Why is that an important idea?
- Would this idea be at the start of construction, ongoing, or at the end of construction?
- Are there ideas to address similar interests in other Delta regions?
- Are there ideas to replicate or emulate?

The complete list of ideas is in Appendix One. The following ideas are synthesized from the six breakout groups.

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for water and air quality?

- Assess climate impacts on water health and Delta water availability.
  - Assess the environmental impact of the Delta Conveyance project on water availability and water quality.
- Water quality monitoring
  - Add monitoring points in the Delta to ensure water quality is maintained for monitoring, improvement, and agriculture use.
- Agriculture
  - Provide ongoing support so growers have consistent irrigation water.
  - Provide support for SGMA requirement/compliance assistance.
- Ensure access to quality water for agriculture in the North Delta.
  - Large scale habitat mitigation results in increased special status species that restrict agricultural water users.
- Ensure water reliability across the whole state system.
  - Go beyond best practices, develop water quality projects that can provide multiple benefits.
  - Fund surface water treatments that can benefit residents and other water users.
- Ensure water quality for fishing and boating.
  - Provide funds to update Delta aquatic system.
- Waters and waste management is important for water quality, fish, recreation, and tourism.
  - Fund garbage pickup at dumping hotspots.
  - Remove submerged debris.
  - Provide ongoing funds for equipment and personnel for comprehensive Delta waste management.
  - Air quality should be mitigated, otherwise it is a regional issue, might not be appropriate for a Community Benefits Program.

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for habitat conservation?

- All habitat conservation programs should go beyond environmental mitigation.
- Look beyond the Delta, sometimes beyond the political Delta, upstream/downstream.
- Create programs to ensure no part of the Delta is any more saline than now.
- Fund large scale projects and fund ongoing monitoring.
- Habitat restoration: develop comprehensive planting program to regenerate species that have gone down; stop the killing with the existing pumps.
- DWR could help create wildlife corridors and connections to other wildlife areas like Vic Fazio in Yolo County.
- Land or easement purchase
  - Set aside land for habitat conservation; perhaps save funds in a trust to help people pursue habitat conservation in the Delta.
- Habitat for migratory birds and waterfowl,
  - Preserve habitat for Sandhill cranes, Swainson's Hawk.
  - The Delta is part of the Pacific Flyway and a crucial resource for migrating waterfowl.
  - Habitat for salmonids would be beneficial, trout and salmon support would be valuable.
  - Reduce bass population.
  - Remove invasive species, they are clogging the Delta,

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for recreation?

- Increase recreational opportunities throughout the Delta.
- Develop a planned-out transportation network of roadways, bike paths and hiking trails so people of all interests can make a weekend/day out of recreating in the Delta.
- Interface with Sacramento River, Northern Delta: add docks, public beaches, development for recreational purposes in this area.
- Improve stewardship of all the physical infrastructure.
- Need infrastructure funds to provide recreational experiences.
- Fund projects are viable and only need funds to push them across the finish line.
  - Plan and implement trails that are safe for walking, biking, and boating/ fishing throughout the Delta.
  - Create trail connections to amenities and other trails, enhance all trails, remove trash and provide fire protection to trails.

    - Link habitat areas and public access with existing plans including the Delta Protection Commission's Great Delta Trail.
- Improve boat recreation.
    - Improve and increase fishing access.
    - Improve bicycle trails and safety.
    - Fund ecotourism projects that provide greater interaction of public with wildlife, including waterfowl hunting, bird watching, and fishing.

What kinds of ideas would the community benefits program fund for agriculture?

- Ensure that agriculture has the support to keep up with changes.
- Mitigate farm loss.
    - Figure out how to subsidize payment for any monetary loss to Delta farms.
- The program must support the small communities, they need infrastructure to be sustainable, the small communities are vital for a strong agricultural economy.
    - Support agricultural processing and packing plants so agriculture can develop. Provide farm labor housing to provide for consistent farm labor.
    - Farm labor housing is often in historic buildings, the Fund could examine ways to provide housing alternatives which meet Delta building regulations
- Ensure farm soils are healthy with a close eye on salinity levels.
- Provide improvements to assist farms with water drainage challenges.
    - Incentivize wildlife friendly agriculture.
- Promote tourism as mechanism to support the long-term sustainability of agriculture.

What kinds of ideas would the community benefits program fund for culture and history?

- Fund the Delta National Heritage Area.
- Provide funds for capital improvements for historical towns (for parking, museums, and other).

What kinds of ideas would the community benefits program fund for levee maintenance?

- Levees are of Statewide importance- redefine what levees mean as a Statewide asset.
    - Use the discussion and focus of the Delta Conveyance Project to focus on levee maintenance.
    - Levee maintenance is way beyond Community Benefits Program, project alternatives do not include upgrading levees as an option instead of a tunnel.
- Significant percentage of community benefits fund should be allocated to levee maintenance.
- Levee maintenance is critical due to sea level rise.
- Focus funds for levee maintenance:
- Levee maintenance is a huge infrastructure cost and essential for livable communities.
- Dredging for marinas and ag pumping has not been done in many decades for most areas of the region.

What kinds of ideas would the community benefits program fund for public safety and emergency response?

- Provide funds for personnel and equipment for law enforcement in rural areas.
    - If there is a continuous source of funding, say 50 years, funds could be used for public safety personnel.
    - Public safety is very personnel oriented and local areas need funds.
    - Improve public safety programs and implement in coordination with local public safety agencies.
    - Provide funds so local public safety agencies can respond.
- Need to invest in local Delta districts to fortify infrastructure such as flood control, pumping stations, early warning flood systems, especially for small agencies.
- Focus funds on emergency operations.

What kinds of ideas would the community benefits program fund for the economy?

- Promote recreational and cultural tourism in the Delta.
    - Economy and infrastructure tied together, small towns in north Delta have a limited number of opportunities for people to come to the Delta. For example, there is no market in Hood, lack of basic infrastructure limits tourism, agriculture, fishing, and economy.

What kinds of ideas would the community benefits program fund for infrastructure?

- ○ Update infrastructure for local businesses, fund capital improvements.
  - Provide funds to repair and bring buildings up to code.
  - ○ Conduct a traffic and transportation study.
  - Bridges must be structurally updated.
  - Consistent and improved signs would greatly improve safety.
- Internet reliability: hi speed internet for business and private residents.
  - Fund improvements to ferries, Provide funds to smaller marinas.
  - Create places that are safe for disadvantaged community to fish and recreate.

What kinds of ideas would the community benefits program fund for education and workforce development?

- Provide funds for agricultural training programs.
- Outdoor education opportunities for school children at Stone Lakes.
- Funding education and workforce development is beneficial especially now-provide financial support at every level.
- Public education in the Delta: school districts need help, one is $100 million in the hole, a block grant to school districts.
- Fund special education programs like dual immersion.

Break Out Group Shared Ideas

Following the facilitated break out group sessions, facilitators and break out group participants shared some of the ideas from their groups.

- One participant noted that it was important for the community to learn about and provide input into the scope and scale of the Community Benefit Program. The participant explained that construction and operations should be a part of the thinking about community benefits.
- Another person said that it was important for the community to advocate for a significant funding commitment. He suggested a commitment of 2% or more of total project cost with significant commitment for levee maintenance. Further, he explained that potential threats to water quality because of rising sea level and the impact on Delta levees, it is reasonable for the Delta community to advocate for significant Community Benefits Program funding from the Delta Conveyance project.
- A participant noted that Community Benefits program funds should be incorporated into the bonding and funding commitments for the overall project costs from the public water agencies who are paying for it. DWR should confirm and ensure the Community Benefits Program costs are included in program specifics. The details, about how fund dollars are allocated and how the Community Benefits Program is protected, are important.
- A participant explained that source of funds could put the program at risk. Many people have doubts about where the funds are coming from. DWR needed to be clearer and upfront about fund sources. The participant realized that the public water agencies would be funding the Community Benefits Program, but they need to share more about their plans and resource commitments.
- Another participant said that infrastructure improvements must be a priority for the Community Benefits Program Infrastructure improvements will lead to and allow for improvements in the economic, educational and conservation categories.

Public Input

Comment 1

- A participant explained that the Delta Conveyance Authority could study infrastructure needs in the Delta. From that assessment, the Community Benefits Fund should repair and improve infrastructure. Infrastructure repairs and improvements would be most beneficial.
- This participant stressed that it was important to ensure community safety and preserve Delta residents' livelihoods during construction.
- Further, it would be beneficial if people came out and spoke to the people of the Delta. Several suggested ideas make assumptions about what would be useful or suggest things that are not relevant to Delta residents or their way of life.

Comment 2

- The second commenter, said that he saw competing and conflicting interests in the basic design of the Delta Conveyance Project infrastructure. He suggested an alternative solution, which would be better than the tunnels. The participant advocated building a dam at the narrow part of the Carquinez Strait. A dam would conserve the freshwater flowing down the rivers, it would backstop the saltwater intrusion coming up from the San Francisco Bay. A dam would also provide a huge reservoir of freshwater for agricultural use and urban consumption. The dam could be built with fish ladders and shipping locks so that the salmon can swim upstream to spawn and ships could sail to Stockton. The participant explained that this was not a is not a new idea, it was proposed and engineered in the 1920s but stopped in 1929 due to the stock market crash. At that time, the dam was estimated to cost less than tunnels and could still be cheaper. It is possible the dam could be built with funds from President Biden's infrastructure improvement plan. He encouraged DWR to assess a dam across the Carquinez strait be considered as an alternative to the tunnel.

Comment 3

- Another person explained that the Delta Conveyance Projects could potentially be a $16 billion project. He said that workshop participants should recognize that community benefits should be a significant part of the overall cost of the Delta Conveyance Project. If the Community Benefits Program was between 2% to 5% of the program costs, the Community Benefits Program should provide between six to $750 million.
- The participant stressed that the commitment should be significant in proportion to the overall cost of the project. DWR and public water agencies should guarantee that the Community Benefits Program must be a significant percentage of the bonded cost of the overall construction of a project.

Comment 4

- A participant explained it was important that the Delta Conveyance Project did not reduce the quality of Delta water for recreation, drinking water, history, economy, or agriculture.

Comment 5

- Another participant agreed. She said the Delta residents already experienced a degraded habitat. Residents want a better quality of water, for our rivers, our ecosystem, our people, our wildlife, or fish. She explained that Delta residents want better water quality than they have now.

Comment 6

- A participant noted that DWR should complete a needs assessment for the entire Delta region. The assessment should discover any current damage, what damage would be done, what would the future needs of this project would require. Following that needs assessment, a Community Benefits Program could be explored.

Comment 7

- The fifth participant echoed the previous comments. She explained that the Delta Conveyance Project would take decades to build. There would be significant impacts across the region, with detours and traffic issues.
- She stressed that levees, roads, and medical facilities must be before the Delta Conveyance Project begins. For example, medical response already takes more than half an hour. Detours will create longer delays getting to a hospital.
- Schools and education will also be negatively affected by traffic delays during construction. There will also be significant impacts on agriculture as there will be more water pumping as water levels drop. Pumps will increase greenhouse gases, so there will be required air quality upgrades for pumps. These costs add up and can crush agricultural economies. She stressed that she doubted her farm those impacts through the construction timeline. She did not see how any benefits could offset those costs and losses.

Comment 8

- A participant shared that the Community Benefits Program needed to reflect financial as well as time commitments. The Delta Conveyance Project will be here for centuries. A Community Benefit Program must understand and reflect that the impacts will be over a significant period. The public water agencies must be committed to community benefit projects functioning for a significant period. Community benefits would need to continue over a significant period. It was important for the Community Benefit Program to show that it could commit enough resources as well as a provide temporal commitments.

Comment 9

- A participant voiced that California Public Trust Doctrine, decided by the Supreme Court in the case of Mono lake, upheld that humans have the right to access any of this area of the Delta and that the animals have a right to live in the Delta. He urged DWR to guarantee that the project would not affect those rights.

Next Steps

The facilitator explained that Ag Innovations would summarize participants ideas into a meeting summary and post it on the DWR website.

The facilitator explained that Tribal members are invited to participate in a Workshop on May 17. The final Community Benefits Program Workshop will be on May 25, focusing on implementation commitments and how the public should be involved in developing the Program.

Information from the interviews, public workshops, emails to the program, and input from the comment forms will inform the Community Benefits Framework. The Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Appendix One

Community Benefits Funding Ideas Notes
Team 1

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Water and Air Quality**
    - Needs assessment study for what is needed in the Delta, and environmental impact.
        - The water project is taking the water south and there has been significant impact to the environment. There is a need to learn of the environmental impact, where the water is going.
    - What are the water quality needs?
    - Ensure water quality for boating.
    - Resolve high algae problem in water quality.
    - Update Aquatic systems to maintain water health.
    - Assessment of climate impacts
    - Transparency in how much water leaves California made public.

- **Public Safety and Emergency Response**
    - Vandalism is a big safety issue - increase law enforcement in rural areas.
    - Stealing copper wire from farmers often - improved safety
- **Recreation**
    - Commercial Boating Facilities, a place to keep their boats.
    - Provide safe places to fish.
    - Pleasure boats and fishing boats
    - Expand marinas.
    - Trails that are safe for walking, biking, and boating/ fishing at the same time
- **Habitat Conservation**
    - Endangered species mitigation - reduce bass population.
    - Support Trout and Salmon habitat

- **Culture and History**
    - Take care of the community health.
    - Community impact assessment

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Economy**
    - Sustain a robust Agricultural economy.
- **Infrastructure**
    - Create places that are safe for disadvantage community to fish and recreate.
    - **Repair roads**
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- **Agriculture**
    - Ensure a strong agricultural economy.
    - Ensure farmers soils are healthy - with a close eye on salinity levels.
    - Include farmers in a need assessment.
    - Farm improvement to assist farmers with their water drainage.
    - Help farmers pay for levee restoration on and around their properties.
    - Fund for new pumping structures for farmers
        - Help with drainage impacts.
- **Education and Workforce Development**
    - Agricultural Training Programs
    - Mitigate farm loss.
        - Figure out how to subsidize payment for any financial loss to the delta farmers.

- **Levee Maintenance**
    - Levee improvement for the farmers to help water drainage.
    - Keep Levees maintained
        - Especially in disadvantaged/ smaller communities
        - 2 billion dollars in levees
        - Levees that provide protection
        - Resolve systems deficiencies.
        - Prevent levees from flooding.
    - Updating water systems
    - Improve levees wells.
    - Improve levees from freeport to Courtland.

Community Benefits Funding Ideas Notes
Team 2

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Water and Air Quality**
    - State of the art fish screens effect on water quality. *See detailed notes under Habitat Conservation.*
    - Preserve the salinity *(not build the tunnel to)*
    - Build own roads to get the access and not impact the existing roads during construction.
    - Dust mitigation during construction
    - Where does all the excavated dirt go during construction?
- **Public Safety and Emergency Response**
    - Address trash due to homelessness - ends up going into the river. Some sort of patrol for trash.
    - Address trash due to fishing - place for them to put it to alleviate (dumpster or trash can)
    - Areas adequately/appropriately managed
- **Recreation**
    - Increased recreational opportunities.
    - Remove junked boats promptly from the waterways (e.g., not spilling oil or crumbling on levees)
    - Signage on sloughs (e.g., rules and MPH)
    - Boater education program around safety on Delta waterways
    - Increase fishing parking on levee roads - increase safety and access to the river.
        - Fishing turnout with a dumpster and a solar light for safety
- **Habitat Conservation**
    - State of the art fish screens at least as effective as what will be installed for the project should also be installed at the mouth of CCF. Would benefit the entire Delta - economy, fish species, etc.
    - Planting program to regenerate species that have gone down; stop the killing with the existing pumps.
    - Health and safety issues linked to fish consumption (e.g., mercury levels)
- **Culture and History**
    - Capital improvements for historical towns (e.g., for parking, museums, etc.)

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Economy**
    - State of the art fish screens effect on the economy. *See detailed notes under Habitat Conservation.*
    - Opportunity zones to help business throughout the Delta (e.g., restaurants, marinas,
    - Delta signage needs updating
        - Directional signage could help tourism and businesses.
    - A way to keep fresh paint on things.
- **Infrastructure**
    - Update infrastructure for local businesses - capital improvements
    - Road maintenance/new roads (i.e., modernization/adding passing lanes)
    - Put a vehicle tunnel to get vehicles off the road - tied to tunnel construction.
    - Conduct a traffic study to assess needs and optimize solutions.

- **Agriculture**
    - No ideas offered.
- **Education and Workforce Development**
    - No ideas offered.
- **Levee Maintenance**
    - Significant portion of community benefits fund should be allocated to levee maintenance.
    - Levees among the Sac River under the 100-year level of flood protection - actually shore these up to 100-year protection level.

Community Benefits Funding Ideas Notes
Team 3

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- Water and Air Quality
    - Water hyacinth way out of control; not good for fish or boats;
    - $ for water quality monitoring for Elk Grove and other urban runoff into Stone Lakes
    - Waste management and garbage pickup; enhancement funding with equipment and personnel to pick up trash around the Delta (Mabel Slough Rd, and other hot spots)
    - A lot of socially/economically challenged communities (homeless encampments) along the Delta; probably polluting; need to be taken care of and moved away from the water.

- Public Safety and Emergency Response
    - Cycling safety
    - Public safety improvements off of Lambert Road into Stone Lakes Refuge making it safer to enter.
    - Construction of potable water supply and fire suppression system; many older structures with unique cultural attributes; legacy communities (Locke, Clarksburg) vulnerable to fire.
    - Need to invest in local Delta districts to fortify infrastructure such as flood control, pumping stations, early warning flood systems; especially for small agencies.

- Recreation
    - Bicyclist interested in riding in the Delta if safer; rides long distances 20-30 miles; dedicated bike lanes clearly marked and “share the road” signs; fewer potholes; thinks of bike paths as suburban options; May is Bike month!
    - As a fisher, the predator fish hot spot is Clifton Court Forebay; wants to see fish screens at southern pumps to keep migrating fish out of Forebay (where Salmon, steelhead sturgeon, striped bass--planted in 1888--are preyed upon)
    - Wildlife viewing platform at Stone Lakes.

- Habitat Conservation
    - Water hyacinth also a habitat problem- removal
    - How are we doing with Nutria?
    - Natural tidal flushing; DWR and USBR keep X2 in one spot, no flushing; the Delta can’t breathe without tidal effect, the Delta is silting up; invasive aquatic plants are clogging up the Delta.
    - 20 species of fish depend on the Delta going fresh and saltwater habitat to support their habitat
    - Enhance the Stone Lakes USFW Refuge; property acquisition to expand.
    - Elk Slough project (near Clarksburg/in North Delta)
    - Set aside land for habitat conservation; perhaps some funds in a trust to help people pursue habitat conservation in the Delta.
    - Delta also part of the Pacific Flyway and an important resource for migrating waterfowl.

- Culture and History
    - Concerned about impacts on Locke and other legacy towns.
    - Restoring 1883 Clarksburg schoolhouse; (raised 12 feet yesterday!) to be used as multipurpose community center; other projects like this in other legacy communities.

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- Economy
    - A lot of businesses depend on natural resources such as waterfowl, fish for a way of life (fishing, hunting, birding) so the habitat is essential.
    - A lot of socially/economically challenged communities (homeless encampments) along the Delta; probably polluting; need to be taken care of and moved away from the water.
    - Economic importance of Stone Lakes Wildlife Refuge; Lodi Sandhill Crane festival (eco-tourism)
    - Ag industrial areas given an opportunity to develop (related processing plants)
    - Former ag facilities (reuse canneries)

- Infrastructure
    - High speed internet available to everyone

- Agriculture
    - Incentivize wildlife friendly agriculture.
    - Think of ag as historic economic driver that makes the Delta what it is today.
    - Ag industrial areas given an opportunity to develop (related processing plants)

- Education and Workforce Development
    - Outdoor education opportunities for school children at Stone Lakes

- Levee Maintenance
    - Big thing because of the potential for sea level rise.

Community Benefits Funding Ideas Notes
Team 4

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Water and Air Quality**
    - Go beyond best practices and find things that can provide benefit i.e., surface water treatments etc. that can benefit residential and other land uses.
        - Address what is lacking now, what can be improved.
        - Storm water runoff, seasonal flooding
    - Marked bicycle lanes on any roads to be improved will assist air quality.
    - Water quality monitoring that will continue after the project to ensure that water quality is maintained and could be improved; important for Stone Lake Wildlife Refuge
        - Federal wildlife refuge, about 25 years old, considered urban wildlife refuge.
    - Clean drinking water, also for domestic wells
    - Program to address Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB), needs some program to address this problem during construction and following construction, ongoing issue.
    - Build a desalination plant to replace water currently going to the State Water Project
    - Programs to build more resiliency across the state, for local agencies.
        - Additional monitoring points in the Delta to ensure water quality is maintained for M & I and agriculture use.
- **Public Safety and Emergency Response**
    - If there is a continuous source of funding, say 50 years, could be used for public safety personnel.
        - Public safety is very personnel oriented.
        - Implemented in coordination with local public safety agencies.
        - Makes it easier for local public safety agencies to respond.
    - Install ADA accessible gates into all locations that allow public access.
        - Can support recreation as well.
    - Project to mitigate traffic during construction (not new roads)
    - Increased coordination of emergency response capacity throughout Delta Counties
        - Focus on emergency operations.
        - County Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinates with other agencies

- **Recreation**
    - Funding to projects that are viable and ready to push them across the finish line +
        - Working with agencies that already have the capability.
        - Working with other CBOs etc. that are willing to work on these projects.
        - Counties have different states of readiness.
    - Mokelumne Crest Trail
        - Should be completed throughout the Delta.
    - The Great Delta Trail
        - Should be completed throughout the Delta.
    - At Stone Lakes Refuge, opportunities to fund projects that enhance public understanding.
        - Wildlife observation projects specifically
    - Trail projects generally
        - Connection of trails, enhancements to trails, fire protection to trails
        - Greater interaction of public with wildlife
        - "Haul Road to Trail" bike corridors = enhanced public access
    - Program to mitigate noise and sound, as well as enhance safety.
    - Connection to existing Bay Delta trails
        - Linking habitat and public access with existing plans including the DPC's Great Delta Trail
        - Liberty Island Road, access will now be only via boat (near Lookout Slough)
        - Can link two habitat projects together.

- **Habitat Conservation**
    - Look beyond the Delta, sometimes beyond the political Delta, upstream/downstream.
        - Concentrate on wildlife corridors.
        - Large scale projects
        - Ongoing monitoring
        - Multi-stage riparian habitat, younger trees make immediate impact.
        - Coordinating with other agencies
        - Enhancing West Delta Island projects that can benefit against salt water intrusion.
        - Habitat for salmonids would be beneficial.
    - Program to ensure no part of the Delta is any more saline than now.
    - Programs should go above and beyond environmental mitigation.
        - Emphasis on "above and beyond"
        - Project is directly adjacent to Stone Lakes Wildlife Refuge
        - Significant number of properties that could be acquired to create connectivity (with additional property) to other wildlife areas like Vic Fazio in Yolo County
    - Transparency will be important in evaluation of these project ideas.
        - Transparent with their research and what they have found.
        - Information sharing about impacts is important.
        - Will help the public to understand whether viable or not.
    - Mitigation to replace destruction of riparian areas.
        - Make sure areas are functional to replace before destruction.
        - Sandhill cranes, Swainson's hawk
    - Link habitat to each other
        - Consistent with neighboring land uses is optimal.
        - For example, not optimal near an airport due to bird strikes
        - May assist with water quality.

- **Culture and History**
    - Delta Heritage Area

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Economy**
    -
- **Infrastructure**
    - Emphasize above and beyond mitigation.
        - Lambert Road is main access to Stone Lakes.
        - Not clear that it is covered by mitigation.
        - But it is an issue that needs to be addressed.
    - Major corridors: traffic corridors improvement
        - Improvement of traffic on major transportation corridors
        - 113, 12, 84, ferries, Rio Vista/Ryer Island
- **Agriculture**
    -
- **Education and Workforce Development**
    -
- **Levee Maintenance**

Community Benefits Funding Ideas Notes
Team 5

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Water and Air Quality**
    - Build a dam at the narrow part of Carquinez Strait
        - Would conserve fresh water, backstop saltwater intrusion, reservoir for agricultural use, build shipping docks and ladders into the dam for fish passage and shift passage.
        - Cheaper than tunnels and would solve saltwater intrusion problems and give water to agriculture.
    - Levee pumps used for ag irrigation - will be impacted by tunnel construction.
        - Pumps need to be brought up to air quality code.
        - Pumps will need to be extended farther into the river as they will be susceptible to drop in water from tunnel construction.
- **Public Safety and Emergency Response**
    - More convenient medical services within the Delta - to reach remote locations - temporary health clinics or other permanent service (Walnut Grove, Isleton)
        - Right now, medical services come from Elk Grove or Lodi which is farther out and takes longer to get to
- **Recreation**
    - More Bike trails throughout the Delta
        - Right now, many people right along the Hwy 160 along levees which is dangerous
        - Bike trails could be added to many levee roads.
        - Sacramento Area Council of Governments is also in development on this - consider partnering with them.
    - Interface with Sacramento River, Northern Delta - add docks, public beaches, development for recreational purposes in this area.
        - Need infrastructure funds to provide recreational experience.
- **Habitat Conservation**
    -
- **Culture and History**
    - Create Asian American Heritage Park
    - Build Delta history museum - encompassing the whole region.
    - Lock and Isleton - Historical building preservation and additional signage to showcase history.
        - Isleton Museum - more funding for this, re opening this.

Additional Comments

- President Biden's infrastructure plan could provide matching funds for these projects.

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Economy**
  - Agree with many of the proposed ideas - but all depend on basic infrastructure needs.
  - Agricultural and fishing communities
- **Infrastructure**
  - Internet reliability - hi speed internet for business and private residents
    - Will lead to better access to education and allow businesses to succeed (which leads to better economy)
  - Better Signage throughout the region
  - Improve building code for easier permitting, improvements and construction.
  - Widen roads by at least 12".
    - Need to be levelled and improved.
    - Commercial buses cannot travel down all the roads in the Delta because of poor quality.
      - This will provide better access to region (increase tourism etc.)
  - Bring buildings up to code.
    - Buildings in the Delta are old, historic, and often not up to code (including ADA compliance)
  - Smaller marinas - depth of waterline is too shallow for boat access - funding for dredging to increase depth - will make them more economically viable.
  - Bridges must be updated structurally and with more signage.
    - Bridges are old and narrow - challenge for bus passage.
    - Signage would greatly improve safety.
  - Dam construction at narrow part of Carquinez Straight
- **Agriculture**
  - Labor camps have been closed because they are not up to code - need to be rebuilt so we can bring in farm labor.
- **Education and Workforce Development**
  -
- **Levee Maintenance**
  - Levee maintenance is a huge infrastructure cost and essential for livable communities.
  - Dredging for marinas and ag pumping
  - Levee structural support with flooding - as water level is raised, more pressure is put on levees.
    - Has not been done in many decades for most areas of the region

Community Benefits Funding Ideas Notes
Team 6

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Water and Air Quality**
  - Agriculture- ongoing support so growers have consistent irrigation water, as well as SGMA requirement/compliance assistance.
  - Access to quality water for agriculture in the North Delta- have a discussion with North Delta Water Agency about NDWA/DWR agreement and make sure that agreement is met now and into the future.
  - Northern Delta- develop infrastructure to deal with special status species while continuing sustainable agricultural use, large scale habitat mitigation results in increased special status species that restrict agricultural water users, fund support to deal with this situation.
  - Small community water systems- communities have to meet arsenic treatment requirements (zero parts per billion), it is expensive, create a fund to start looking at small water systems to deal with arsenic.
  - Air Quality- regional, may not be appropriate for CBP
- **Public Safety and Emergency Response**

    - Courtland Fire Protection District- fund and train for work during project construction, need a better way to alert volunteer firefighters (only have an air siren now)
- **Recreation**
    - Stewardship (mixed use, complex uses)- physical infrastructure, kiosks, difficult to access water, develop/upgrade boardwalks, create ways to access the wildlife, it is hard to interact with wildlife with levees blocking access, create shade structures, interpretation, signage for informal recreation, fund volunteers/docents, promote ecotourism.
    - Develop/fund bike trails.
    - Recreation in the Delta is limited- Stone Lake National Wildlife Area is a great example of recreation in the Delta and is very valuable.
    - Aquatic invasive species management and improved transportation is foundational- develop a planned-out transportation network of roadways, bike paths and hiking trails so people of all interests can make a weekend/day out of recreating in the Delta
- **Habitat Conservation**
    - Take into consideration migratory birds- fund for protecting migratory bird habitat year-round and through construction, sandhill crane protection/consideration
    - Category may not be appropriate (NEPA/CEQA covers) or at least the title should be change because of connection to another permit terms
- **Culture and History**
    - Fund the Delta National Heritage Area

What kinds of ideas would the Community Benefits Program fund for the X category?

- **Economy**
    - Promote tourism in Delta communities (ag, recreational, cultural)
    - Economy and infrastructure tied together- small towns in north Delta have a limited number of opportunities for people to come to the Delta (Hood doesn't have a market), think about infrastructure.
- **Infrastructure**
    - Block grant program for communities- for Courtland boardwalk needs to be upgraded, some opportunities have been identified by the DPC, identify who can manage the funds and implement actions already proposed.
- **Agriculture**
    - Promote tourism as mechanism to support the long-term sustainability of ag
    - Develop an agriculture flavor of recreation/tourism- boat rides in sloughs, ag is a unique strength to focus on, play on strengths.
    - Ag is going to change- not sure CBP funding is going to have significant effect on ag if the CBP doesn't serve the small communities, communities need the infrastructure to be sustainable and support ag.
- **Education and Workforce Development**
    - Beneficial especially now- offer opportunities at every level.
    - Public education in the Delta- school districts need help, one is $100 million in the hole, a block grant to school districts and fund special programs like dual immersion.
- **Levee Maintenance**
    - Levees are of Statewide importance- redefine what levees mean as a Statewide asset, create a program to look at levee maintenance, support Reclamation Districts, use moment to get movement on relooking at levee maintenance (not using CBP specifically), not enough discussion on the State's role in levee maintenance, opportunity to talk about the big picture, not enough money for levee maintenance and not enough available in CBP.
    - Levee maintenance is way beyond CBP- project alternatives don't include upgrading levees as an option instead of a tunnel.
    - Question- how is the State addressing climate change effects and upgrading levees outside of CBP?

Resumen de la Reunión
Taller Propuesto para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios
Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta
Departamento de Recursos Hídricos de California
6 de mayo del 2021, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sinopsis de la Reunión

El 6 de mayo, 120 personas asistieron al primer Taller (Taller) del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto. Gloria Gray, Presidenta de la Junta Directiva del Distrito Metropolitano de Agua, dio la bienvenida a los participantes. Carrie Buckman, Gerente del Programa Ambiental, Departamento de Recursos Hídricos (DWR, por sus siglas en inglés), revisó cómo el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto encaja en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y Janet Barbieri describió el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto.

DWR está proponiendo un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Los antecedentes sobre el programa propuesto están disponibles en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program. El segundo taller se centró en las ideas de financiación para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto. Los participantes proporcionaron información en grupos de trabajo facilitados y comentarios públicos. El Taller concluyó con fechas para los próximos talleres. DWR utilizará las aportaciones de los participantes para desarrollar el Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto. El Marco se incluirá como un apéndice al Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental del proyecto.

Los participantes del taller representaron los siguientes Condados de California:

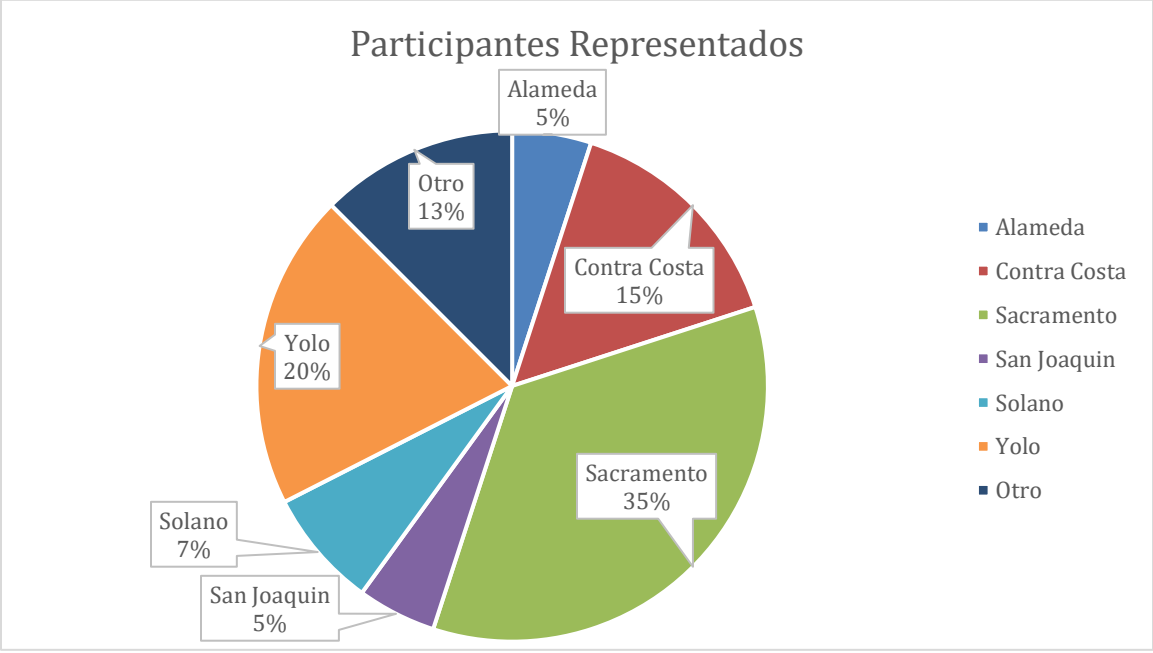


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Este resumen de la reunión parafrasea los comentarios individuales y las sugerencias de los participantes en el Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuestos.
Todos los materiales están disponibles para los participantes en el sitio de internet de DWR.
Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con DWR a DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov
1-866-924-9955.

Bienvenida y Introducciones de los Participantes

Gloria Gray, Presidenta de la Junta Directiva del Distrito Metropolitano de Agua, dio la bienvenida a los participantes al segundo taller de beneficios comunitarios.

La Sra. Gray explicó que apreciaba la oportunidad de hablar con las partes interesadas del Delta. Ella compartió su conexión con el Delta, sirviendo en el Delta Stewardship Council desde el 2000, y desde el 2010 hasta el 2014 como representante de la Asamblea Estatal. La Sra. Gray señaló que su función había sido proteger y mejorar las características únicas del Delta. En ese puesto, aprendió mucho sobre las ideas y preocupaciones de los residentes del Delta y sobre el Delta. La Sra. Gray enfatizó la importancia de colaborar unos con otros, con comunidades de interés, en todo el estado, para progresar. La Sra. Gray dijo que creía que la colaboración es la clave del éxito, y sus experiencias como presidenta de la Junta Metropolitana fortalecen esa creencia.

La Sra. Gray reiteró que el Taller fue diseñado para conocer las ideas de los residentes del Delta sobre cómo promover el Delta como lugar. Explicó que la gente no tenía que apoyar un proyecto de agua a través del Delta para participar en el Proyecto de Beneficios Comunitarios. Ella apoya al Departamento de Recursos Hídricos en el avance del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto como parte del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta; un proyecto que tiene beneficios tangibles para el propio Delta. La Sra. Gray señaló que el proyecto de túnel único se encuentra en una etapa temprana del proceso de planificación y decisión y que las decisiones de inversión de Metropolitan y otras agencias de agua participantes están a unos años de distancia. Pero enfatizó que este es un momento adecuado para comprender mejor cómo enmarcar un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto, para que el concepto pueda avanzar, junto con el resto de la planificación. La Sra. Gray agradeció al DWR por llevar a cabo este Taller y agradeció a los participantes por compartir sus ideas.

La facilitadora, Juliana Birkhoff, dijo que los objetivos del Taller eran:

- Revisar cómo encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta
- Revisar el concepto, las metas y el propósito del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto.
- Brindar a los participantes la oportunidad de aportar opiniones sobre los beneficios comunitarios.:
    - Categorías de financiación
    - Ideas de financiación

Explicó que el taller concluiría con información sobre los próximos pasos.

El facilitador repasó cómo participar en inglés o español en la reunión. También explicó cómo los participantes podían aportar información en grupos pequeños y a través de información verbal y esc.

Cómo Encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Carrie Buckman, Gerente del Programa Ambiental para el Proyecto de Transporte del Delta, DWR, presentó el propósito del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. La Sra. Buckman comenzó señalando que la infraestructura del Proyecto de Agua Estatal (SWP) está envejeciendo. Explicó cómo la modernización de la infraestructura de SWP restaurará y protegerá la confiabilidad futura de las entregas de agua de SWP. La Sra. Buckman dijo que el DWR ha diseñado el proyecto propuesto para modernizar la infraestructura de una manera rentable. El Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta es consistente con la Cartera de Resiliencia del Agua de California. Puede encontrar una versión PDF de la presentación de PowerPoint y un enlace al taller grabado en https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

La Sra. Buckman describió los cuatro objetivos del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Estos son:

- Abordar el aumento del nivel del mar y el cambio climático.
- Minimizar el suministro de agua y las interrupciones debido al riesgo sísmico,
- Proteger la confiabilidad del suministro de agua,
- Proporcionar flexibilidad operativa para mejorar las condiciones acuáticas

La Sra. Buckman también describió el cronograma para el proyecto propuesto, identificando el próximo logro importante como la publicación de un Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental de Revisión Pública a principios o mediados del 2022. La Sra. Buckman explicó que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto es parte del enfoque de DWR para abordar los impactos de la construcción y las operaciones del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta que no se abordan mediante la mitigación tradicional. Aclaró que la mitigación regulatoria abordaría los impactos del proyecto propuesto según los requisitos de las regulaciones ambientales. La Sra. Buckman dijo que DWR propone tres procesos complementarios para abordar inquietudes.

Mitigación Regulatoria	Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto	Programa Defensor del Pueblo
•Propósito: •Abordar los impactos del proyecto relacionados con requisitos específicos (CEQA / NEPA, por sus siglas en inglés)	•Propósito: •Proporcionar recursos para dirigir los beneficios hacia las comunidades más afectadas por la implementación, basados en la colaboración comunitaria.	•Propósito: •Centro de compensación único punto de contrato para agilizar la información, el soporte y las reclamaciones. Incluye asegurar una compensación justa como resultado de los impactos directos de la construcción.

La Sra. Buckman terminó su presentación describiendo cinco compromisos básicos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto. Ella describió los cinco compromisos como:

1. Transparente: proceso abierto para colaborar de forma eficaz
2. Constructivo: participación de buena fe con la comunidad para crear un legado positivo.
3. Inclusivo: amplia participación de las partes interesadas para ampliar la captura de voces
4. Justo: beneficios relacionados con la naturaleza localizada de los efectos.
5. Incondicional: los beneficios para la comunidad no dependen del apoyo al proyecto

Descripción General del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto

Janet Barbieri, consultora de DWR y Gerente de Comunicaciones y Difusión Pública del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, revisó los conceptos, el propósito, los objetivos, los componentes y las categorías propuestos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Explicó que DWR propuso crear el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto para reconocer:

- Los beneficios directos del proyecto no se encuentran dentro del Delta.
- Si se aprueba el proyecto, podría tener efectos adversos potenciales en el Delta a través de la construcción.
- Las limitaciones de la mitigación ambiental típica

La Sra. Barbieri explicó que DWR concibió el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto como un conjunto definido de compromisos hechos por los proponentes del proyecto. Los compromisos del programa de Beneficios Comunitarios se crearían con la comunidad local. El objetivo es crear un beneficio económico y social duradero, tangible y potencialmente significativo para los residentes, las empresas y las organizaciones que enfrentan los impactos del proyecto.

Los objetivos, dijo la Sra. Barbieri, son proporcionar un mecanismo para:

- la comunidad de Delta para identificar oportunidades de beneficios locales.
- que los proponentes del proyecto demuestren buena fe, transparencia y responsabilidad ante la comunidad a través de compromisos formales desarrollados con la opinión de los miembros de la comunidad.
- y para proteger y mejorar los valores culturales, recreativos, naturales y agrícolas únicos del Delta como un lugar en evolución.

Hay dos componentes propuestos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto. El primer componente es un Fondo Comunitario del Delta. El Fondo Comunitario del Delta se propone como un marco de base para financiar el desarrollo y la gestión que empodera a la comunidad local. El segundo componente son los Compromisos Potenciales de Implementación del Proyecto y puede incluir objetivos de contratación, capacitación y educación laboral, utilización de negocios locales, infraestructura e instalaciones.

La Sra. Barbieri resumió las aportaciones del primer Taller. Explicó que a los participantes del Taller:

- No le gusta el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, pero está preparado para discutir el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto.
- Refinamientos de lenguaje sugeridos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto, incluyendo el propósito y los objetivos propuestos.
- Clasificó los recursos naturales, la calidad del agua, la recreación, la agricultura y la cultura y la historia como categorías de beneficios importantes.

Discusión en Grupo para Generar Ideas de Financiación

Los participantes participaron en seis grupos de trabajo facilitados. Cada grupo de trabajo tenía entre 5 y 12 personas junto con un facilitador. El objetivo de los grupos de trabajo fue el conocer los aportes de los participantes sobre las ideas de financiación para el Fondo Comunitario de Delta. Los participantes revisaron las siguientes diez categorías y discutieron las siguientes preguntas.

Categorías de financiación sugeridas:

- Calidad del Agua y el Aire
- Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias
- Recreación
- Conservación del Hábitat
- Cultura e Historia
- Economía
- Infraestructura
- Agricultura
- Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral
- Mantenimiento de Diques

Los facilitadores de los grupos de trabajo hicieron a los participantes las siguientes preguntas para generar ideas de financiación:

- ¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Propuesto para la categoría X?
- ¿Por qué es esa una idea importante?
- ¿Esta idea sería al inicio de la construcción, en curso o al final de la construcción?
- ¿Hay ideas para abordar intereses similares en otras regiones del Delta?
- ¿Hay ideas para replicar o emular?

La lista completa de ideas se encuentra en el Apéndice Uno. Las siguientes ideas se sintetizan a partir de los seis grupos de trabajo.

Ideas de Financiación

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la calidad del agua y el aire?

- Evaluar los impactos climáticos sobre la salud del agua y la disponibilidad de agua del Delta.
  - Evaluar el impacto ambiental del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta sobre la disponibilidad y la calidad del agua.
- Monitoreo de la calidad del agua
  - Agregar puntos de monitoreo en el Delta para garantizar que se mantenga la calidad del agua para el monitoreo, la mejora y el uso agrícola.
- Agricultura
  - Brindar apoyo continuo para que los productores tengan agua de riego constante.
  - Brindar apoyo para los requisitos de SGMA / asistencia de cumplimiento.
- Garantizar el acceso a agua de calidad para la agricultura en el Delta Norte.
  - La mitigación del hábitat a gran escala da como resultado un aumento de especies de estatus especial que restringen los usuarios de agua para la agricultura.
- Asegurar la confiabilidad del agua en todo el sistema estatal.
  - Vaya más allá de las mejores prácticas, desarrolle proyectos de calidad del agua que puedan brindar múltiples beneficios.
  - Financiar tratamientos de aguas superficiales que puedan beneficiar a los residentes y otros usuarios del agua.
- Garantizar la calidad del agua para la pesca y la navegación.
  - Proporcionar fondos para actualizar el sistema acuático del Delta.
- La gestión de aguas y desechos es importante para la calidad del agua, la pesca, la recreación y el turismo.
  - Financiar la recolección de basura en los vertederos de basura.
  - Retire los escombros sumergidos.
  - Proporcionar fondos continuos para equipos y personal para la gestión integral de residuos del Delta.
  - La calidad del aire debe mitigarse; de lo contrario, es un problema regional, podría no ser apropiado para un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la conservación del hábitat?

- Todos los programas de conservación del hábitat deben ir más allá de la mitigación ambiental.
- Mire más allá del Delta, a veces más allá del Delta político, aguas arriba/aguas abajo.
- Crear programas para garantizar que ninguna parte del Delta sea más salina que ahora.
- Financiar proyectos a gran escala y financiar el seguimiento continuo.
- Restauración del hábitat: desarrollar un programa integral de plantación para regenerar las especies que han decaído; detener la matanza con las bombas existentes.
- DWR podría ayudar a crear corredores de vida silvestre y conexiones con otras áreas de vida silvestre como Vic Fazio en el condado de Yolo.
- Compra de terreno o servidumbre
  - Separar tierras para la conservación del hábitat; tal vez ahorrar fondos en un fideicomiso para ayudar a las personas a buscar la conservación del hábitat en el Delta.
- Hábitat de aves migratorias y aves acuáticas,
  - Preservar el hábitat de las Grullas grises, el halcón de Swainson.
  - El Delta es parte de la ruta migratoria del Pacífico y un recurso crucial para las aves acuáticas migratorias.
  - El hábitat de los salmónidos sería beneficioso, el apoyo de la trucha y el salmón sería valioso.
  - Reducir la población de lubinas.
  - Eliminar especies invasoras, están obstruyendo el Delta,

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la recreación?

- Incrementar las oportunidades recreativas en todo el Delta.
- Desarrollar una red de transporte planificada de carreteras, vías para bicicletas y senderos para caminatas para que las personas de todos los intereses puedan disfrutar de un fin de semana / día recreando en el Delta.
- Interfaz con el río Sacramento, Delta del Norte: agregar muelles, playas públicas, desarrollo con fines recreativos en esta área.
- Mejorar la administración de toda la infraestructura física.
- Necesita fondos de infraestructura para brindar experiencias recreativas.

- Los proyectos de fondos son viables y solo necesitan fondos para impulsarlos a cruzar la línea de meta.
  - Planificar e implementar senderos que sean seguros para caminar, andar en bicicleta y pasear en bote / pescar en todo el Delta.
  - Cree conexiones de senderos con servicios y otros senderos, mejore todos los senderos, elimine la basura y proporcione protección contra incendios a los senderos.
  - Vincular las áreas de hábitat y el acceso público con los planes existentes, incluido el Gran Sendero del Delta de la Comisión de Protección del Delta.
- Mejorar la recreación en bote.
  - Mejorar y aumentar el acceso a la pesca.
  - Mejorar los senderos para bicicletas y la seguridad.
  - Financiar proyectos de ecoturismo que brinden una mayor interacción del público con la vida silvestre, incluida la caza de aves acuáticas, la observación de aves y la pesca.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el programa de beneficios comunitarios para la agricultura?
- Asegurar que la agricultura tenga el apoyo para mantenerse al día con los cambios.
- Mitigar la pérdida de granjas.
  - Averiguar cómo subsidiar el pago de cualquier pérdida monetaria a las granjas del Delta.
- El programa debe apoyar a las pequeñas comunidades, necesitan infraestructura para ser sostenible, las pequeñas comunidades son vitales para una economía agrícola fuerte.
  - Apoyar las plantas de procesamiento y empaque agrícolas para que la agricultura pueda desarrollarse.
  - Proporcionar viviendas para trabajadores agrícolas para proporcionar mano de obra agrícola constante.
  - Las viviendas para trabajadores agrícolas a menudo se encuentran en edificios históricos, el Fondo podría examinar formas de proporcionar alternativas de vivienda que cumplan con las regulaciones de construcción de Delta.
- Asegúrese de que los suelos agrícolas estén sanos con una estrecha vigilancia de los niveles de salinidad.
- Proporcionar mejoras para ayudar a las granjas con los desafíos del drenaje de agua.
  - Incentivar la agricultura amigable con la vida silvestre.
- Promover el turismo como mecanismo de apoyo a la sostenibilidad a largo plazo de la agricultura.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el programa de beneficios comunitarios para la cultura y la historia?
- Financiar el Área del Patrimonio Nacional del Delta.
- Proporcionar fondos para mejoras de capital para ciudades históricas (para estacionamiento, museos y otros).

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el programa de beneficios comunitarios para el mantenimiento de diques?
- Los diques son de importancia Estatal: redefinir lo que significan los diques como un activo Estatal.
  - Utilice la discusión y el enfoque del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta para enfocarse en el mantenimiento de diques.
  - El mantenimiento de diques va mucho más allá del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, las alternativas del proyecto no incluyen la mejora de diques como una opción en lugar de un túnel.
- Se debe asignar un porcentaje significativo del fondo de beneficios comunitarios al mantenimiento de los diques.
- El mantenimiento de los diques es fundamental debido al aumento del nivel del mar.
- Concentrar fondos para el mantenimiento de diques:
- El mantenimiento de diques es un costo de infraestructura enorme y esencial para las comunidades habitables.
- El dragado para puertos deportivos y el bombeo agrícola no se ha realizado en muchas décadas en la mayoría de las áreas de la región.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el programa de beneficios comunitarios para la seguridad pública y la respuesta a emergencias?
- Proporcionar fondos para personal y equipo para la aplicación de la ley en áreas rurales.
  - Si hay una fuente continua de financiamiento, digamos 50 años, los fondos podrían usarse para el personal de seguridad pública.
  - La seguridad pública está muy orientada al personal y las áreas locales necesitan fondos.
  - Mejorar los programas de seguridad pública e implementarlos en coordinación con las agencias locales de seguridad pública.

    - Proporcionar fondos para que las agencias locales de seguridad pública puedan responder.
- Necesidad de invertir en los distritos locales del Delta para fortalecer la infraestructura, como el control de inundaciones, estaciones de bombeo, sistemas de alerta temprana de inundaciones, especialmente para agencias pequeñas.
- Concentrar los fondos en operaciones de emergencia.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el programa de beneficios comunitarios para la economía?
- Promover el turismo recreativo y cultural en el Delta.
    - Economía e infraestructura unidas, las pequeñas ciudades en el norte del Delta tienen un número limitado de oportunidades para que la gente venga al Delta. Por ejemplo, no hay mercado en Hood, la falta de infraestructura básica limita el turismo, la agricultura, la pesca y la economía.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el programa de beneficios comunitarios para infraestructura?
- Actualizar la infraestructura para las empresas locales, financiar mejoras de capital.
    - Proporcionar fondos para reparar y hacer que los edificios cumplan con el código.
    - Realizar un estudio de tráfico y transporte.
    - Los puentes deben actualizarse estructuralmente.
    - Las señales consistentes y mejoradas mejorarían enormemente la seguridad.
- Fiabilidad de Internet: Internet de alta velocidad para empresas y residentes privados.
    - Financiar mejoras a los transbordadores, Proporcionar fondos a los puertos deportivos más pequeños.
    - Crear lugares que sean seguros para que la comunidad desfavorecida pueda pescar y recrear.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el programa de beneficios comunitarios para la educación y el desarrollo de la fuerza laboral?
- Proporcionar fondos para programas de capacitación agrícola.
- Oportunidades de educación al aire libre para niños en edad escolar en Stone Lakes.
- Financiar la educación y el desarrollo de la fuerza laboral es beneficioso especialmente ahora: proporcionar apoyo financiero en todos los niveles.
- Educación pública en el Delta: los distritos escolares necesitan ayuda, uno está $100 millones en déficit, una subvención en bloque para los distritos escolares.
- Financiar programas de educación especial como inmersión dual.

Ideas Compartidas en Sesiones en Grupo

Después de las sesiones de grupos de trabajo facilitadas, los facilitadores y los participantes del grupo de trabajo compartieron algunas de las ideas de sus grupos.

- Un participante señaló que era importante que la comunidad conociera y proporcionara información sobre el alcance y la escala del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. El participante explicó que la construcción y las operaciones deben ser parte del pensamiento sobre los beneficios para la comunidad.
- Otra persona dijo que era importante para la comunidad abogar por un compromiso de financiación significativo. Sugirió un compromiso del 2% o más del costo total del proyecto con un compromiso significativo para el mantenimiento de los diques. Además, explicó que las amenazas potenciales a la calidad del agua debido al aumento del nivel del mar y el impacto en los diques del Delta, es razonable para la comunidad del Delta abogar por una financiación significativa del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.
- Un participante señaló que los fondos del programa de Beneficios Comunitarios deben incorporarse a los compromisos de fianza y financiamiento para los costos generales del proyecto de las agencias públicas de agua que lo están pagando. DWR debe confirmar y asegurarse de que los costos del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios estén incluidos en los detalles del programa. Los detalles sobre cómo se asignan los dólares del fondo y cómo se protege el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios son importantes.
- Un participante explicó que la fuente de fondos podría poner en riesgo el programa. Mucha gente tiene dudas sobre el origen de los fondos. DWR necesitaba ser más claro y directo sobre las fuentes de fondos. El participante se dio cuenta de que las agencias públicas de agua financiarían el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, pero necesitan compartir más sobre sus planes y compromisos de recursos.
- Otro participante dijo que las mejoras de infraestructura deben ser una prioridad para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios Las mejoras de infraestructura conducirán y permitirán mejoras en las categorías económicas, educativas y de conservación.

Aporte Público

Comentario 1

- Un participante explicó que la Autoridad de Agua a Través de Delta podría estudiar las necesidades de infraestructura en el Delta. A partir de esa evaluación, el Fondo de Beneficios Comunitarios debería reparar y mejorar la infraestructura. Las reparaciones y mejoras de la infraestructura serían muy beneficiosas.
- Este participante enfatizó que era importante garantizar la seguridad de la comunidad y preservar los medios de vida de los residentes del Delta durante la construcción.
- Además, sería beneficioso que la gente saliera y hablara con la gente del Delta. Varias ideas sugeridas hacen suposiciones sobre lo que sería útil o sugieren cosas que no son relevantes para los residentes de Delta o su forma de vida.

Comentario 2

- El segundo comentarista, dijo que vio intereses en conflicto y en competencia en el diseño básico de la infraestructura del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Sugirió una solución alternativa, que sería mejor que los túneles. El participante abogó por la construcción de una presa en la parte estrecha del Estrecho de Carquinez. Una presa conservaría el agua dulce que fluye por los ríos, detendría la intrusión de agua salada proveniente de la Bahía de San Francisco. Una presa también proporcionaría una enorme reserva de agua dulce para uso agrícola y consumo urbano. La presa podría construirse con escalas para peces y esclusas de envío para que el salmón pueda nadar río arriba para desovar y los barcos puedan navegar hacia Stockton. El participante explicó que esta no era una idea nueva, fue propuesta y diseñada en la década de 1920, pero se detuvo en 1929 debido a la caída del mercado de valores. En ese momento, se estimó que la presa costaba menos que los túneles y aún podría ser más barata. Es posible que la presa se pueda construir con fondos del plan de mejora de infraestructura del presidente Biden. Alentó a DWR a evaluar una presa a través del estrecho de Carquinez para ser considerada como una alternativa al túnel.

Comentario 3

- Otra persona explicó que los Proyectos de Agua a Través del Delta podrían ser un proyecto de $16 mil millones. Dijo que los participantes del taller deben reconocer que los beneficios para la comunidad deben ser una parte significativa del costo total del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Si el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios fue entre el 2% y el 5% de los costos del programa, el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios debería proporcionar entre seis y $750 millones.
- El participante enfatizó que el compromiso debe ser significativo en proporción al costo total del proyecto. DWR y las agencias públicas de agua deben garantizar que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios debe ser un porcentaje significativo del costo consolidado de la construcción general de un proyecto.

Comentario 4

- Un participante explicó que era importante que el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta no redujera la calidad del agua del Delta para recreación, agua potable, historia, economía o agricultura.

Comentario 5

- Otro participante estuvo de acuerdo. Ella dijo que los residentes del Delta ya experimentaron un hábitat degradado. Los residentes quieren una mejor calidad de agua para nuestros ríos, nuestro ecosistema, nuestra gente, nuestra vida silvestre o los peces. Explicó que los residentes del Delta quieren una mejor calidad de agua de la que tienen ahora.

Comentario 6

- Un participante señaló que DWR debería completar una evaluación de necesidades para toda la región del Delta. La evaluación debería descubrir cualquier daño actual, qué daño se produciría, qué requerirían las necesidades futuras de este proyecto. Después de esa evaluación de necesidades, se podría explorar un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

Comentario 7

- El quinto participante se hizo eco de los comentarios anteriores. Explicó que la construcción del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta tardaría décadas. Habría impactos significativos en toda la región, con desvíos y problemas de tráfico.

- Hizo hincapié en que los diques, las carreteras y las instalaciones médicas deben estar antes de que comience el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Por ejemplo, la respuesta médica ya lleva más de media hora. Los desvíos generarán retrasos más prolongados para llegar al hospital.
- Las escuelas y la educación también se verán afectadas negativamente por los retrasos en el tráfico durante la construcción. También habrá impactos significativos en la agricultura, ya que habrá más bombeo de agua a medida que bajen los niveles de agua. Las bombas aumentarán los gases de efecto invernadero, por lo que se requerirán mejoras en la calidad del aire para las bombas. Estos costos se acumulan y pueden aplastar las economías agrícolas. Hizo hincapié en que dudaba de que su granja tuviera esos impactos a lo largo del cronograma de construcción. No veía cómo los beneficios podrían compensar esos costos y pérdidas.

Comentario 8

- Un participante compartió que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios necesitaba reflejar compromisos financieros y de tiempo. El Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta estará aquí durante siglos. Un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios debe comprender y reflejar que los impactos se producirán durante un período significativo. Las agencias públicas de agua deben comprometerse con proyectos de beneficio comunitario que funcionen durante un período significativo. Los beneficios para la comunidad deberían continuar durante un período significativo. Era importante que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios demostrara que podía comprometer suficientes recursos y proporcionar compromisos temporales.

Comentario 9

- Un participante expresó que Doctrina de la Confianza Pública de California, decidido por la Corte Suprema en el caso del lago Mono, sostuvo que los humanos tienen derecho a acceder a cualquier parte de esta área del Delta y que los animales tienen derecho a vivir en el Delta. Instó a DWR a garantizar que el proyecto no afectaría esos derechos.

Próximos Pasos

El facilitador explicó que Ag Innovations resumiría las ideas de los participantes en un resumen de la reunión y lo publicaría en el sitio web de DWR.

El facilitador explicó que los miembros tribales están invitados a participar en un Taller el 17 de mayo. El último Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios será el 25 de mayo, enfocándose en los compromisos de implementación y cómo el público debe participar en el desarrollo del Programa.

La información de las entrevistas, los talleres públicos, los correos electrónicos al programa y las aportaciones de los formularios de comentarios informarán al Marco de Beneficios Comunitarios. El Marco se incluirá como apéndice en el Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental.

Apéndice Uno

Notas Sobre Ideas para la Financiación de Beneficios Comunitarios

Equipo 1

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Calidad del Agua y el Aire**
  - Estudio de evaluación de necesidades para lo que se necesita en el Delta y el impacto ambiental.
    - El proyecto de agua está llevando el agua hacia el sur y ha habido un impacto significativo en el medio ambiente. Es necesario conocer el impacto ambiental, hacia dónde va el agua.
  - ¿Cuáles son las necesidades de calidad del agua?
  - Garantizar la calidad del agua para la navegación.
  - Resolver el problema de las algas en la calidad del agua.
  - Actualizar los sistemas acuáticos para mantener la salud del agua.
  - Evaluación de impactos climáticos
  - La transparencia en la cantidad de agua que sale de California se hace pública.

- **Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias**
    - El vandalismo es un gran problema de seguridad: aumente la aplicación de la ley en las áreas rurales.
    - Robar alambre de cobre a los agricultores a menudo: seguridad mejorada
- **Recreación**
    - Instalaciones de Navegación Comercial, un lugar para guardar sus botes.
    - Proporcione lugares seguros para pescar.
    - Embarcaciones de recreo y barcos de pesca
    - Ampliar puertos deportivos.
    - Senderos que son seguros para caminar, andar en bicicleta y navegar / pescar al mismo tiempo
- **Conservación del Hábitat**
    - Mitigación de especies en peligro de extinción: reducir la población de lubinas.
    - Apoyar el Hábitat de Truchas y Salmones
- **Cultura e Historia**
    - Cuidar la salud de la comunidad.
    - Evaluación de impacto comunitario

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Economía**
    - Mantener una Economía Agrícola robusta
- **Infraestructura**
    - Crear lugares que sean seguros para que la comunidad desfavorecida pueda pescar y recrear
    - **Reparar carreteras**
- **Agricultura**
    - Garantizar una economía agrícola sólida.
    - Asegúrese de que los suelos de los agricultores sean saludables, prestando especial atención a los niveles de salinidad.
    - Incluir a los agricultores en una evaluación de necesidades.
    - Mejora de la granja para ayudar a los agricultores con el drenaje del agua.
    - Ayude a los agricultores a pagar por la restauración de diques en sus propiedades y sus alrededores.
    - Fondo para nuevas estructuras de bombeo para agricultores
        - Ayuda con los impactos del drenaje.
- **Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral**
    - Programas de Capacitación Agrícola
    - Mitigar la Pérdida de Granjas.
        - Averiguar cómo subsidiar el pago de cualquier pérdida financiera a los agricultores del Delta.
- **Mantenimiento de Diques**
    - Mejora del dique para los agricultores para ayudar al drenaje del agua.
    - Mantener los diques
        - Especialmente en comunidades desfavorecidas / más pequeñas
        - 2 mil millones de dólares en diques
        - Diques que brindan protección
        - Resolver las deficiencias de los sistemas.
        - Evitar que los diques se inunden.
    - Actualización de los sistemas de agua
    - Mejorar los diques de los pozos.
    - Mejorar los diques desde el puerto libre hasta Courtland.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Calidad del Agua y el Aire**
  - Efecto de las pantallas de peces de última generación en la calidad del agua. Consulte las notas detalladas en Conservación del Hábitat.
  - Preservar la salinidad *(no construir el túnel)*
  - Construya sus propias carreteras para obtener acceso y no afectar las carreteras existentes durante la construcción.
  - Mitigación de polvo durante la construcción
  - ¿A dónde va toda la tierra excavada durante la construcción?
- **Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias**
  - Abordar la basura debido a la falta de vivienda: termina yendo al río. Una especie de patrulla en busca de basura.
  - Abordar la basura debido a la pesca: lugar para que la pongan para solucionar (contenedor de basura o bote de basura)
  - Áreas gestionadas de forma adecuada / apropiada
- **Recreación**
  - Aumento de las oportunidades recreativas.
  - Retire los botes chatarra rápidamente de las vías fluviales (por ejemplo, sin derramar aceite o desmoronarse en los diques)
  - Señalización en pantanos (p. Ej., Reglas y MPH)
  - Programa de educación para navegantes sobre seguridad en las vías fluviales del Delta
  - Aumentar el estacionamiento de pesca en los caminos de los diques: aumentar la seguridad y el acceso al río.
    - Participación de pesca con un contenedor de basura y una luz solar para mayor seguridad
- **Conservación del Hábitat**
  - También se deben instalar en la desembocadura del CCF pantallas de pesca de última generación, al menos tan efectivas como las que se instalarán para el proyecto. Beneficiaría a todo el Delta: economía, especies de peces, etc.
  - Programa de plantación para regenerar especies que han caído; detener la matanza con las bombas existentes.
  - Problemas de salud y seguridad relacionados con el consumo de pescado (por ejemplo, niveles de mercurio)
- **Cultura e Historia**
  - Mejoras de capital para ciudades históricas (por ejemplo, para estacionamiento, museos, etc.)

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Economía**
  - Efecto de las pantallas de pesca de última generación en la economía. *Consulte las notas detalladas en Conservación del hábitat.*
  - Zonas de oportunidad para ayudar a los negocios en todo el Delta (p. Ej., Restaurantes, puertos deportivos,
  - La señalización del Delta necesita actualización
    - La señalización direccional podría ayudar al turismo y los negocios.
  - Una forma de mantener pintura fresca en las cosas.
- **Infraestructura**
  - Actualizar la infraestructura para los negocios locales: mejoras de capital.
  - Mantenimiento de carreteras / carreteras nuevas (es decir, modernización / adición de carriles de paso).
  - Coloque un túnel para vehículos para sacarlos de la carretera, vinculado a la construcción del túnel.
  - Realizar un estudio de tráfico para evaluar las necesidades y optimizar las soluciones.

- **Agricultura**
    - No se ofrecieron ideas.

- **Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral**
    - No se ofrecieron ideas.

- **Mantenimiento de Diques**
    - Una parte significativa del fondo de beneficios comunitarios debe asignarse al mantenimiento de los diques.
    - Diques entre el río Sac bajo el nivel de protección contra inundaciones de 100 años - en realidad apuntalen estos hasta un nivel de protección de 100 años.

Notas Sobre ideas para la Financiación de Beneficios Comunitarios
Equipo 3

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Calidad del Agua y el Aire**
    - Jacinto de agua fuera de control; no es bueno para peces o barcos;
    - $ para el monitoreo de la calidad del agua para Elk Grove y otras escorrentías urbanas hacia Stone Lakes
    - Manejo de desechos y recolección de basura; financiamiento de mejoras con equipo y personal para recoger basura alrededor del Delta (Mabel Slough Rd, y otros puntos calientes)
    - Muchas comunidades con desafíos sociales / económicos (campamentos para personas sin hogar) a lo largo del Delta; probablemente contaminante; necesitan ser atendidos y alejados del agua.
- **Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias**
    - Seguridad para ciclistas
    - Mejoras en la seguridad pública desde Lambert Road hasta Stone Lakes Refuge, lo que hace que sea más seguro entrar.
    - Construcción del suministro de agua potable y sistema de extinción de incendios; muchas estructuras más antiguas con atributos culturales únicos; comunidades heredadas (Locke, Clarksburg) vulnerables al fuego.
    - Necesidad de invertir en los distritos locales del Delta para fortalecer la infraestructura, como el control de inundaciones, estaciones de bombeo, sistemas de alerta temprana de inundaciones; especialmente para pequeñas agencias.
- **Recreación**
    - Ciclista interesado en viajar en el Delta si es más seguro; recorre largas distancias de 20 a 30 millas; carriles exclusivos para bicicletas claramente marcados y letreros de "compartir la carretera"; menos baches; piensa en los carriles bici como opciones suburbanas; ¡Mayo es el mes de la bicicleta!
    - Como pescador, el punto caliente de los peces depredadores es Clifton Court Forebay; quieren ver filtros de peces en las bombas del sur para mantener a los peces migratorios fuera de Forebay (donde el salmón, el esturión cabeza de arco iris, la lubina rayada, empotrados en 1888, son presa)
    - Plataforma de observación de vida silvestre en Stone Lakes.
- **Conservación del Hábitat**
    - El jacinto de agua también es un problema del hábitat: extinción
    - ¿Cómo nos va con Nutria?
    - Descarga de marea natural; DWR y USBR mantienen X2 en un solo lugar, sin descarga; el Delta no puede respirar sin el efecto de las mareas, el Delta se está acumulando; Las plantas acuáticas invasoras están obstruyendo el Delta.
    - 20 especies de peces dependen de que el Delta se convierta en un hábitat de agua dulce y salada para mantener su hábitat
    - Mejorar el refugio Stone Lakes USFW; Adquisición de inmuebles para ampliar.
    - Proyecto Elk Slough (cerca de Clarksburg / en el norte del Delta)

    - Apartar tierra para la conservación del hábitat; tal vez algunos fondos en un fideicomiso para ayudar a las personas a buscar la conservación del hábitat en el Delta.
    - Delta también forma parte de la ruta migratoria del Pacífico y es un recurso importante para las aves acuáticas migratorias.
- **Cultura e Historia**
    - Preocupado por los impactos en Locke y otras ciudades heredadas.
    - Restauración de la escuela de Clarksburg de 1883; (¡elevado 12 pies ayer!) para ser utilizado como centro comunitario de usos múltiples; otros proyectos como este en otras comunidades heredadas.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Economía**
    - Muchas empresas dependen de los recursos naturales como las aves acuáticas, la pesca como forma de vida (pesca, caza, observación de aves), por lo que el hábitat es esencial.
    - Muchas comunidades con desafíos sociales / económicos (campamentos para personas sin hogar) a lo largo del Delta; probablemente contaminadores; necesitan ser atendidos y alejados del agua.
    - Importancia económica del Refugio de Vida Silvestre Stone Lakes; Festival Lodi Sandhill Crane (ecoturismo)
    - Áreas industriales agrícolas que tienen la oportunidad de desarrollarse (plantas procesadoras relacionadas)
    - Antiguas instalaciones agrícolas (reutilización de enlataoras)
- **Infraestructura**
    - Internet de alta velocidad disponible para todos
- **Agricultura**
    - Incentivar la agricultura amiga de la vida silvestre.
    - Piense en la agricultura como un motor económico histórico que hace del Delta lo que es hoy.
    - Áreas industriales agrícolas que tienen la oportunidad de desarrollarse (plantas de procesamiento relacionadas)
- **Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral**
    - Oportunidades de educación al aire libre para niños en edad escolar en Stone Lakes
- **Mantenimiento de Diques**
    - Algo importante debido al potencial de aumento del nivel del mar.

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Equipo 4

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Calidad del Agua y el Aire**
    - Vayan más allá de las mejores prácticas y encuentre cosas que puedan proporcionar beneficios, es decir, tratamientos de aguas superficiales, etc. que puedan beneficiar a los usos residenciales y de otro tipo de la tierra.
        - Abordar lo que falta ahora, lo que se puede mejorar.
        - Escorrentía de aguas pluviales, inundaciones estacionales
    - Los carriles para bicicletas marcados en cualquier camino a mejorar ayudarán a la calidad del aire.
    - Monitoreo de la calidad del agua que continuará después del proyecto para asegurar que la calidad del agua se mantenga y pueda mejorarse; importante para el Refugio de Vida Silvestre Stone Lake
        - Refugio federal de vida silvestre, de unos 25 años, considerado refugio urbano de vida silvestre
    - Agua potable limpia, también para pozos domésticos
    - Programa para abordar la Proliferación de Algas Nocivas (HAB, por sus siglas en inglés), necesita algún programa para abordar este problema durante la construcción y después de la construcción, problema en curso.

- Construir una planta desalinizadora para reemplazar el agua que actualmente va al Proyecto de Agua Estatal.
- Programas para construir más resiliencia en todo el estado, para agencias locales.
    - Puntos de monitoreo adicionales en el Delta para garantizar que se mantenga la calidad del agua para M&I y uso agrícola.

- **Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias**
    - Si hay una fuente continua de financiamiento, digamos 50 años, podría usarse para personal de seguridad pública.
        - La seguridad pública está muy orientada al personal.
        - Implementado en coordinación con las agencias locales de seguridad pública.
        - Facilitar la respuesta de las agencias locales de seguridad pública.
    - Instale puertas accesibles según la ADA (por sus siglas en inglés) en todas las ubicaciones que permitan el acceso público.
        - También puede apoyar la recreación.
    - Proyecto para mitigar el tráfico durante la construcción (no carreteras nuevas)
    - Mayor coordinación de la capacidad de respuesta a emergencias en los Condados de Delta
        - Centrarse en las operaciones de emergencia.
        - La Oficina de Servicios de Emergencia del Condado (OES, por sus siglas en inglés) se coordina con otras agencias
- **Recreación**
    - Financiamiento para proyectos que son viables y están listos para llevarlos a la meta +
        - Trabajar con agencias que ya tienen la capacidad.
        - Trabajar con otros CBOs, etc. que estén dispuestas a trabajar en estos proyectos.
        - Los condados tienen diferentes estados de preparación.
    - Sendero de la Cresta de Mokelumne
        - Debe completarse en todo el Delta.
    - El Sendero del Gran Delta
        - Debe completarse en todo el Delta.
    - En Stone Lakes Refuge, oportunidades para financiar proyectos que mejoran la comprensión del público.
        - Proyectos de observación de vida silvestre específicamente
    - Proyectos de Senderos en General
        - Conexión de senderos, mejoras a senderos, protección contra incendios a senderos
        - Mayor interacción del público con la vida silvestre
        - Pasillos para bicicletas “Calle Haul a Sendero” = acceso público mejorado
    - Programa para mitigar el ruido y el sonido, así como para mejorar la seguridad.
    - Conexión a senderos de la Bahía del Delta existentes
        - Vincular el hábitat y el acceso público con los planes existentes, incluyendo en Gran Delta
        - Sendero del DPC
        - Calle Liberty Island, el acceso ahora será solo por barco (cerca de Mirador Slough)
        - Puede vincular dos proyectos de hábitat.
- **Conservación del Hábitat**
    - Mire más allá del Delta, a veces más allá del Delta político, aguas arriba/aguas abajo.
        - Concéntrese en los corredores de vida silvestre.
        - Proyectos a gran escala
        - Monitoreo continuo
        - Hábitat ribereño de múltiples etapas, los árboles más jóvenes tienen un impacto inmediato.
        - Coordinar con otras agencias
        - Mejorar los proyectos del oeste de Delta Island que pueden beneficiarse de la intrusión de agua salada.
        - El hábitat de los salmónidos sería beneficiado.
    - Programa para garantizar que ninguna parte del Delta sea más salina que ahora.
    - Los programas deben ir más allá de la mitigación ambiental.
        - Énfasis en "más allá"
        - El proyecto está directamente adyacente al Refugio de Vida Silvestre Stone Lakes

        - Una cantidad significativa de propiedades que podrían adquirirse para crear conectividad (con propiedad adicional) a otras áreas de vida silvestre como Vic Fazio en el condado de Yolo
    - La transparencia será importante en la evaluación de estas ideas de proyectos.
        - Transparente con su investigación y lo que han encontrado.
        - Es importante compartir información sobre los impactos.
        - Ayudará al público a comprender si es viable o no.
    - Mitigación para reemplazar la destrucción de áreas ribereñas.
        - Asegúrese de que las áreas sean funcionales para reemplazarlas antes de su destrucción.
        - Grullas grises, Halcón de Swainson
    - Vincular hábitats entre sí
        - Consistente con los usos de la tierra vecinos es óptimo.
        - Por ejemplo, no es óptimo cerca de un aeropuerto debido a colisiones con aves.
        - Puede ayudar con la calidad del agua.

- **Cultura e Historia**
    - Área del Patrimonio del Delta

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- **Economía**
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- **Infraestructura**
    - Enfatice más allá de la mitigación.
        - La Calle Lambert es el acceso principal a Stone Lakes.
        - No está claro que esté cubierto por la mitigación.
        - Pero es un problema que debe abordarse.
    - Corredores principales: mejora de los corredores de tráfico
        - Mejora del tráfico en los principales corredores de transporte.
        - 113, 12, 84, transbordadores, Rio Vista/Isla Ryer
- **Agricultura**
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- **Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral**
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- **Mantenimiento de Diques**

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Equipo 5

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Calidad del Agua y el Aire**
    - Construir una presa en la parte estrecha del Estrecho de Carquinez
        - Conservaría agua dulce, detendría la intrusión de agua salada, reservorio para uso agrícola, construiría muelles de embarque y escaleras en la presa para el paso de peces y el paso de turnos.
        - Más barato que los túneles y resolvería los problemas de intrusión de agua salada y daría agua a la agricultura.
    - Bombas de dique utilizadas para riego agrícola: se verán afectadas por la construcción del túnel.
        - Las bombas deben ajustarse al código de calidad del aire.
        - Las bombas deberán extenderse más hacia el interior del río, ya que serán susceptibles de caer al agua debido a la construcción del túnel.
- **Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias**
    - Servicios médicos más convenientes dentro del Delta: para llegar a ubicaciones remotas: clínicas de salud temporales u otros servicios permanentes (Walnut Grove, Isleton)

        - En este momento, los servicios médicos provienen de Elk Grove o Lodi, que está más lejos y tarda más en llegar a
- **Recreación**
    - Más senderos para bicicletas en todo el Delta
        - En este momento, muchas personas a lo largo de la Autopista 160 a lo largo de diques, lo cual es peligroso
        - Se podrían agregar senderos para bicicletas a muchos caminos con diques.
        - El Consejo de Gobiernos del Área de Sacramento también está en desarrollo sobre esto - considere asociarse con ellos.
    - Interfaz con el río Sacramento, Delta del norte: agregue muelles, playas públicas, desarrollo con fines recreativos en esta área.
        - Necesita fondos de infraestructura para brindar experiencia recreativa.
- **Conservación del Hábitat**
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- **Cultura e Historia**
    - Crear Parque de la Herencia Asia Americano
    - Construir un museo de historia del Delta, que abarque toda la región.
    - Lock y Isleton: preservación de edificios históricos y señalización adicional para mostrar la historia.
        - Museo de Isleton: más financiación para esto, reabrir este.

Comentarios Adicionales

- El plan de infraestructura del presidente Biden podría proporcionar fondos de contrapartida para estos proyectos.

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- **Economía**
    - De acuerdo con muchas de las ideas propuestas, pero todas dependen de las necesidades de infraestructura básica.
    - Comunidades agrícolas y pesqueras
- **Infraestructura**
    - Fiabilidad de Internet: Internet de alta velocidad para empresas y residentes privados
        - Conducirá a un mejor acceso a la educación y permitirá que las empresas tengan éxito (lo que conduce a una mejor economía)
    - Mejor Señalización en toda la región
    - Mejorar el código de construcción para facilitar los permisos, las mejoras y la construcción.
    - Ensanchar las carreteras en al menos 12”.
        - Necesita nivelarse y mejorarse.
        - Los autobuses comerciales no pueden circular por todas las carreteras del Delta debido a su mala calidad.
            - Esto proporcionará un mejor acceso a la región (aumentará el turismo, etc.)
    - Hagan que los edificios cumplan con el código.
        - Los edificios en el Delta son antiguos, históricos y, a menudo, no cumplen con el código (incluyendo el cumplimiento de ADA)
    - Puertos deportivos más pequeños: la profundidad de la línea de flotación es demasiado poco profunda para el acceso de botes; la financiación para el dragado para aumentar la profundidad los hará más económicamente viables.
    - Los puentes deben actualizarse estructuralmente y con más señalización.
        - Los puentes son viejos y estrechos: un desafío para el paso de los autobuses.
        - La señalización mejoraría enormemente la seguridad.
    - Construcción de presa en la parte estrecha del Estrecho de Carquinez
- **Agricultura**
    - Los campos de trabajo han sido cerrados porque no cumplen con el código; necesitan ser reconstruidos para que podamos traer mano de obra agrícola.
- **Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral**
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- **Mantenimiento de Diques**
    - El mantenimiento de diques es un costo de infraestructura enorme y esencial para las comunidades habitables.

- Abierto para puertos deportivos y bombeo agrícola
- Soporte estructural de diques con inundaciones: a medida que aumenta el nivel del agua, se ejerce más presión sobre los diques.
    - No se ha hecho en muchas décadas en la mayoría de las áreas de la región.

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Calidad del Agua y el Aire**
  - Agricultura: apoyo continuo para que los productores tengan agua de riego constante, así como asistencia con los requisitos/cumplimiento de SGMA.
  - Acceso a agua de calidad para la agricultura en el Delta del Norte: conversar con la Agencia de Agua a Través de Delta del norte sobre el acuerdo NDWA/ DWR y asegurarse de que el acuerdo se cumpla ahora y en el futuro.
  - Delta del norte: desarrollar infraestructura para lidiar con especies de estatus especial mientras se continúa con el uso agrícola sostenible, la mitigación del hábitat a gran escala da como resultado un aumento de especies de estatus especial que restringen los usuarios de agua para la agricultura, apoyo financiero para hacer frente a esta situación.
  - Pequeños sistemas de agua comunitarios: las comunidades tienen que cumplir con los requisitos de tratamiento de arsénico (cero partes por mil millones), es caro, crear un fondo para comenzar a buscar pequeños sistemas de agua para lidiar con el arsénico.
  - Calidad del aire: regional, puede no ser apropiado para CBP
- **Seguridad Pública y Respuesta a Emergencias**
  - Distrito de Protección contra Incendios de Courtland: financia y capacita para el trabajo durante la construcción del proyecto, se necesita una mejor manera de alertar a los bomberos voluntarios (solo tienen una sirena de aire ahora)
- **Recreación**
  - Mayordomía (uso mixto, usos complejos): infraestructura física, quioscos, difícil acceso al agua, desarrollo / mejora de pasarelas, creación de formas de acceder a la vida silvestre, es difícil interactuar con la vida silvestre con diques que bloquean el acceso, crear estructuras de sombra, interpretación, señalización para recreación informal, financiar voluntarios / docentes, promover el ecoturismo.
  - Desarrollar / financiar senderos para bicicletas.
  - La recreación en el Delta es limitada: el Área de Vida Silvestre Nacional de Stone Lake es un gran ejemplo de recreación en el Delta y es muy valioso.
  - El manejo de especies invasoras acuáticas y la mejora del agua a través del Delta son fundamentales: desarrollar una red de agua a través del Delta planificada de carreteras, senderos para bicicletas y senderos para caminatas para que las personas de todos los intereses puedan disfrutar de un fin de semana/día de recreación en el Delta
- **Conservación del Hábitat**
  - Tenga en cuenta las aves migratorias: fondo para proteger el hábitat de las aves migratorias durante todo el año y durante la construcción, protección/consideración de las grullas grises
  - La categoría puede no ser apropiada (cubre NEPA/ CEQA) o al menos el título debe cambiarse debido a la conexión con otros términos de permiso
- **Cultura e Historia**
  - Financia el Área del Patrimonio Nacional Delta

¿Qué tipo de ideas financiaría el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para la categoría X?

- **Economía**
  - Promover el turismo en las comunidades del Delta (agrícola, recreativo, cultural)
  - Economía e infraestructura unidas: las pequeñas ciudades en el norte del Delta tienen un número limitado de oportunidades para que la gente venga al Delta (Hood no tiene un mercado), piense en la infraestructura.
- **Infraestructura**
  - Programa de subvenciones en bloque para comunidades: para el paseo marítimo de Courtland se debe actualizar, el DPC ha identificado algunas oportunidades, identificar quién puede administrar los fondos e implementar las acciones ya propuestas.
- **Agricultura**
  - Promover el turismo como mecanismo para apoyar la sostenibilidad a largo plazo de la agricultura.
  - Desarrollar un gusto agrícola de recreación/turismo: paseos en bote en pantanos, la agricultura es una fortaleza única en la que se debe enfocar, jugar con las fortalezas.

    - La agricultura va a cambiar: no estoy seguro de que la financiación del CBP (por sus siglas en inglés) vaya a tener un efecto significativo en la agricultura si la CBP no sirve a las comunidades pequeñas, las comunidades necesitan la infraestructura para ser sostenible y apoyar la agricultura.
- **Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral**
    - Beneficioso especialmente ahora: ofrece oportunidades en todos los niveles.
    - La educación pública en el Delta: los distritos escolares necesitan ayuda, uno es $100 millones en el hoyo, una subvención en bloque para los distritos escolares y financia programas especiales como inmersión dual.
- **Mantenimiento de Diques**

  Los diques son de importancia para todo el estado: redefinir lo que significan los diques como un recurso a nivel estatal, crear un programa para analizar el mantenimiento de los diques, respaldar los distritos de recuperación, aprovechar el momento para obtener movimiento al considerar el mantenimiento de los diques (sin usar el CBP específicamente), no hay suficiente discusión sobre el rol del Estado en el mantenimiento de los diques, la oportunidad de hablar sobre el panorama general, no hay suficiente dinero para el mantenimiento de los diques y no hay suficiente dinero disponible del CBP.

  El mantenimiento de diques va mucho más allá del CBP: las alternativas del proyecto no incluyen la mejora de diques como una opción en lugar de un túnel.

  ○ Pregunta: ¿cómo está abordando el Estado los efectos del cambio climático y mejorando los diques fuera del CBP?

COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAM SUGGESTED FUNDING IDEAS

The following is a list of suggested ideas* that could potentially be included if a fund were set up in the Delta as part of a Community Benefits Program. The suggestions were provided to the Department of Water Resources in the 44 community interviews conducted, Workshop 1 and in written input received through a variety of channels.

Water and Air Quality



- Clean up trash and garbage
- Address algal blooms, pollutants, invasive plant species and salt water intrusion
- Provide clean drinking water systems
- Remove derelict boats
- Water hyacinth removal
- Manage dust
- Address road congestion (related to air quality)
- Establish waste water treatment or provide access to regional sanitation

Public Safety and Emergency Response



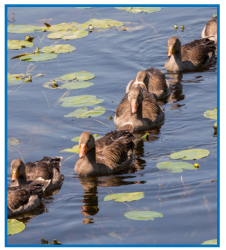
- Address homeless encampments
- Coordinate Sheriff response so someone comes out when you call
- Increase law enforcement throughout the Delta
- Swimming lessons for all Delta residents
- Help counties and towns deal with illegal dumping and constant theft
- Create a community center that can be used for emergencies and educational workshops and other activities
- Fire protection
- Make sure recreation areas stays safe and clean and provides benches and shade

Recreation



- Develop safe, shady and clean fishing, walking and picnicking recreation places throughout the Delta
- Connect urban river walk/bike trails throughout the Delta
- Create a history/culture walking trail along Mormon Slough from Scotts Ave to the river
- Connect green space at Reyes Park to the boat launch
- Work with youth to plant trees and community gardens all along the slough
- Access to river for non-motorized boaters
- Walking and biking trails including Rails to Trails
- Fishing access especially from shore
- After construction, convert the construction roads to walking and biking routes
- Complete the Great Delta Trail with campgrounds
- Reopen Delta Shores State Park
- Public access to natural places
- Support hatcheries within recreation as part of fisheries
- Connect the missing portion of the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail between Oakley and Pardee

Habitat Conservation



- Elk Slough Project
- Protect Golden Eagle habitat in hills behind Clifton Court
- Funding to farmers to put some of their land in habitat maybe in conjunction with NRCS
- Wildlife easements
- Land acquisition and purchase easements essential to connect the refuge habitats throughout the Delta
- Land acquisition to protect habitat from urban encroachment
- Funding for easements for a greater variety of habitat types than the NRCS Wetland Reserve Program funds

Culture and History



- Put up history and culture interpretative signs to connect to indigenous culture and other history
- Develop a community center large enough for whole community to meet in and for larger events
- Community center with multiple uses
- Prop 68 should guide the benefit types
- Land purchase for history and culture
- Beyond Legacy communities, includes cultural landscape, towns that no longer exist like old Chinatown

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COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAM SUGGESTED FUNDING IDEAS

Economy



- Visitor and Education Center at Junctions of Highways 12 and 160
- Facilitate multi-agency funding of the Isleton Community Plan
- Develop water-related jobs related to the River as a source of work
- Fund a Rural Main Street program similar to SACOG's to fund implementation of local community plans
- Provide communities assistance to people to develop ideas and write proposals
- Equal economic opportunity
- Communities need early planning, engineering, or architectural expertise
- Need more anchor businesses to attract tourists
- Economic development for local Delta residents
- Natural resource tourism
- Funds for legacy towns for board walks and main streets
- Address housing code violations-Sac and FEMA issues
- Recreational tourism
- County regulations of AirBnB to encourage more of that type of rental in the Delta
- Marketing the region for tourism

Infrastructure



- Improve infrastructure: roads, levees, communication, power
- Improve transportation corridors
- Access to reliable highspeed internet
- Use buses used in construction for a Delta shuttle
- More bus service to major cities and towns

Agriculture



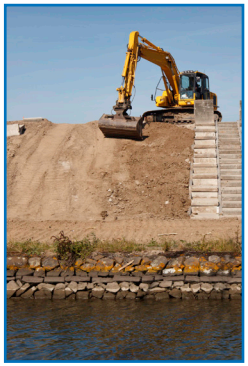
- After construction, dedicate the construction roads to agricultural transport
- Marketing and tourism grants to hire staff that could work with agriculture businesses
- Incentivize agricultural innovations
- Incentivize wildlife-friendly agriculture
- Land and easement purchase
- Assistance for conversion to agriculture that can participate in carbon markets
- Housing for farm labor closer to agricultural areas (would improve traffic)

Education and Workforce Development



- Environmental education
- Schools have a backlog of infrastructure needs
- In-person, long-term, comprehensive, hands-on agricultural education
- Workforce development for low-skilled workers with emphasis on people with disabilities and youth
- Improve academics in schools
- Provide paid internship opportunities for young people

Levee Maintenance



- Diversions should have fish screens
- Infrastructure investments especially levees
- Financing for abandoned lands
- Support for Reclamation Districts and levee maintenance
- Address subsidence
- Raise the level of flood protection to Legacy communities
- Add funding for the Delta Levee Subventions and Special Projects programs

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PROGRAMA DE BENEFICIOS COMUNITARIOS IDEAS DE FINANCIAMIENTO SUGERIDAS

La siguiente es una lista de ideas sugeridas* que podrían incluirse si se estableciera un fondo en el Delta como parte de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Las sugerencias se proporcionaron al Departamento de Recursos Hídricos en las 44 entrevistas comunitarias realizadas el 1er Taller y en las aportaciones escritas recibidas a través de una variedad de vías.

Calidad del Agua y del Aire



- Limpiar la basura y deshechos
- Abordar la proliferación de algas, contaminantes, especies de plantas invasoras y sal intrusión de agua
- Proporcionar sistemas de agua potable limpia
- Retirar barcos abandonados
- Eliminación de jacintos de agua
- Manejo del polvo
- Abordar la congestión vial (relacionada con la calidad del aire)
- Establecer un tratamiento de aguas residuales o proporcionar acceso
- al saneamiento regional

Respuestas de Seguridad Publica y Emergencias



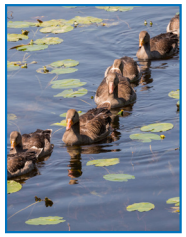
- Tratar a los campamentos de personas sin hogar
- Coordinar la respuesta del alguacil para que alguien vaya cuando llamas
- Incrementar la aplicación de la ley en todo el Delta
- Clases de natación para todos residentes del Delta
- Ayudar los condados y las ciudades a lidiar con vertidos ilegales y robos constantes
- Crear un centro comunitario que se pueda utilizar para emergencias y talleres educativos.
- y otras actividades
- Protección contra incendios
- Asegurar de que las áreas de recreación se mantengan seguras y limpias y provea bancas y sombra

Recreación



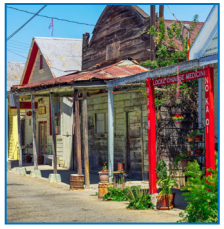
- Desarrollar lugares de recreación para pescar, caminar y hacer días de campo seguros, sombreados y limpios en todo el Delta
- Conectar senderos urbanos para caminar/andar en bicicleta por todo el Delta
- Crear un sendero para caminar a través de la historia y la cultura a lo largo de Mormon Slough desde la Avenida Scotts hasta el río.
- Conectar el espacio verde en Reyes Park al embarcadero
- Trabajar con los jóvenes para plantar árboles y jardines comunitarios a lo largo del pantano.
- Acceso al río para navegantes no motorizados
- Senderos para caminar y andar en bicicleta, incluyendo Vías y Caminos
- Acceso de pesca, especialmente desde la costa
- Después de la construcción, convierta las carreteras de construcción en rutas para caminar y andar en bicicleta.
- Completa el Great Delta Trail con campamentos
- Reabrir el parque estatal Delta Shores
- Acceso público a paisajes naturales
- Apoyar los criaderos dentro de la recreación como parte de la pesca.
- Conecte la parte que falta de la costa de Mokelumne con Crest Trail entre Oakley y Pardee

Conservación del Hábitat



- Proyecto Elk Slough
- Proteger el hábitat del águila real en las colinas detrás de Clifton Court
- Financiamiento a los agricultores para que pongan algunas de sus tierras en hábitat tal vez en conjunto con NRCS
- Servidumbres de vida silvestre
- Adquisición de tierras y servidumbres de compra esenciales para conectar los hábitats del refugio en todo el Delta.
- Adquisición de tierras para proteger el hábitat de la invasión urbana.
- Financiamiento para servidumbres para una mayor variedad de tipos de hábitat que los fondos del Programa de Reserva de Tierras Húmedas del NRCS

Cultura e Historia



- Coloca letreros interpretativos de historia y cultura para conectar con cultura indígena y otra historia.
- Desarrollar un centro comunitario lo suficientemente grande para que toda la comunidad se reúna en y para eventos más importantes.
- Centro comunitario con usos múltiples
- La Propuesta 68 debería orientar los tipos de beneficios
- Compra de terrenos para la historia y la cultura
- Más allá de las comunidades del legado, incluye paisajes culturales, pueblos que ya no existen como el antiguo barrio Chino.

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PROGRAMA DE BENEFICIOS COMUNITARIOS IDEAS DE FINANCIAMIENTO SUGERIDAS

Economía



- Centro de visitantes y educación en los cruces de las autopistas 12 y 160
- Facilitar la financiación de múltiples agencias del Plan Comunitario de Isleton
- Desarrollar trabajos relacionados con el agua relacionados con el río como fuente de trabajo.
- Financiar un programa Rural Main Street similar al de SACOG para financiar la implementación de planes comunitarios locales
- Brindar asistencia comunitaria a las personas para desarrollar ideas y redactar propuestas.
- Igualdad de oportunidades económicas
- Las comunidades necesitan planificación, ingeniería, o experiencia arquitectónica
- Necesita más negocios ancla para atraer turistas
- Desarrollo económico para los residentes locales del Delta
- Turismo de recursos naturales
- Fondos para ciudades legado para paseos marítimos y calles principales
- Abordar las infracciones del código de vivienda: problemas de Sac y FEMA
- Turismo recreativo
- Regulaciones del condado de AirBnB para animar más de ese tipo de alquiler en el Delta
- Comercialización de la región para el turismo

Infraestructura



- Mejorar la infraestructura: carreteras, diques, comunicaciones, energía
- Mejorar los corredores de transporte
- Acceso a Internet confiable de alta velocidad
- Utilice los autobuses utilizados en la construcción para un servicio de transporte Delta
- Más servicio de autobús a las principales ciudades y pueblos

Agricultura



- Después de la construcción, dedicar las carreteras de construcción al transporte agrícola.
- Subvenciones de mercadeo y turismo para contratar el personal que pueda trabajar con empresas agrícolas.
- Incentivar las innovaciones agrícolas
- Incentivar la agricultura amigable con la vida silvestre
- Compra de terrenos y servidumbres
- Asistencia para la conversión a la agricultura que pueda participar en los mercados de carbono.
- Vivienda para mano de obra agrícola más cercana a áreas agrícolas (mejoraría el tráfico)

Educación y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral



- Educación ambiental
- Las escuelas tienen una acumulación de necesidades de infraestructura.
- Educación agrícola práctica, integral, a largo plazo y en persona
- Desarrollo de la fuerza laboral para trabajadores poco calificados con énfasis en personas con discapacidades y jóvenes.
- Mejorar lo académico en las escuelas
- Brindar oportunidades de aprendizaje remuneradas a los jóvenes.

Mantenimiento de Diques



- Los desvíos deben tener mallas para peces.
- Inversiones en infraestructura, especialmente diques
- Financiamiento de tierras abandonadas
- Soporte para distritos de recuperación y mantenimiento de diques
- Abordar el hundimiento
- Elevar el nivel de protección contra inundaciones para las comunidades de legado
- Agregar fondos para los programas de proyectos especiales y subvenciones del Dique Delta

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2 May 25, 2021, Workshop Materials

Accessible versions of the materials provided in this attachment are available online at, https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program

Workshop 3: Implementation Commitments and Public Participation Process

Agenda

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions *(10 minutes)*

2. Agenda Review and How to Participate *(10 minutes)*

3. Delta Conveyance Project and Community Benefits Program Overview *(10 minutes)*

4. Implementation Commitments Overview and Discussion *(30 minutes)*

    - Economic development
    - Integrated infrastructure

5. Community Engagement in Ongoing Program Development Overview and Discussion *(30 minutes)*

    - What is needed for continued program development
    - Ideas and suggestions on next steps and structure/organization

6. General Public Input and Feedback *(25 minutes)*

7. Next Steps *(5 minutes)*

For any questions or feedback related to the development of the Community Benefits Program, please email DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Taller 3: Compromisos de implementación y proceso de participación pública

Agenda

Martes 25 de mayo 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Bienvenida e Introducciones *(10 minutos)*

2. Revisión del Agenda y Cómo Participar *(10 minutos)*

3. Descripción general del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios *(10 minutos)*

4. Resumen y discusión de los compromisos de implementación *(30 minutos)*

    - Desarrollo economico
    - Infraestructura integrada

5. Participación de la comunidad en el discusión y el resume del desarrollo continuo del programa *(30 minutos)*

    - ¿Qué se necesita para el desarrollo continuo del programa?
    - ¿Ideas y sugerencias sobre los próximos pasos y estructura / organización?

6. Comentarios del público: preguntas y comentarios *(25 minutos)*

7. Siguientes Pasos *(5 minutos)*

Para cualquier pregunta o comentario relacionado con el desarrollo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, envíe un correo electrónico DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.



Delta Conveyance Community Benefits Program

Economic Development and Integrated Benefits

Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios de Agua a Través del Delta

Desarrollo Económico y Beneficios Integrados

May 2021

Topics Today:

1. Overview of Potential Facilities and Potential Locations
2. Economic Development
3. Integrated Project Benefits or “Leave Behinds”

Temas de Hoy:

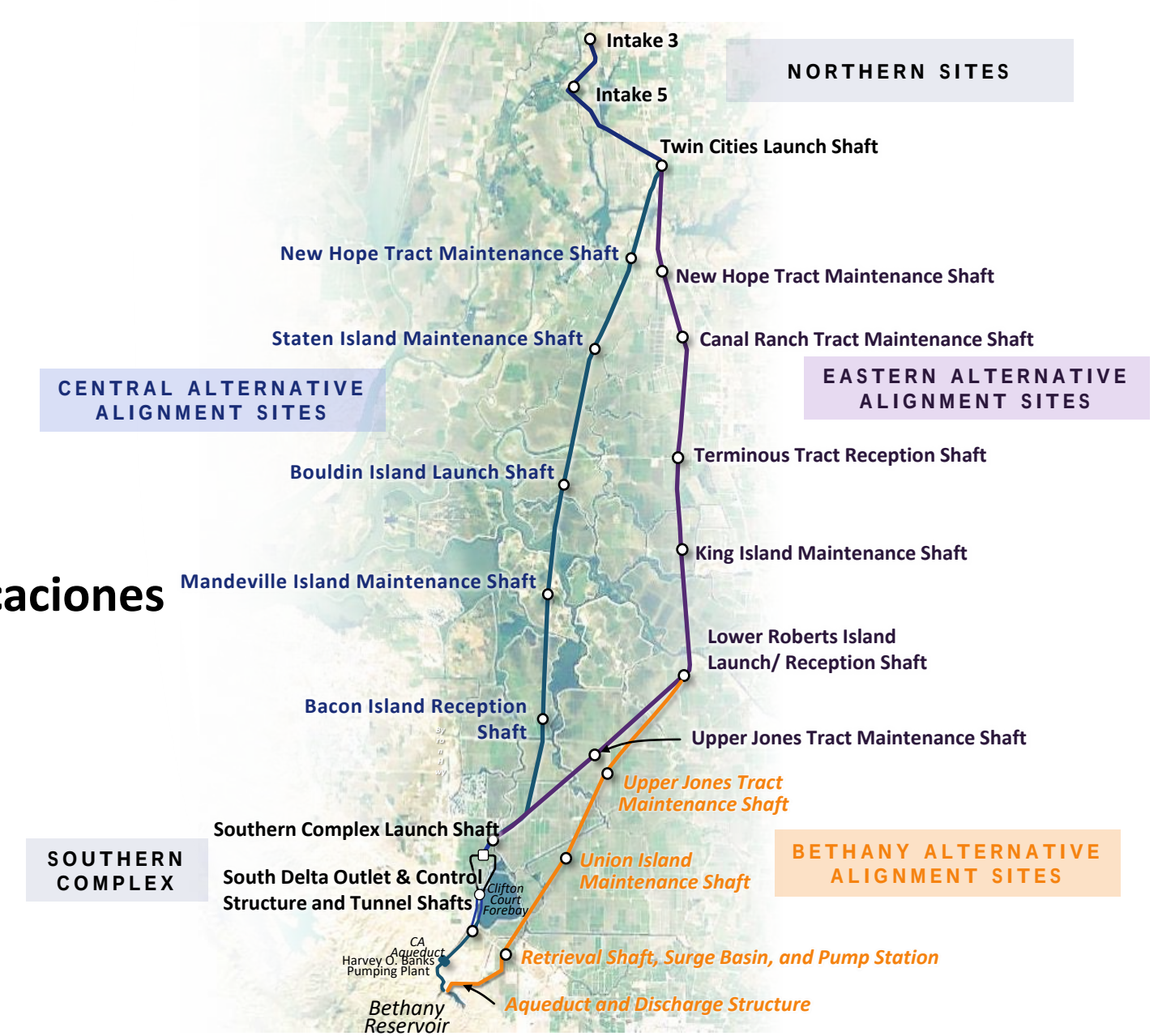
1. Descripción General de Instalaciones Potenciales y Ubicaciones Potenciales
2. Desarrollo Económico
3. Beneficios Integrados del Proyecto o "Lo que Quedara"

Potential Facilities Types and Locations

- Intakes
- Tunnels and Shafts
- Pumping Plant
- Forebay or Surge Basin
- South Delta Connections

Tipos Potenciales de Instalaciones y Ubicaciones

- Entradas
- Túneles y Pozos
- Planta de Bombeo
- Cuenca de Carga o Oleada
- Conexiones del Delta Sur



Two Key Areas of Economic Development



TARGETED HIRING PROGRAM



BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Dos Áreas Cave del Desarrollo Económico



PROGRAMA DE CONTRATACIÓN DIRIGIDO



PROGRAMA DE PARTICIPACIÓN DE NEGOCIOS

Goal

To find ways to target portions of the massive investment required to deliver the Delta Conveyance program toward the regions most impacted by construction and populations or businesses that have historically been disadvantaged in public works contracting.

Meta

Encontrar formas de orientar porciones de la inversión masiva requerida para llevar a cabo el programa de Agua a Través del Delta hacia las regiones más afectadas por la construcción y las poblaciones o empresas que históricamente han estado en desventaja en la contratación de obras públicas.

Targeted Hiring Program

Programa de Contratación Dirigido

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What is a Targeted Hiring Program?

- Opportunity to increase participation of socially or economically disadvantaged workers in a project or program
- Helps create long lasting economic stability for targeted workers extending to economic stimulus within their communities
- Most successful programs include partnerships with existing jobs training, pre-apprenticeship, and other workforce development organizations to help create a pipeline of qualified workers

¿Qué es un Programa de Contratación Dirigido?

- Oportunidad de aumentar la participación de trabajadores social o económicamente desfavorecidos en un proyecto o programa
- Ayuda a crear una estabilidad económica duradera para los trabajadores seleccionados y se extiende a los estímulos económicos dentro de sus comunidades
- Los programas más exitosos incluyen asociaciones con capacitación laboral existente, preaprendizaje y otras organizaciones de desarrollo de la fuerza laboral para ayudar a crear una fuente de trabajadores calificados

Typically Targeted Workers include:

- Economically Disadvantaged
- Veterans
- Custodial single parents
- Lacking a GED/HS Diploma
- Former incarceration/ criminal record
- Homeless
- Women and Minorities

Target goals vary and are set by the different agencies and programs

Trabajadores Típicamente Considerados Son:

- En Desventaja Económica
- Veteranos
- Padres Solteros con Custodia
- No Tienen un Diploma de GED/HS
- Anteriormente Encarcelado(a)/Antecedentes Penales
- Sin Hogar
- Mujeres y Minorías

Los objetivos varían y son establecidos por las diferentes agencias y programas.

Case Studies

Agency/Agencia	General Program Description	Descripción General del Programa
California High Speed Rail Authority (HSR) Autoridad de Trenes de Alta Velocidad de California	• Adopted Community Benefit Policy – **National Targeted Hiring Initiative Plan**; mirrors Federal Transit Authority program (funding source) • Applies to all construction contracts • **3rd Party Jobs Coordinator** supports partners in meeting targeted hiring goals	• Póliza de Beneficios Comunitarios **Adoptada-Plan de Iniciativa Nacional de Contratación Dirigido;** refleja el programa de la Autoridad Federal de Tránsito (fuente de financiación) • Se aplica a todos los contratos de construcción. • **Coordinador de Trabajos de Tercer Partido** apoya a los socios en el cumplimiento de los objetivos de contratación específicos
Los Angeles Metro Metro de Los Ángeles	• Established a Construction Careers Policy • Publishes a **Participation Score Card** for minority, disadvantaged, and female workforce • Policy applies to all contracts above $2.5M • 3rd Party Job Coordinator	• Estableció una Póliza de Carreras en la Construcción • Publica una **Tarjeta de Puntuación de Participación** para la fuerza laboral femenina, de minorías y desfavorecidas • La póliza se aplica a todos los contratos por encima de $2.5M • Coordinador de Trabajo por terceras partes

Case Studies *continued*

Agency/Agencia	General Program Description	Descripción General del Programa
Seattle Public Works Obras Públicas de Seattle	• City Council passed an Ordinance in 2015 to create a **Priority Hire Program** • Applies to all public works construction projects over $5M • Prioritizes hiring residents in economically distressed areas and surrounding counties • Established a Priority Hire **Implementation and Advisory Committee**	• El Consejo de la Ciudad aprobó una Ordenanza en el 2015 para crear un **Programa de Contratación Prioritaria** • Se aplica a todos los proyectos de construcción de obras públicas de más de $5 millones • Prioriza la contratación de residentes en áreas económicamente desfavorecidas y condados circundantes • Estableció un **Comité Asesor y de Implementación** de Contratación Prioritaria

Case Studies *continued*

Agency/Agencia	General Program Description	Descripción General del Programa
City of Portland, OR Ciudad de Portland, OR	• City Council passed Community Benefit resolution in 2012; launched **pilot programs for 2 projects** • **Provide funding** for outreach, recruitment, training, mentoring, and technical assistance to local workforce programs • Oversite through a **Labor-Management-Community Committee** that is representative of all stakeholders • City Council using pilot programs to refine plans for future projects	• El Consejo de la Ciudad aprobó la resolución de Beneficios Comunitarios en el 2012; puso en marcha **programas piloto para 2 proyectos** • **Proporcionar fondos** para la divulgación, el reclutamiento, la capacitación, la tutoría y la asistencia técnica a los programas de la fuerza laboral local • Supervisión a través de un **Comité Comunitario-Laboral-Gerencial** que es representativo de todas las partes interesadas • El Consejo de la Ciudad utiliza programas piloto para perfeccionar los planes de proyectos futuros.

POLL

Your Input on Targeted Hiring Program

- ❑The targeted hiring program sounds great, just what we need!
- ❑The targeted hiring program is a good idea, but needs to be adapted to the Delta.
- ❑No, targeted hiring is not for us.
- ❑I don’t know or don’t have an opinion, maybe I don’t understand, or maybe I need more time to think about it.

Su Opinión Sobre el Programa de Contratación Dirigido

- ❑El programa de contratación dirigido suena genial, ¡justo es lo que necesitamos!
- ❑El programa de contratación dirigido es una buena idea, pero debe adaptarse al Delta.
- ❑No, contratación dirigido no es para nosotros.
- ❑No sé o no tengo opinión, quizás no entiendo o quizás necesito más tiempo para pensarlo.

Business Participation Program
Programa de Participación de Negocios

What is a Targeted Business Participation Program?

- Combat the effects of past discrimination and increase the participation of various disadvantaged businesses in public contracting
- Provides guidance or mandates that a percentage of all services, goods, or materials is contracted to targeted businesses
- Directs contracting or contracting advantage to specific business types where a characteristic such as location may provide benefit in performance of the work.
- Helps create sustainable businesses and economic stimulus – close to 50% of all Californians are employed by small businesses

¿Qué es un Programa Dirigido de Participación de Negocios?

- Combatir los efectos de la discriminación pasada y aumentar la participación de diversos negocios desfavorecidos en la contratación pública
- Proporciona orientación o exige que un porcentaje de todos los servicios, bienes o materiales se contrate a empresas específicas
- Dirige la contratación o la ventaja de la contratación a tipos de negocios específicos donde una característica como la ubicación puede proporcionar beneficios en el desempeño del trabajo
- Ayuda a crear negocios sostenibles y estímulo económico: cerca del 50% de todos los californianos son empleados de pequeñas empresas

Typical Targeted Businesses include:

- Small Business
- Micro-Business
- Disabled Veteran Owned
- Woman-Owned
- Minority-Owned
- Local

Target goals vary and are set by the different agencies and programs

Los Negocios Típicamente Dirigidos Incluyen :

- Pequeños Negocios
- Microempresa
- Propiedad de Veteranos Discapacitados
- Propiedad de Una Mujer
- Propiedad de Minorías
- Local

Los objetivos varían y son establecidos por las diferentes agencias y programas

Case Studies / Estudios de Caso

Agency/ Agencia	General Program Description	Descripción General del Programa
California High Speed Rail Authority (HSR) / Autoridad de Trenes de Alta Velocidad de California	• Complies with both State and Federal requirements based on **source funding** • Program is hybrid between legal compliance and advocacy including outreach, education and supportive services • Small Business (SB) Manager oversees the program; requirements for targeted business participation support included in all contracts • Formed a **Business Advisory Council** to provide input on program execution when "meeting requirements" proved insufficient	• Cumple con los requisitos Estatales y Federales según la **fuente de financiación** • El programa es híbrido entre el cumplimiento legal y la promoción, incluidos los servicios de extensión, educación y apoyo • El Gerente de Pequeñas Empresas (SB por sus siglas en inglés) supervisa el programa; los requisitos para el apoyo de participación de negocios específica incluidos en todos los contratos • Se formó un **Asesor Jurídico de Negocios** para brindar información sobre la ejecución del programa cuando "cumplir con los requisitos" resultó insuficiente
City of Portland, OR/ Ciudad de Portland, OR	• City Council approved “Social Equity Contracting Strategy to Increase Minority-Owned, Women-Owned and Emerging SB Utilization in City Contracting” policy • Considers SB construction contracts that utilize a **procurement process other than low bid** • Created City-managed support services for targeted businesses.	• El Consejo de la Ciudad aprobó la póliza de “Estrategia de Contratación de Equidad Social para aumentar la Utilización de SB de Propiedad de Minorías, Propiedad de Mujeres y Emergente en la Contratación de la Ciudad” • Considera los contratos de construcción de SB que utilizan un **proceso de adquisición diferente al de oferta baja** • Creación de servicios de apoyo gestionados por la Ciudad para empresas específicas

Case Studies *continued* / Estudios de Caso *continuado*

Agency/ Agencia	General Program Description	Descripción General del Programa
Los Angeles Metro/ Metro de Los Ángeles	• Small Business (SB) Prime Program to **promote small business to bid and win as primes** • Set aside small business contracts up to $5M • Only Metro-certified SBs can participate in the SB Prime Program • Various business categories including architecture and engineering • Metro Connect **provides access and transparency** about procurement processes and SB programs including tools and resources	• Programa Prime para Pequeñas Empresas (SB) para **promover que las pequeñas empresas sometan propuestas y ganen como primos** • Reserve contratos de pequeñas empresas de hasta $5 millones • Solo los SB con certificación de Metro pueden participar en el Programa SB Prime • Varias categorías comerciales que incluyen arquitectura e ingeniería • Metro Connect **proporciona acceso y transparencia** sobre los procesos de adquisiciones y los programas de SB, incluidas herramientas y recursos

POLL

Your Input on Potential Business Participation Program

- ❑A business participation program will have great economic benefits for the Delta!
- ❑This is a good idea, but it needs to be tailored to the Delta to have much effect.
- ❑This is not a good idea for us, not worth the energy and resources to develop.
- ❑I don't know or don’t have an opinion, maybe I need more information or just to think about it some more.

Su Opinión Sobre el Programa de Participación Comercial Potencial

- ❑¡Un programa de participación de negocios tendrá grandes beneficios económicos para el Delta!
- ❑Esta es una buena idea, pero debe adaptarse al Delta para que tenga mucho efecto.
- ❑Esta no es una buena idea para nosotros, no vale la pena la energía y los recursos para desarrollarla.
- ❑No sé o no tengo una opinión, tal vez necesite más información o simplemente para pensarlo un poco más.

Integrated Project Benefits or "Leave Behinds"

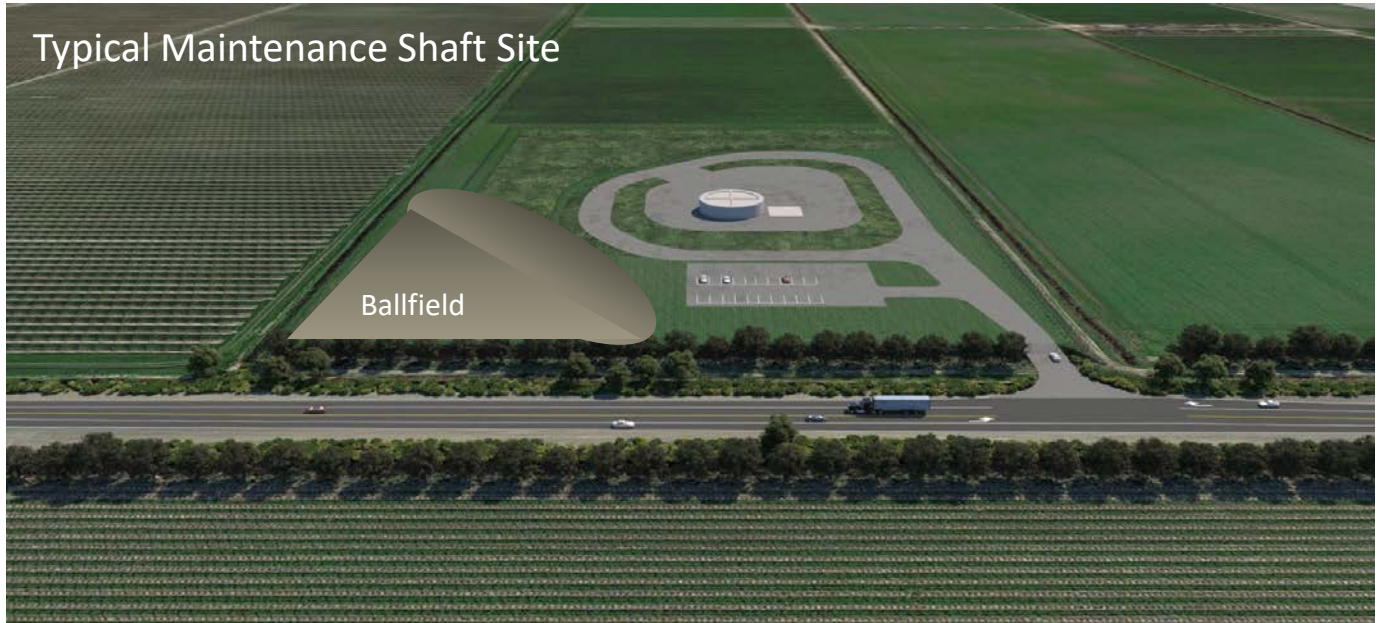
Beneficios Integrados del Proyecto o “Lo que Quedara"

What are Integrated Benefits?

1. **Site development that integrates a public benefit with the functional requirements of the project. Examples could include:**
    - Ball fields added to the area around maintenance or retrieval shaft site
    - Public walking path around the intakes

¿Qué son los Beneficios Integrados?

1. **Desarrollo de sitio que integra un beneficio público con los requisitos funcionales del proyecto. Los ejemplos podrían incluir:**
    - Campos de pelota agregados al área alrededor del sitio del pozo de mantenimiento o recuperación
    - Sendero público alrededor de las entradas



What are Integrated Benefits?

2. **Utility development that creates a permanent utility benefit to the community. Examples include:**
    - Adding a bike path along a haul route
    - Extending high speed internet service along routing corridor to nearby communities

¿Qué son los Beneficios Integrados?

2. **Desarrollo de servicios públicos que crean un beneficio de servicios públicos perm anente para la comunidad. Ejemplos incluyen:**
    - Agregar un carril de bicicleta a lo largo de una ruta de transporte
    - Extender el servicio de Internet de alta velocidad a lo largo del corredor de enrutamiento a las comunidades cercanas

Case Study
Willamette River Water Treatment Plant, OR

Estudio de Caso
Planta de Tratamiento de Agua del Río Willamette, Oregón



Plant included large meeting room that was available to the public for community meetings by reservation.

La planta incluía una gran sala de reuniones que estaba a disposición del público para reuniones comunitarias con reserva.



Landscaping included a public park featuring a cascading water feature and pedestrian trails.

El paisajismo incluyó un parque público con una cascada de agua y vías para peatones.



Educational kiosks and picnic tables were integrated into the building facades to create public interest and encourage park use.

Los quioscos educativos y las mesas de picnic se integraron en las fachadas del edificio para crear interés público y fomentar el uso del parque.

Examples of Potential Integrated Site Beneficial Uses

- Local or Regional Community Art Program (Murals, sculpture gardens)
- Local 4-H Club experimental plots
- Gardens (e.g. Chinese Garden near Locke)
- Playgrounds, soccer fields, etc.
- Delta Educational Facility

Ejemplos de Usos Beneficiosos Potenciales del Sitio Integrado

- Programa de Arte Comunitario Local o Regional (murales, jardines de esculturas)
- Parcelas Experimentales del 4-H Club Local
- Jardines (por ejemplo, Jardín Chino cerca de Locke)
- Campos de juego, canchas de fútbol, etc.
- Centro Educativo del Delta

Examples of Potential Integrated Site Beneficial Uses

- Walking Trails – e.g. Bouldin Island perimeter
- Natural Habitat Areas (Upland Sandhill Crane Foraging area)
- River Overlook
- Educational Kiosks (e.g. History of Delta)

Ejemplos de Usos Beneficiosos Potenciales del Sitio Integrado

- Vías para Caminar, p. Ej. Perímetro de la Isla Bouldin
- Áreas de Hábitat Natural (área de Forrajeo de la Grulla Crane de la Meseta)
- Vista del Río
- Quioscos Educativos (Por Ejemplo, Historia del Delta)

Examples of Potential Utility and Logistics Dual Benefits

- Access Roads – Hwy 160 By-Pass around Hood
- New Roads/Improvements for Mountain House area/Byron Hwy Congestion
- Fiber Optic – High Speed Internet Turnouts
- Electrical Power – Local drops/Upgraded services
- Access Roads – Expand bike lanes

Ejemplos de Posibles Beneficios Dobles de Servicios Públicos y Logística

- Carreteras de Acceso - Desvío de la Autopista 160 Alrededor de Hood
- Nuevas Carreteras/Mejoras para el área de Congestión Mountain House/Autopista Byron
- Fibra Óptica: Conexiones a Internet de Alta velocidad
- Energía Eléctrica: Caídas Locales/Servicios Mejorados
- Carreteras de Acceso: Ampliar Carriles para Bicicletas

Examples of Potential Utility and Logistics Dual Benefits

- Emergency Response Equipment/Facilities
- Shared Emergency Response Helicopter Pads (Especially at Southern Sites)
- Shared Park and Rides/Electric Bus Service/Electric Charger Infrastructure
- SR 12 Expansion/New Bridge on Bouldin (Central Only)

Ejemplos de Posibles Beneficios Dobles de Servicios Públicos y Logística

- Equipos/Instalaciones de Respuesta a Emergencias
- Helipuertos de Respuesta a Emergencias (Especialmente en Sitios del Sur)
- Parque y Atracciones Compartidos/Servicio de Autobús Eléctrico/Infraestructura de Cargador Eléctrico
- Expansión de SR 12/Nuevo Puente en Bouldin (Central solamente)

POLL

Do you support the idea of "co-siting" community needs and project facilities?

- ❑Yes
- ❑No
- ❑I don't know or have an opinion yet

¿Apoya la idea de "compartir" las necesidades de la comunidad y las instalaciones del proyecto?

- ❑Sí
- ❑No
- ❑No lo sé o no tengo una opinión aun

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Delta Conveyance Project

Community Benefits Program Workshop

May 25, 2021 • Workshop Begins at 6:00pm

Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

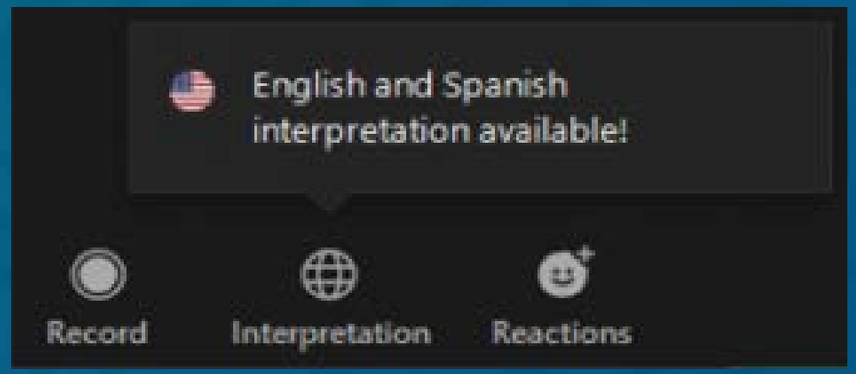
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Welcome

Bienvenidos

Objectives
Objetivos



- Ensure participants understand the Community Benefits Program
- Recap from Workshops #1 & 2
- Participants provide input and feedback on opportunities for economic development, including targeted hiring, local business utilization, and integrated infrastructure

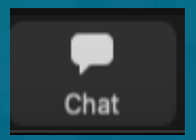
- Asegurarse de que los participantes comprendan el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios
- Resumen del 1er y 2ndo Taller
- Los participantes proveerán aporte y comentarios sobre oportunidades para desarrollo económico, incluyendo metas de contratación laboral, utilización de negocios locales, e infraestructura integrada

Agenda

6:00 - 6:10 pm	**Welcome & Introductions**
6:10 - 6:20 pm	**Agenda and How to Participate**
6:20 - 6:30 pm	**Community Benefits Program Overview and Recap**
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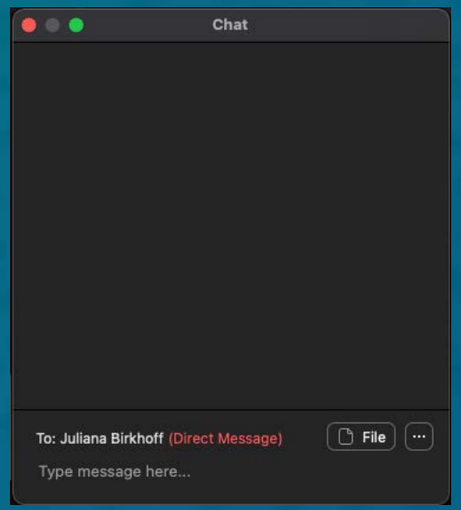
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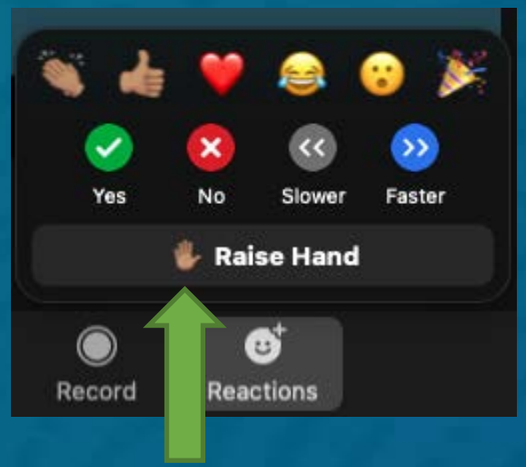


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How to Provide Input
Cómo Proporcionar Aporte



To provide input, click the Raise Hand icon. The facilitator will send you a note to unmute your microphone. Unmute your microphone, you will have two minutes to comment on the Community Benefits Program.

Para levantar la mano durante los segmentos de aporte, haga clic en el icono de levantar la mano. El facilitador le enviará una nota para activar su micrófono. Quite de modo silencio su micrófono, tendrá dos minutos para comentar sobre el programa de Beneficios para la comunidad. Levantar la mano durante los segmentos de aporte.



How to Provide Written Input
Cómo Proporcionar Información Escrita

Form on the DWR Website / Formulario en el sitio web de DWR
https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

Email / Correo Electrónico
DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov

What County Do You Live In?
¿En que Condado Vive?

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Sacramento
- San Joaquin
- Solano
- Yolo
- Other/Otro



May 25, 2021

Overview: Delta Conveyance Project and Community Benefits Program
Resumen: Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Carrie Buckman
Environmental Program Manager

Delta Conveyance Project Purpose
El Propósito del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Purpose

Modernize the aging 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.

Propósito

Modernizar la vieja infraestructura SWP en el Delta para restaurar y proteger la confiabilidad de las entregas de agua SWP de una manera económica, consistente con la Cartera de Resiliencia del Agua del Estado.



Delta Conveyance Project Objectives
El Proyecto Objetivos

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

Objetivos

- Abordar el aumento del nivel del mar y el cambio climático
- Minimizar la interrupción del suministro de agua debido al riesgo sísmico
- Proteger la confiabilidad del suministro de agua
- Proporcionar flexibilidad operativa para mejorar las condiciones acuáticas



Three Distinct But Complementary Processes
Tres Procesos Distintos Pero Complementarios

Regulatory Mitigation
Mitigación regulatoria

Purpose: Address project impacts related to specific regulatory requirements (e.g., CEQA/NEPA).

Propósito: Abordar los impactos del proyecto relacionados con requisitos regulatorios específicos (por ejemplo, CEQA/NEPA).

Community Benefits Program
Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Purpose: Provide resources to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by implementation, based on community collaboration.

Propósito: Proporcionar recursos para dirigir los beneficios hacia las comunidades más afectadas por la implementación, basados en la colaboración comunitaria.

Ombudsman Program
Programa del Defensor del Pueblo

Purpose: Clearinghouse single point of contact to streamline information, support and claims. Includes ensuring just compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Propósito: Centro de intercambio de información de punto único de contacto para agilizar la información, el apoyo y las reclamaciones. Incluye asegurar una compensación justa como resultado de los impactos directos de la construcción.

Core Commitments
Compromisos Centrales

If the Delta Conveyance Project is approved, core commitments for a potential Community Benefits Program would include:

1. **Transparent**
   Open process to collaborate effectively
2. **Constructive**
   Participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy
3. **Inclusive**
   Broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. **Fair**
   Benefits related to localized nature of effects
5. **Unconditional**
   Community benefits are not dependent on support for project

Why Create a Community Benefits Program?
¿Por qué Crear un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios?

- Acknowledge that the direct project benefits (e.g. State Water Project reliability) are not located inside the Delta.
- Acknowledge that if the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects that Delta communities may endure through construction.
- Acknowledge the limitations of traditional CEQA “environmental mitigation” typically affords.

- Reconozca que los beneficios directos del proyecto (por ejemplo, la confiabilidad del Proyecto Estatal de Agua) no se encuentran dentro del Delta.
- Reconozca que si se aprueba el proyecto, podría tener efectos adversos potenciales que las comunidades de Delta pueden soportar durante la construcción.
- Reconocer las limitaciones que la "mitigación ambiental" tradicionalmente de CEQA ofrece.

Community Benefits Program Components
Componentes del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Community Benefits Fund
- Proposed fund to support grassroots developed ideas for the Delta community

Implementation Commitments
- Hiring targets, job training, and education
- Local business utilization
- Multi purpose facilities

Delta Como Lugar De Fondos
- Marco de base para el desarollo y la administracion de fondos que empodera a la communidad local

Compromisos de Ejecusion del Proyecto
- Objetivos de contratacion, formacion y educacion laboral
- Utlizacion de empresas locales
- Instalaciones

What did we learn from the first and second workshops?
¿Que aprendimos del primer y segundo Taller?

- People do not like the Delta Conveyance project but are prepared to discuss the Community Benefit Program.
- People suggested some language changes to the concept, purpose, objectives, and funding categories of the Community Benefits Program.
- People made thoughtful and comprehensive suggestions about funding ideas to possibly include in a Delta Fund.

- A la gente no le gusta el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, pero está preparada para discutir el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.
- La gente sugirió algunas mejoras en el lenguaje del concepto, propósito, objetivos, y categorías de fondos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.
- Las personas hicieron sugerencias bien pensadas y comprensivas sobre ideas de financiación para posiblemente incluir un Fondo del Delta.

We Need Your Input
Necesitamos su opinión

What are your thoughts about:

- Targeted Hiring
- Local Business Utilization
- Integrated Infrastructure
- Community Engagement

¿Cuáles son tus pensamientos sobre?:

- Contratación Dirigida
- Utilización de Empresas locales
- Infraestructura Integrada
- Participación de la Comunidad

Community Engagement Moving Forward: What are the best practices?
La Participación de la Comunidad Avanza: ¿Cuáles son las Mejores Prácticas?

- Reach out to grassroots and interest groups that do not always have a voice or participate
- Inform participants that their input does not depend on supporting the Delta Conveyance project
- Provide resources to public to help develop their input and proposals
- Manage an open collaborative process to encourage broad community participation

- Comuníquese con grupos de base y de interés que no siempre tienen voz o no participan
- Informar a los participantes que sus aportes no dependen del apoyo al proyecto Delta Conveyance
- Proporcionar recursos al público para ayudar a desarrollar sus aportes y propuestas
- Gestionar un proceso colaborativo abierto para fomentar una amplia participación comunitaria

Community Engagement Moving Forward: What are the best practices?
La Participación de la Comunidad Avanza: ¿Cuáles son las Mejores Prácticas?

- Ensure transparency by recording all meetings and sharing information publicly
- Build on plans and strategies that have already been developed in community
- Identify existing or create new partners to represent community interests
- Ensure benefits are fair and proportional to project impacts
- Provide clear oversight and monitoring to ensure sponsor and recipients are meeting their responsibilities

- Garantice la transparencia grabando todas las reuniones y compartiendo información públicamente
- Construir sobre planes y estrategias que ya se han desarrollado en la comunidad
- Identificar socios existentes o crear nuevos para representar los intereses de la comunidad.
- Asegurar que los beneficios sean justos y proporcionales a los impactos del proyecto
- Proporcionar una supervisión y un seguimiento claros para garantizar que el patrocinador y los destinatarios cumplan con sus responsabilidades

Turning the Framework into a Program
Convertir el Marco en un Programa

- Define group or groups needed
  - Delta Fund Development
  - Economic Development
  - Integrated Infrastructure
- Identify steps for:
  - Recruitment
  - Formation
  - Decision making
- Create a charter(s)
  - Process, tenets, metrics, objectives, timeline

- Definir grupo o grupos necesarios
  - Desarrollo del Fondo Delta
  - Desarrollo economico
  - Infraestructura Integrada
- Identifique los pasos para:
  - Reclutamiento
  - Formación
  - Toma de decisiones
- Crear una carta (s)
  - Proceso, principios, métricas, objetivos, cronograma

Future Actions
Acciones Futuras

1. Provide tools to the community with in-depth information about how other Community Benefits Programs or Agreements have been developed
   - Workshop?
   - Informational resources?

2. Interview Delta residents about preferences for community engagement and program development.

1. Brindar herramientas a la comunidad con información detallada sobre cómo se han desarrollado otros Acuerdos o Programas de Beneficios Comunitarios.
   - ¿Taller?
   - ¿Recursos Informativos?

2. Entreviste a los residentes de Delta sobre las preferencias de participación comunitaria y desarrollo de programas.

Public Input
Aporte Público

Do you have any other ideas to share?

¿Tiene otras ideas para compartir?

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Next Steps
Próximos Pasos

- Meeting report summarizing your input
- Draft Community Benefits Program Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR, expected mid-2022
- Meanwhile, DWR will provide tools and resources to the community to help further develop the Community Benefits Program

- Informe de la reunión que resuma su aporte
- El Borrador del Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios se incluirá como un apéndice en el Borrador del EIR, previsto para mediado de 2022
- Mientras tanto, DWR proveerá herramientas y recursos a la comunidad para apoyar en el desarrollo del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Ways to Stay Informed
Modos de Mantenerse Informado(a)

water.ca.gov

- Programs/ Programas
  - State Water Project/ Proyecto de Agua Estatal
    - Delta Conveyance/ Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Twitter

@CA_DWR

Project Hotline/ Línea directa del proyecto

866.924.9955

Project Email/ Email del Proyecto

DeltaConveyance@water.ca.gov

Thank You for Participating!

¡Gracias por su participación!

Meeting Summary
Community Benefits Program Workshop
Delta Conveyance Project
California Department of Water Resources
May 25, 2021, 6pm - 8pm

Meeting Synopsis

On May 25, 88 people attended the third Community Benefits Program Workshop. Royce Fast, President of the Kern County Water Agency, Board of Directors, welcomed participants. Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager, Department of Water Resources (DWR), reviewed how the Community Benefits Program fits into the Delta Conveyance Project and described the proposed Community Benefits Program. Graham Bradner, Executive Director of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) reviewed the Community Benefits Program economic development and integrated benefits program component.

DWR is proposing a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Background on the proposed program is available on the Delta Conveyance Project https://water.ca.gov/deltaconveyance.This third Workshop focused on ensuring participants understand the Community Benefits Program, providing a recap from of the first two workshops, and receiving input and feedback from participants on opportunities for economic development, including targeted hiring, local business utilization, and integrated infrastructure. Participants provided input via Zoom polls, asking questions, and making suggestions. The Workshop concluded with how DWR will use participant input to develop the Community Benefits Program Framework. DWR will include the Framework as an appendix to the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Workshop participants represented the following California Counties:

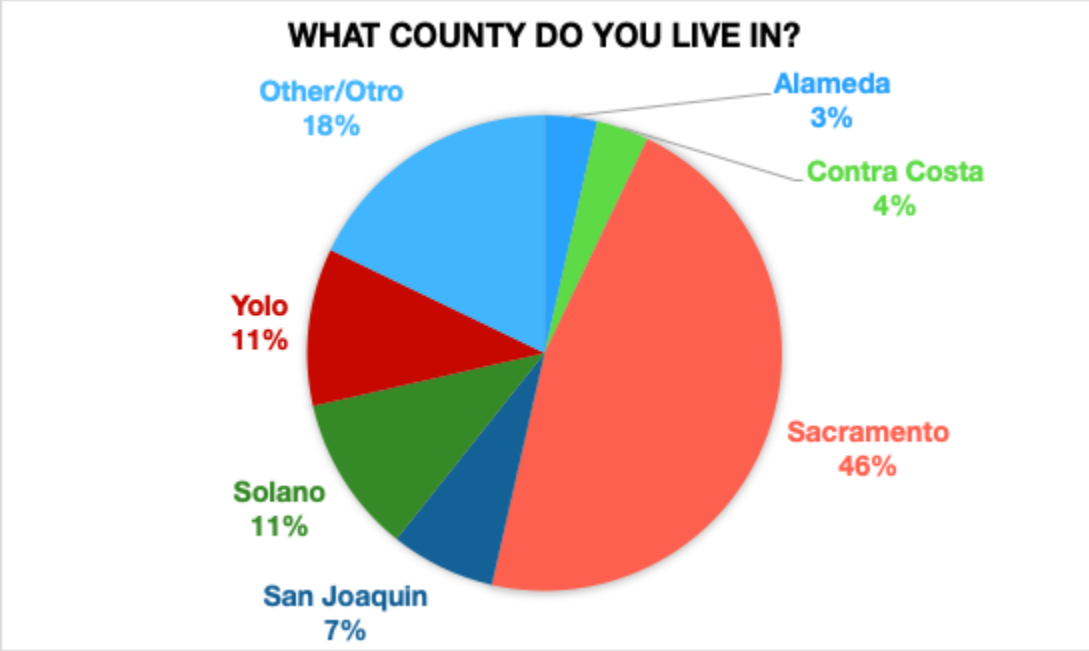


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This meeting summary paraphrases individual comments and suggestions from participants in the Community Benefits Program Workshop.
All materials are available to participants at the DWR website.
For questions, please contact DWR at DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov 1-866-924-9955.

Welcome and Introductions

Juliana Birkhoff, Managing Facilitator, Ag Innovations, introduced Royce Fast. She explained that Mr. Fast is the President of the Kern County Water Agency Board of Directors. She said that Mr. Fast is involved in the State Water Project, the Delta Conveyance Project, and local groundwater management projects. Mr. Fast is from Bakersfield and is a fourth-generation farmer..

Mr. Fast welcomed participants to the Community Benefit Workshop. He said the Community Benefits Fund is an important part of the Delta Conveyance Project. For the Community Benefits Program to work, he explained, DWR and the participating water agencies need to hear the ideas of the Delta community. He said he was a fourth-generation farmer and knows there are many multi-generation farmers in the Delta. He recognized the Delta as an extremely important agricultural region. He noted that no one understands the needs of the region better than the people that live, farm, and work in the Delta. He said any Community Benefits Fund should include projects and programs that reflect the needs of the local community. Mr. Fast explained that participants are the best people to define what Delta community needs are. He concluded with an appreciation for the participants ideas and time.

Delta Conveyance Project and Community Benefits Program Overview

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, DWR, presented the purpose of the Delta Conveyance Project. Ms. Buckman started by noting that State Water Project (SWP) infrastructure is aging. She said that modernizing SWP infrastructure would restore and protect the future reliability of SWP water deliveries. Ms. Buckman outlined that the proposed project is designed to modernize the infrastructure in a cost-effective way and is consistent with California's Water Resilience Portfolio.

Ms. Buckman described the four Delta Conveyance Project objectives. These are:

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

Ms. Buckman also outlined the timeline for the proposed project, identifying the next major milestone as the release of a public review Draft Environmental Impact Report in early to mid-2022. A PDF version of the PowerPoint presentation and a link to the recorded Workshop can be found at https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community%20Benefits%20Program Ms. Buckman explained that the Community Benefits Program is part of DWR's approach to addressing impacts from Delta Conveyance Project construction and operations that are not addressed through traditional mitigation. She clarified that regulatory mitigation would address proposed project impacts based on requirements in environmental regulations. Ms. Buckman said the proposed Community Benefits Program would provide resources for direct benefits to communities most impacted by project implementation. She described the proposed Ombudsman Program as a program to provide information, explore complaints, and provide compensation for potential unforeseen construction impacts. Taken together, DWR proposes the three processes to address community impacts.

Ms. Buckman outlined five core commitments for the proposed Community Benefits Program. She described the five commitments as:

1. **Transparent:** open process to collaborate effectively
2. **Constructive:** participation in good faith with the community to create a positive legacy
3. **Inclusive:** broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. **Fair:** benefits related to localized nature of effects

5. **Unconditional:** community benefits are not dependent on support for the projectMs. Buckman explained that the Community Benefits Fund is a proposed fund to support grassroots developed ideas for the Delta community. She explained that DWR proposed creating the Community Benefits Program to acknowledge:

- The direct project benefits are not located inside the Delta.
- If the project is approved, the project could have potential adverse effects on the Delta through construction.
- The limitations of traditional environmental mitigation.

Ms. Buckman explained that DWR has heard suggestion about the Community Benefits program through interviews, and two online public workshops. DWR has heard:

- People do not like the Delta Conveyance project but are prepared to discuss the Community Benefit Program
- There are revisions to the concept, purpose, objectives, and funding categories of the Community Benefits Program.
- Many thoughtful and comprehensive suggestions about funding ideas to possibly include in a Delta Fund

Economic Development and Integrated Benefits

Graham Bradner, Executive Director of the Delta Conveyance DCA explained the economic development and integrated project benefits of the Community Benefits Program. The DCA helps design, develop, and, if approved, implement the proposed Delta Conveyance program. Mr. Bradner's presentation focused on potential facilities and locations, economic development, and integrated project benefits or "Leave Behinds". To begin Mr. Bradner reviewed the location and facilities for the proposed project. He pointed out the proposed locations for intakes, tunnels, pumping plants, forebays, and the South Delta conveyance facilities.

Mr. Bradner explained that there are two key areas of economic development which include targeted hiring and business participation programs. The goal would be to find ways to target portions of the massive investment required to deliver the Delta Conveyance Project toward the regions most impacted by construction and populations or businesses that have historically been disadvantaged in public works contracting.

Throughout the presentation, participants used the chat function to ask questions and participated in Zoom polls to give feedback on each segment.

Target Hiring

Mr. Bradner explained target hiring as an opportunity to increase participation of socially or economically disadvantaged workers in a project or program. He said targeted hiring programs can create long-lasting economic stability for targeted workers. The programs can provide an economic stimulus within their communities. Mr. Bradner noted that most successful programs include partnerships with existing jobs training, pre-apprenticeship, and other workforce development organizations to help create a pipeline of qualified workers. Mr. Bradner provided a case study of 8 different example targeted hiring programs and highlighted differences in their implementation.

- A participant asked if there would be limitation on the kinds of construction workers who would be in the targeted hire program. For example, would the program only include union workers, only women, or are these just example ideas?
    - Mr. Bradner responded that he was presenting ideas to illustrate varieties in different programs. Targeted businesses could include small businesses, emerging small businesses, veteran, women, black, indigenous, people of color owned. A wide variety of businesses could be included.

Mr. Bradner asked participants to provide input, via Zoom poll, about targeted hiring. Below are participants responses to the poll:

Your Input on Targeted Hiring Program	
The targeted hiring program sounds great, just what we need!	0%
The targeted hiring program is a good idea but needs to be adapted to the Delta.	80%
No, targeted hiring is not for us.	10%
I do not know or do not have an opinion, maybe I do not understand, or maybe I need more time to think about It.	10%

Business Participation Programs

Mr. Bradner explained that business participation programs address the effects of past discrimination by increasing participation of disadvantaged businesses in public contracting. The programs provide guidance or mandates that a percentage of all services, goods, or materials must come from targeted businesses. These programs can direct contracting or contracting advantages to specific business types where a characteristic can benefit work performance.

He further explained that the programs can create sustainable businesses and economic stimulus; close to 50% of all Californians are employed by small businesses. Mr. Bradner provided a case study of 3 different example business participation programs and highlighted differences in their implementation.

- A participant asked if there were specific, small business targets?
    - Mr. Bradner explained that it was too early for specific business targets. Different programs vary in how they approach business participation. The case studies show different approaches.

Your Input on Business Participation Program?	
A business participation program will have a great economic benefit for the Delta.	14%
This is a good idea, but it needs to be tailored to the Delta to have much effect.	55%
This is not a good idea for us, not worth the energy and resources to develop.	0%
I do not know of do not have an opinion, maybe I need more information or just to think about It some more.	32%

Integrated infrastructure or “Leave Behinds.”

Mr. Bradner explained integrated infrastructure or “Leave Behinds”. He said as the state constructs the Delta Conveyance Project it may be possible to integrate a public benefit with the functional requirements of the Project.. For example, the construction could add bike paths along haul routes, a ball field around a maintenance area, or a public walking path near intake areas. Mr. Bradner said that integrated benefits might include other ideas, such as extending high speed internet service. Mr. Bradner provided a case study of an example project with integrated infrastructure and additional examples of integrated site beneficial uses and utility and logistics dual benefits.

Mr. Bradner asked participants for feedback on integrated infrastructure ideas through a Zoom poll. These are the results:

Do you support the idea of "co-siting" community needs and project facilities?	
Yes	73%
No	5%
I do not know or have an opinion yet.	23%

- A participant wondered if the program would go forward if the Delta Conveyance Project was not permitted.
    - Mr. Bradner explained that The Community Benefits Program is part of the Delta Conveyance Project. If the Delta Conveyance Project does not move forward, then the business utilization and integrated benefits would also not be implemented.

- A participant asked if the any of the integrated infrastructure locations could flood in case of levee failure.
    - Mr. Bradner responded that it is not possible to answer because they have not been determined yet. Certainly, the considerations of flooding would be a key factor of future design.

Community Engagement in Ongoing Program Development Overview and Discussion

The facilitator also asked participants to provide information and input on the next steps to develop the Community Benefits Program.

- What does the Delta community need to provide input on the program?
- Ideas and suggestions on next steps and structure/organization?

General Public Input and Feedback

What does the Delta community need to provide input on the program?

- A participant said he understand the desire for the project and did understand that everybody needs water. However, he wanted to know how the project address adverse construction effects. Would DWR consider adverse effects after construction, for example, Delta water quality or levee failure?
    - Ms. Buckman explained that as part of the environmental analysis process, DWR is looking at the potential environmental impacts associated with both the current and long-term operation of the project. She explained that DWR would look at the impact to build and operate the project. She noted that if DWR finds significant adverse effects, there will be measures to avoid or reduce or mitigate the effects.
    - She also explained that people suggested levee improvements and water quality in previous workshops. Levee improvements could provide benefits and could live on throughout the implementation of the project.

- Another participant asked if the business program could include levee maintenance businesses?
    - Mr. Bradner responded that the program could be open to local qualified small businesses. Examples such as levee maintenance might be the kind of business that could be supported.

- Another participant noted that previous meetings discussed a range of community benefits in several categories. However, the discussion about targeted hiring, utilizing local business, and integrating infrastructure in the existing facilities, seems limited to large infrastructure. What happened to all the ideas discussed at the last Workshop?
    - Ms. Buckman responded that DWR understands this is large infrastructure project. The project will need a qualified workforce and local businesses to support it. DWR is developing approaches to create long-lasting economic benefits for the region. The goal is to develop programs and economic development that lives well beyond the construction phase of this project.
    - She explained that integrated design benefits may be unrelated to the actual design of the actual project. Some regional or local benefits might include power for local communities who need a more reliable source of power or creating more high-speed internet to the local communities. She explained that these ideas are not required as part of the project, necessarily, but they would be benefits for the people who are living and dealing with this project during construction.
    - For the other Community Benefits ideas, all the project ideas that people had from the last Workshop have been added to ideas from tribal Workshop and interviews. There is a long list of ideas, independent of the Project, that the Community Benefits Program could fund if it is approved. This list will be attached to the Community Benefits Program Framework.

- A participant asked if DWR has concluded if construction work around this project will use project labor agreements? Has DWR decided that construction work will be union only or if there will be opportunities for non-signatory contractors. Would DWR use non-signatory contractors' workforces and apprenticeship programs?
    - Mr. Bradner responded that DWR and DCA were still in the early phases. The goal is to hear from the community about what could be beneficial. DWR and DCA do not have a plan that lays out how we would specifically accomplish the types of benefits that the community might ask for.

- A participant said the Delta Conveyance Project carries water south and has no connection whatsoever with improving or restoring the Delta water quality. What is the goal for the water project and what will it do for Delta water?
    - Ms. Buckman responded that DWR was the owner and operator of the SWP. The purpose of the Delta Conveyance Project is for DWR to restore and protect the water supplies to the Central Valley, parts of the Bay Area, parts of the Central Coast, and Southern California. The Community Benefits Program can provide a way to provide Delta benefits. For example, many people have suggested ideas to improve Delta water quality through the Community Benefits Program.

- A participant noted that everyone agrees that Delta suffers from a lack of good internet service. So, it makes sense to provide that. It is also important to reduce project footprints. If leaving behind sports fields and bike paths creates a bigger footprint, then it might not be worthwhile. It is also important to remember there are regionally based needs within the Delta itself. Something that works in the North Delta might not work in the south part of the Delta or the central part of the Delta and vice versa. It will be important to understand the different needs of Delta communities.
    - Mr. Bradner said he appreciated that minimizing footprints made sense.

- A participant asked if natural habitat restoration could be a leave behind?
    - Ms. Buckman responded that as part of the environmental processes under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DWR will be analyzing potential effects and identifying mitigation. There will be habitat restoration actions as part of the mitigation measures that are required as part of the Environmental Impact Report.

    - However, there is the potential for habitat restoration, in addition to what is required by CEQA, to be part of a Community Benefits Program. For example, as DWR looks at facilities, the construction area may be larger than the permanent long-term footprint. One idea is to return some of that area to agricultural use, or flood protection, or habitat restoration.

- A participant explained his understanding of the construction and operations impact of the project. He explained that he had not heard any ideas of how the Community Benefits Program would address those concerns. He said there were economic, traffic, water, and agricultural impacts. He did not see how anything proposed would address all the projects going on in the area. How would these programs address floods, drought, there are too many agencies involved and too many projects going on in this area to keep track of everything. Under climate change scenarios, flooding and drought will be more extreme. He concluded that he did not see how DWR would address all the impacts that will result from the project.
    - Ms. Buckman noted that the Delta Conveyance Project is designed to provide reliability for the SWP. DWR will include an assessment of flood and traffic effects municipalities and legacy communities in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). DWR will also be looking at possible traffic effects of construction roads, construction workers, or construction equipment coming in and out of the Twin Cities. If DWR finds any effects, the EIR will propose ways to mitigate that impact. The Environmental Impact Report will be available for the public in mid-2022.
    - Ms. Buckman acknowledged there are a lot of different efforts in the Delta. DWR will look at the cumulative effect of past, present, and future projects. That analysis will be a part of the Environmental Impact Report.

- A participant asked if DWR was exploring other alternatives to the Delta Conveyance Project.
    - Ms. Buckman responded that DWR is the owner and operator of the SWP. It will not meet the SWP fundamental project purpose if DWR leaves it to degrade. DWR will examine the environmental impact of a “no project” alternative in the EIR. DWR will also conduct a cost-benefit analysis that, in conjunction with the environmental analysis, will be considered before decisions are made regarding potential approval of the Project.

- A participant commented that Delta is a water-based agricultural and recreational region. Any project that impacts the Delta as a viable agricultural and recreational region based around water is a problem. Community Benefit Program or economic development ideas need to focus on the characteristics of the Delta as it is. He noted that there should be good jobs, especially for people in Sacramento and Elk Grove. But the leave behind should focus on projects that support the Delta's character.

- A participant asked where was the best place to find the most up-to-date information about the Delta Conveyance Project?
    - Mr. Bradner responded that there was up to date information on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority website at https://www.dcdca.org. The DCA website includes virtual tours for the entire project. This will give you a flyby of the entire project from one end to the other, you can see where all the features are. There is also information on Facebook and YouTube.

Next Steps

The facilitator thanked participants. She noted that there would be a meeting summary posted on the Website. The draft Community Benefits Program Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR, expected Mid-2022. Meanwhile, DWR will provide tools and resources to the community to help further develop the Community Benefits Program.

Resumen de la Reunión
Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios
Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta
Departamento de Recursos Hídricos de California
25 de mayo del 2021, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sinopsis de la Reunión

El 25 de mayo, 88 personas asistieron al tercer Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Royce Fast, presidente de la Junta Directiva de la Agencia de Agua del Condado de Kern, dio la bienvenida a los participantes. Carrie Buckman, Gerente del Programa Ambiental, Departamento de Recursos Hídricos (DWR, por sus siglas en inglés), revisó cómo encaja el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios en el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y describió el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto. Graham Bradner, Director Ejecutivo de la Autoridad de Construcción y Diseño del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta (DCA, por sus siglas en inglés) revisó el componente del programa de desarrollo económico y beneficios integrados del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

DWR propone un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Los antecedentes del programa propuesto están disponibles en Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta https://water.ca.gov/deltaconveyance. Este tercer taller se centró en garantizar que los participantes comprendan el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios, brindando un resumen de los dos primeros talleres y recibiendo comentarios y comentarios de los participantes sobre las oportunidades de desarrollo económico, incluida la contratación dirigida, la utilización de negocios locales y la infraestructura integrada. Los participantes proporcionaron información a través de encuestas de Zoom, haciendo preguntas y sugerencias. El Taller concluyó con la forma en que DWR utilizará las aportaciones de los participantes para desarrollar el Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. DWR incluirá el Marco como un apéndice al Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental del proyecto.

Los participantes del taller representaron los siguientes Condados de California:

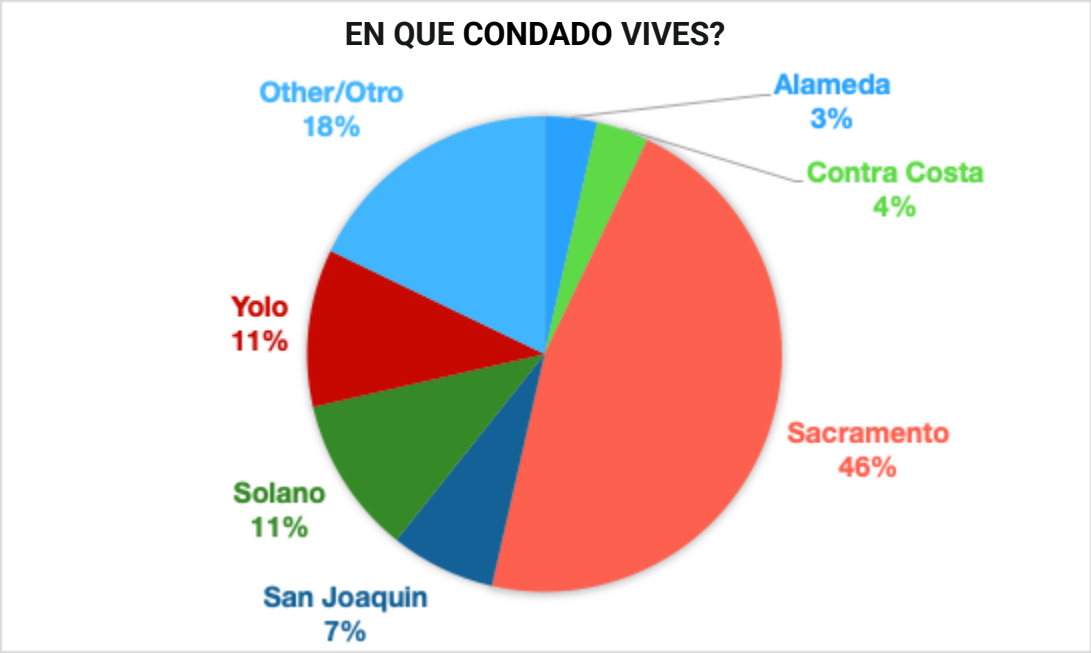


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Este resumen de la reunión parafrasea los comentarios individuales y las sugerencias de los participantes en el Taller del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Todos los materiales están disponibles para los participantes en el DWR de internetsite.
Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con DWR al DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov 1-866-924-9955.

Bienvenida y Presentaciones

Juliana Birkhoff, Facilitadora Administrativa, Ag Innovations, presentó Royce Fast. Explicó que el Sr. Fast es el Presidente de la Junta Directiva de la Agencia de Agua del Condado de Kern. Ella dijo que el Sr. Fast está involucrado en el Proyecto de Agua del Estado, el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y Proyectos locales de gestión de aguas subterráneas. Mr. Fast es de Bakersfield y es un agricultor de cuarta generación.

El Sr. Fast dio la bienvenida a los participantes al Taller de Beneficios Comunitarios. Dijo que el Fondo de Beneficios Comunitarios es una parte importante del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Para que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios funcione, explicó, DWR y las agencias de agua participantes deben escuchar las ideas de la comunidad de Delta. Dijo que era un agricultor de cuarta generación y sabía que hay muchos agricultores multigeneracionales en el Delta. Reconoció el Delta como una región agrícola extremadamente importante. Señaló que nadie comprende mejor las necesidades de la región que la gente que vive, cultiva y trabaja en el Delta. Dijo que cualquier Fondo de Beneficios Comunitarios debería incluir proyectos y programas que reflejen las necesidades de la comunidad local. El Sr. Fast explicó que los participantes son las mejores personas para definir cuáles son las necesidades de la comunidad de Delta. Concluyó agradeciendo las ideas y el tiempo de los participantes.

Descripción General del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta y del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios

Carrie Buckman, Gerente del Programa Ambiental para el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, DWR, presentó el propósito del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. La Sra. Buckman comenzó señalando que la infraestructura del Proyecto de Agua Estatal (SWP, por sus siglas en inglés) está envejeciendo. Dijo que la modernización de la infraestructura de SWP restauraría y protegería la confiabilidad futura de las entregas de agua de SWP. La Sra. Buckman destacó que el proyecto propuesto está diseñado para modernizar la infraestructura de una manera rentable y coherente con la Cartera de Resiliencia del Agua de California.

La Sra. Buckman describió los cuatro objetivos del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Estos son:

- Abordar el aumento del nivel del mar y el cambio climático.
- Minimizar el suministro de agua y las interrupciones debido al riesgo sísmico.
- Proteger la confiabilidad del suministro de agua.
- Proporcionar flexibilidad operativa para mejorar las condiciones acuáticas.

La Sra. Buckman también describió el cronograma para el proyecto propuesto, identificando el próximo hito importante como la publicación de un Borrador del Informe de Impacto Ambiental de revisión pública a principios o mediados de 2022. Se puede encontrar una versión en PDF de la presentación de PowerPoint y un enlace al taller grabado en https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community%20Benefits%20Program La Sra. Buckman explicó que El Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios es parte del enfoque de DWR para abordar los impactos de la construcción y las operaciones del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta que no se abordan mediante la mitigación tradicional. Aclaró que la mitigación regulatoria abordaría los impactos del proyecto propuesto según los requisitos de las regulaciones ambientales. La Sra. Buckman dijo que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto proporcionaría recursos para beneficios directos a las comunidades más afectadas por la implementación del proyecto. Describió el Programa del Defensor del Pueblo propuesto como un programa para proporcionar información, explorar quejas y proporcionar compensación por posibles impactos imprevistos de la construcción. En conjunto, DWR propone los tres procesos para abordar los impactos comunitarios.

La Sra. Buckman describió cinco compromisos básicos para el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios propuesto. Ella describió los cinco compromisos como:

1. **Transparente**: proceso abierto para colaborar de forma eficaz
2. **Constructivo**: participación de buena fe con la comunidad para crear un legado positivo
3. **Inclusivo**: amplia participación de las partes interesadas para ampliar la captura de voces
4. **Justo**: beneficios relacionados con la naturaleza localizada de los efectos.
5. **Incondicional**: los beneficios para la comunidad no dependen del apoyo al proyecto.

La Sra. Buckman explicó que el Fondo de Beneficios Comunitarios es un fondo propuesto para apoyar las ideas desarrolladas de base para la comunidad de Delta. Explicó que DWR propuso crear el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios para reconocer:

- Los beneficios directos del proyecto no se encuentran dentro del Delta.
- Si se aprueba el proyecto, el proyecto podría tener posibles efectos adversos en el Delta a través de la construcción.
- Las limitaciones de la mitigación ambiental tradicional.

La Sra. Buckman explicó que DWR ha escuchado sugerencias sobre el programa de Beneficios Comunitarios a través de entrevistas y dos talleres públicos en línea. DWR ha escuchado:

- A las personas no les gusta el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, pero están preparadas para discutir el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.
- Hay revisiones al concepto, propósito, objetivos y categorías de financiamiento del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.
- Muchas sugerencias bien pensadas y completas sobre ideas de financiación para incluir posiblemente en un Fondo Delta.

Desarrollo Económico y Beneficios Integrados

Graham Bradner, Director Ejecutivo del DAC (por sus siglas en inglees) del Agua a Través del Delta, explicó el desarrollo económico y los beneficios integrados del proyecto del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. El DCA ayuda a diseñar, desarrollar y, si se aprueba, implementar el programa de Agua a Través del Delta propuesto. La presentación del Sr. Bradner se centró en las instalaciones y ubicaciones potenciales, el desarrollo económico y los beneficios integrados del proyecto o "Dejar atrás". Para comenzar, el Sr. Bradner revisó la ubicación y las instalaciones del proyecto propuesto. Señaló las ubicaciones propuestas para tomas, túneles, plantas de bombeo, terraplenes y las instalaciones de Agua a Través del Delta sur.

El Sr. Bradner explicó que hay dos áreas clave de desarrollo económico que incluyen programas de contratación y participación de negocios específicos. El objetivo sería encontrar formas de orientar partes de la inversión masiva requerida para entregar el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta hacia las regiones más afectadas por la construcción y las poblaciones o negocios que históricamente han estado en desventaja en la contratación de obras públicas.

A lo largo de la presentación, los participantes utilizaron la función de chat para hacer preguntas y participaron en las encuestas de Zoom para dar su opinión sobre cada segmento.

Contratación de Destino

El Sr. Bradner explicó la contratación de objetivos como una oportunidad para aumentar la participación de los trabajadores en desventaja social o económica en un proyecto o programa. Dijo que los programas de contratación específicos pueden crear una estabilidad económica duradera para los trabajadores seleccionados. Los programas pueden proporcionar un estímulo económico dentro de sus comunidades. El Sr. Bradner señaló que los programas más exitosos incluyen asociaciones con capacitación laboral

existente, pre-aprendizaje y otras organizaciones de desarrollo de la fuerza laboral para ayudar a crear una línea de trabajadores calificados. El Sr. Bradner proporcionó un estudio de caso de 8 ejemplos diferentes de programas de contratación específicos y destacó las diferencias en su implementación.

- Un participante preguntó si habría limitaciones en los tipos de trabajadores de la construcción que estarían en el programa de contratación específica. Por ejemplo, ¿el programa solo incluiría trabajadores sindicalizados, solo mujeres, o son solo ideas de ejemplo?
    - El Sr. Bradner respondió que estaba presentando ideas para ilustrar variedades en diferentes programas. Los negocios metan podrían incluir pequeños negocios, pequeños negocios emergentes, veteranos, mujeres, negros, indígenas, propiedad de personas de color. Se podría incluir una amplia variedad de negocios.

El Sr. Bradner pidió a los participantes que dieran su opinión, a través de la encuesta de Zoom, sobre la contratación dirigida. A continuación, se muestran las respuestas de los participantes a la encuesta:

Su Opinión sobre el Programa de Contratación Dirigida	
El programa de contratación dirigida suena genial, ¡justo lo que necesitamos!	0%
El programa de contratación dirigida es una buena idea, pero debe adaptarse al Delta.	80%
No, la contratación dirigida no es para nosotros.	10%
No sé o no tengo opinión, quizás no entiendo, o quizás necesito más tiempo para pensarlo.	10%

Programas de Participación de Negocios

El Sr. Bradner explicó que los programas de participación de negocios abordan los efectos de la discriminación pasada aumentando la participación de negocios desfavorecidos en la contratación pública. Los programas brindan orientación o establecen que un porcentaje de todos los servicios, bienes o materiales deben provenir de negocios específicos. Estos programas pueden dirigir las ventajas de contratación o contratación a tipos de negocios específicos donde una característica puede beneficiar el desempeño laboral.

Explicó además que los programas pueden crear negocios sostenibles y estímulo económico; cerca del 50% de todos los Californianos son empleados de pequeños negocios. El Sr. Bradner proporcionó un estudio de caso de 3 programas de participación de negocios de ejemplo diferentes y destacó las diferencias en su implementación.

- Un participante preguntó si había objetivos específicos para pequeños negocios.
    - El Sr. Bradner explicó que era demasiado pronto para objetivos de negocios específicos. Los diferentes programas varían en la forma en que abordan la participación de negocios. Los estudios de caso muestran diferentes enfoques.

¿Su Opinión Sobre el Programa de Participación de Negocios?	
Un programa de participación de negocios tendrá un gran beneficio económico para el Delta.	14%
Esta es una buena idea, pero debe adaptarse al Delta para que tenga mucho efecto.	55%

Esta no es una buena idea para nosotros, no vale la pena la energía y los recursos para desarrollarla.	0%
No sé, no tengo una opinión, tal vez necesito más información o simplemente pensar en ello un poco más.	32%

Infraestructura integrada o "Dejar Atrás"

El Sr. Bradner explicó la infraestructura integrada o "Dejar Atrás". Dijo que mientras el estado construye el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta, es posible que se integre un beneficio público con los requisitos funcionales del Proyecto. Por ejemplo, la construcción podría agregar carriles para bicicletas a lo largo de las rutas de Agua a Través del Delta, un campo de juego alrededor de un área de mantenimiento, o un camino público para caminar cerca de las áreas de entrada. Bradner dijo que los beneficios integrados podrían incluir otras ideas, como extender el servicio de Internet de alta velocidad. El Sr. Bradner proporcionó un estudio de caso de un proyecto de ejemplo con infraestructura integrada y ejemplos adicionales de usos beneficiosos del sitio integrados y beneficios duales de servicios públicos y logística.

Bradner pidió a los participantes comentarios sobre las ideas de infraestructura integrada a través de una encuesta de Zoom. Estos son los resultados:

¿Apoya la idea de "compartir" las necesidades de la comunidad y las instalaciones del proyecto?	
Sí	73%
No	5%
No lo sé ni tengo una opinión todavía.	23%

- Un participante se preguntó si el programa seguiría adelante si no se permitiera el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.
    - El Sr. Bradner explicó que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios es parte del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Si el Proyecto de Agua a Través de Delta no avanza, la utilización de negocios y los beneficios integrados tampoco se implementarán.

- Un participante preguntó si alguna de las ubicaciones de infraestructura integrada podría inundarse en caso de falla del dique.
    - El Sr. Bradner respondió que no es posible responder porque aún no se han determinado. Ciertamente, las consideraciones de inundaciones serían un factor clave del diseño futuro.

Participación de la Comunidad en la Discusión y Descripción General del Desarrollo Continuo del Programa

El facilitador también pidió a los participantes que proporcionaran información y aportes sobre los próximos pasos para desarrollar el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

- ¿Qué necesita la comunidad del Delta para aportar su opinión sobre el programa?
- ¿Ideas y sugerencias sobre los próximos pasos y estructura / organización?

Comentarios y Opiniones del Público en General

¿Qué necesita la comunidad del Delta para aportar su opinión sobre el programa?

- Un participante dijo que entendía el deseo del proyecto y comprendió que todo el mundo necesita agua. Sin embargo, quería saber cómo el proyecto aborda los efectos adversos de la construcción. ¿DWR consideraría los efectos adversos después de la construcción, por ejemplo, la calidad del agua del Delta o la falla de un dique?
    - La Sra. Buckman explicó que, como parte del proceso de análisis ambiental, DWR está analizando los impactos ambientales potenciales asociados con la operación actual y a largo plazo del proyecto. Explicó que DWR analizaría el impacto de construir y operar el proyecto. Señaló que, si DWR encuentra efectos adversos significativos, habrá medidas para evitar, reducir o mitigar los efectos.
    - También explicó que la gente sugirió mejoras en los diques y la calidad del agua en talleres anteriores. Las mejoras en el dique podrían proporcionar beneficios y podrían sobrevivir a lo largo de la implementación del proyecto.

- Otro participante preguntó si el programa de negocios podría incluir negocios de mantenimiento de diques.
    - El Sr. Bradner respondió que el programa podría estar abierto a pequeños negocios locales calificadas. Ejemplos como el mantenimiento de diques podrían ser el tipo de negocio que podría recibir apoyo.

- Otro participante señaló que las reuniones anteriores discutieron una gama de beneficios para la comunidad en varias categorías. Sin embargo, la discusión sobre la contratación dirigida, la utilización de negocios locales y la integración de la infraestructura en las instalaciones existentes parece limitarse a una gran infraestructura. ¿Qué pasó con todas las ideas discutidas en el último Taller?
    - La Sra. Buckman respondió que DWR entiende que este es un gran proyecto de infraestructura. El proyecto necesitará mano de obra calificada y negocios locales para respaldarlo. DWR está desarrollando enfoques para crear beneficios económicos duraderos para la región. El objetivo es desarrollar programas y un desarrollo económico que viva mucho más allá de la fase de construcción de este proyecto.
    - Explicó que los beneficios del diseño integrado pueden no estar relacionados con el diseño real del proyecto real. Algunos beneficios regionales o locales podrían incluir energía para las comunidades locales que necesitan una fuente de energía más confiable o crear más Internet de alta velocidad para las comunidades locales. Explicó que estas ideas no son necesarias como parte del proyecto, necesariamente, pero serían beneficios para las personas que están viviendo y lidiando con este proyecto durante la construcción.
    - Para las otras ideas de Beneficios para la Comunidad, todas las ideas de proyectos que la gente tuvo del último Taller se han agregado a las ideas del Taller tribal y las entrevistas. Existe una larga lista de ideas, independientes del Proyecto, que el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios podría financiar si se aprueba. Esta lista se adjuntará al Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

- Un participante preguntó si DWR ha concluido si el trabajo de construcción en torno a este proyecto utilizará los acuerdos laborales del proyecto. ¿Ha decidido DWR que el trabajo de construcción será solo de sindicatos o si habrá oportunidades para contratistas no signatarios? ¿DWR utilizaría la fuerza laboral y los programas de aprendizaje de los contratistas no signatarios?
    - El Sr. Bradner respondió que DWR y DCA todavía estaban en las primeras fases. El objetivo es escuchar a la comunidad sobre lo que podría ser beneficioso. DWR y DCA no tienen un plan que establezca cómo lograríamos específicamente los tipos de beneficios que la comunidad podría solicitar.

- Un participante dijo que el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta lleva agua hacia el sur y no tiene ninguna conexión con la mejora o restauración de la calidad del agua del Delta. ¿Cuál es el objetivo del proyecto de agua y qué hará por el agua del Delta?

- La Sra. Buckman respondió que DWR era el propietario y operador del SWP. El propósito del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta es que DWR restaure y proteja los suministros de agua al Valle Central, partes del Área de la Bahía, partes de la Costa Central y el Sur de California. El Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios puede proporcionar una forma de proporcionar beneficios de Delta. Por ejemplo, muchas personas han sugerido ideas para mejorar la calidad del agua del Delta a través del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

- Un participante señaló que todos están de acuerdo en que el Delta padece de una falta de un buen servicio de Internet. Entonces, tiene sentido proporcionar eso. También es importante reducir la huella del proyecto. Si dejar atrás campos deportivos y senderos para bicicletas crea una huella más grande, entonces puede que no valga la pena. También es importante recordar que existen necesidades regionales dentro del propio Delta. Algo que funciona en el Delta del norte puede no funcionar en la parte sur del Delta o en la parte central del Delta y viceversa. Será importante comprender las diferentes necesidades de las comunidades del Delta.
  - El Sr. Bradner dijo que apreciaba que minimizar las huellas tuviera sentido.

- Un participante preguntó si la restauración del hábitat natural podría dejar atrás.
  - La Sra. Buckman respondió que como parte de los procesos ambientales bajo la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California (CEQA), DWR analizará los efectos potenciales e identificará la mitigación. Habrá acciones de restauración de hábitat como parte de las medidas de mitigación que se requieren como parte del Informe de Impacto Ambiental.
  - Sin embargo, existe la posibilidad de que la restauración del hábitat, además de lo que exige la CEQA, sea parte de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios. Por ejemplo, cuando DWR analiza las instalaciones, el área de construcción puede ser más grande que la huella permanente a largo plazo. Una idea es devolver parte de esa área al uso agrícola, protección contra inundaciones o restauración del hábitat.

- Un participante explicó su comprensión del impacto de la construcción y las operaciones del proyecto. Explicó que no había escuchado ninguna idea de cómo el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios abordaría esas preocupaciones. Dijo que hubo impactos económicos, de tráfico, hídricos y agrícolas. No veía cómo cualquier propuesta abordaría todos los proyectos que se estaban llevando a cabo en el área. ¿Cómo abordarían estos programas las inundaciones, la sequía? Hay demasiadas agencias involucradas y demasiados proyectos en esta área para realizar un seguimiento de todo. En escenarios de cambio climático, las inundaciones y las sequías serán más extremas. Concluyó que no veía cómo DWR abordaría todos los impactos que resultarán del proyecto.
  - o La Sra. Buckman señaló que el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta está diseñado para brindar confiabilidad al SWP. DWR incluirá una evaluación de los efectos de las inundaciones y el tráfico en los municipios y las comunidades heredadas en el Informe de Impacto Ambiental (EIR, por sus siglas en inglés). DWR también analizará los posibles efectos en el tráfico de las carreteras de construcción, los trabajadores de la construcción o los equipos de construcción que entran y salen de las Ciudades Gemelas. Si DWR encuentra algún efecto, el EIR propondrá formas de mitigar ese impacto. El Informe de Impacto Ambiental estará disponible para el público a mediados del 2022.
  - La Sra. Buckman reconoció que hay muchos esfuerzos diferentes en el Delta. DWR analizará el efecto acumulativo de proyectos pasados, presentes y futuros. Ese análisis será parte del Informe de Impacto Ambiental.

- Un participante preguntó si DWR estaba explorando otras alternativas al Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta.
  - La Sra. Buckman respondió que DWR es el propietario y operador del SWP. No cumplirá con el propósito fundamental del proyecto SWP si DWR lo deja degradar. DWR examinará el impacto ambiental de una alternativa “sin proyecto” en el EIR. DWR también llevará a cabo

un análisis de costo-beneficio que, junto con el análisis ambiental, se considerará antes de que se tomen decisiones con respecto a la posible aprobación del Proyecto.

- Un participante comentó que Delta es una región agrícola y recreativa basada en el agua. Cualquier proyecto que impacte al Delta como una región agrícola y recreativa viable basada en el agua es un problema. El Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios o las ideas de desarrollo económico deben enfocarse en las características del Delta tal como es. Señaló que debería haber buenos trabajos, especialmente para la gente de Sacramento y Elk Grove. Pero el dejar atrás debe centrarse en proyectos que apoyen el carácter del Delta.

- Un participante preguntó, ¿cuál era el mejor lugar para encontrar la información más actualizada sobre el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta?
    - El Sr. Bradner respondió que había información actualizada en el sitio de internet de la Autoridad de Diseño y Construcción del Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta en http.wwwddca.org. El sitio de internet del DCA incluye recorridos virtuales para todo el proyecto. Esto le dará un sobrepaso de todo el proyecto de un extremo al otro, puede ver dónde están todas las características. También hay información en Facebook y YouTube.

Próximos pasos

El facilitador agradeció a los participantes. Señaló que habría un resumen de la reunión publicada en el sitio de internet. El borrador del Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios se incluirá como un apéndice en el Borrador del EIR, previsto para mediados de 2022. Mientras tanto, DWR proporcionará herramientas y recursos a la comunidad para ayudar a desarrollar aún más el Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios.

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2 November 17, 2021, Workshop Materials

Accessible versions of the materials provided in this attachment are available online at, https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program
Case Study Workshop
Agenda

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions *(5 minutes)*

2. Agenda Review and How to Participate *(5 minutes)*

3. Community Benefits Program Overview *(10 minutes)*

4. Characteristics of Community Benefits Programs Presentation - *Ben Beach, Legal Director, PowerSwitch Action (10 minutes)*

5. Community Benefits Programs Case Study Presentations *(30 minutes)*
    - Omar Muhammed, Executive Director, LowCountry Alliance for Model Communities
    - Scott Collins, City Manager, City of Morro Bay

6. Panel Discussion *(30 minutes)*
    - How did the idea develop in your project?
    - How did the community come together to provide input?
    - When in the project lifecycle did people come together?
    - How did you solicit priorities?
    - How did you formalize the program?
    - How are community benefit funds distributed?
    - How are you measuring and monitoring community benefits?

7. Public Questions and Discussion (*25 minutes)*

8. Next Steps *(5 minutes)*

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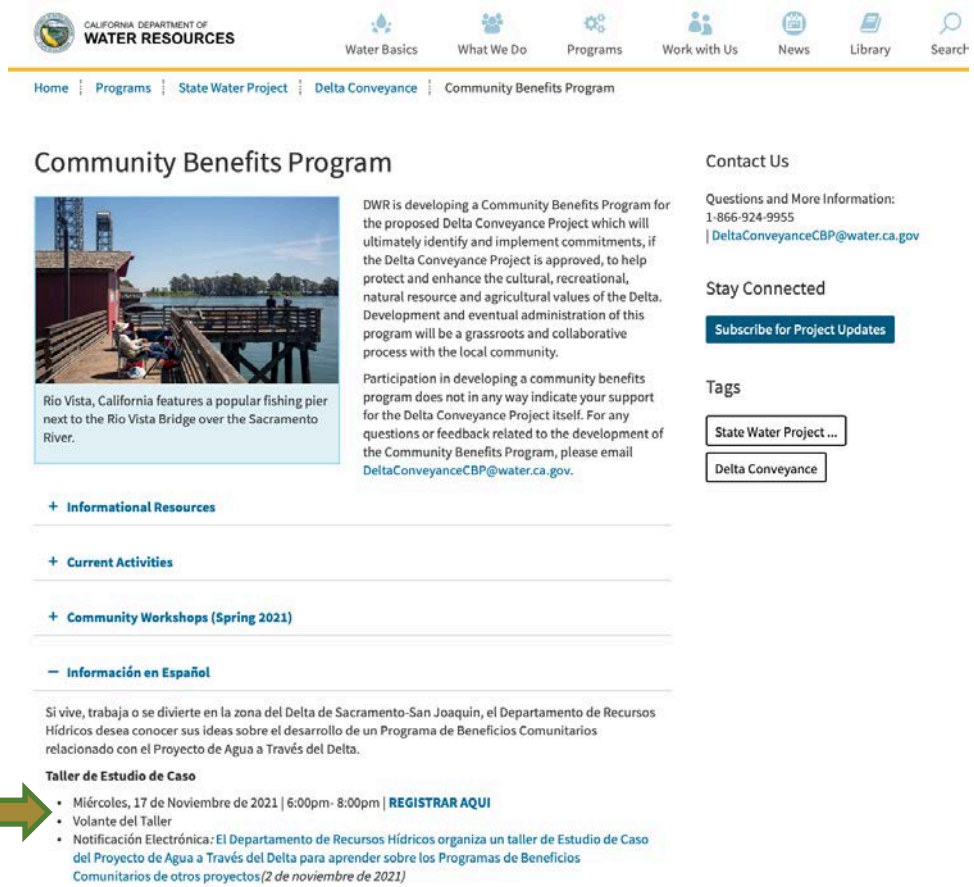
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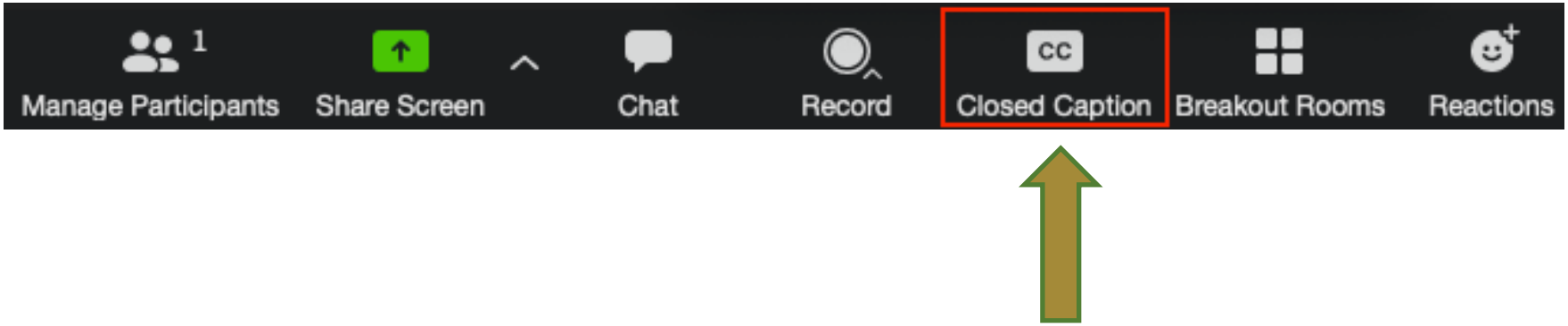
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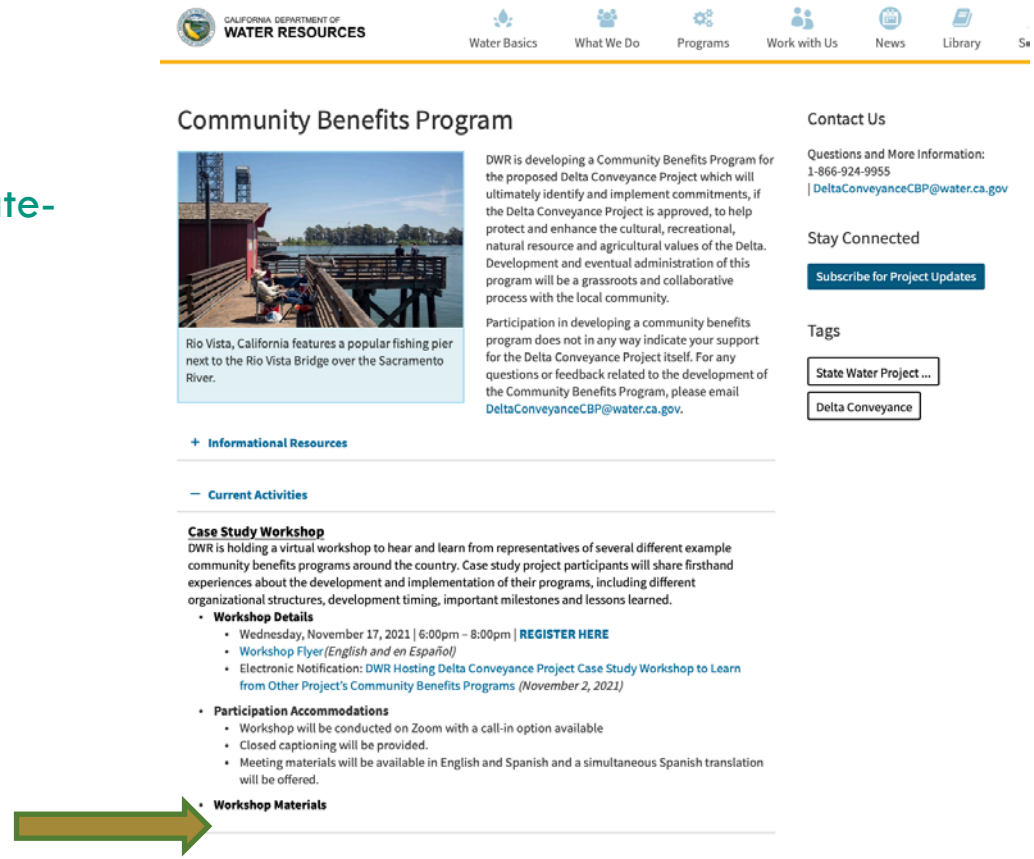


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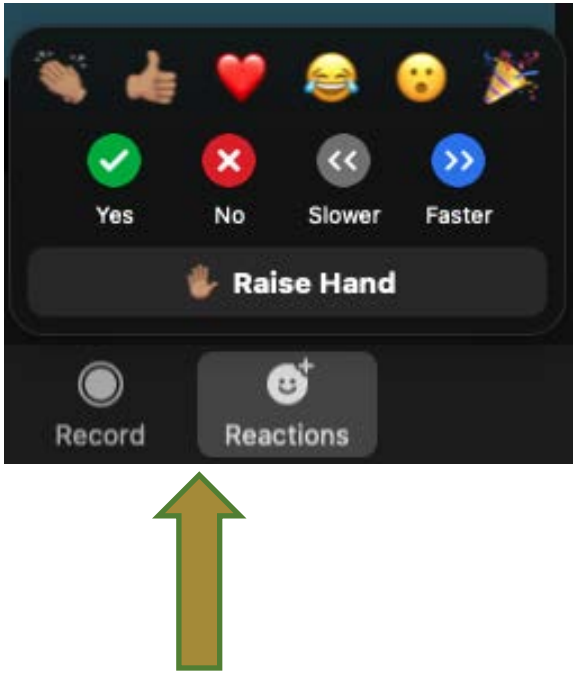
Provide information about Community Benefits Programs and Lessons Learned:

- Different organizational structures?
- How long do they take to develop?
- What are the typical and important milestones?
- What worked?
- What they would do differently?

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6:05 pm – 6:10 pm	**Agenda and How to Participate**
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6:20 pm – 6:30- pm	**Characteristics of Community Benefits Programs Presentation**
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	**Community Benefits Programs Case Study Presentations**
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	**Panel Discussion**
7:30 pm – 7:55 pm	**Public Questions and Discussion**
7:55 pm – 8:00 pm	**Next Steps**

Verbal Questions



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Community Benefits Program Status

Juliana Birkhoff
Facilitator

Why Create a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project?

- Acknowledge that the direct project benefits (e.g. State Water Project reliability) are not located inside the Delta
- Acknowledge that if the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects that Delta communities may endure through construction
- Acknowledge the limitations of traditional CEQA "environmental mitigation" typically affords

Delta Conveyance Project
Community Benefits Program Objectives

1. Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
2. Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with community member's input
3. Protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place

Proposed Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program Components

Delta Community Fund

Grassroots framework to fund community priorities, developed and managed to empower local community

Project Implementation Commitments

- Hiring targets, jobs training and education
- Local business utilization
- Infrastructure and facilities

Community Benefits Programs
Case Study Participant Considerations

- The example projects discussed in this workshop offer different and valuable perspectives and examples with varying structures, locations and challenges.

- DWR researched community benefits programs for projects that met the following criteria:

    - Large infrastructure
    - Long-term construction impacts
    - Project benefits were not local, but impacts of the project were
    - Location and potential for environmental justice and economically disadvantaged community concerns

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Community Benefits Programs Information and Models

Ben Beach, Legal Director
PowerSwitch Action

Omar Muhammed, Executive Director
LowCountry Alliance for Model Communities

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Community Benefits Agreements

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Ben Beach
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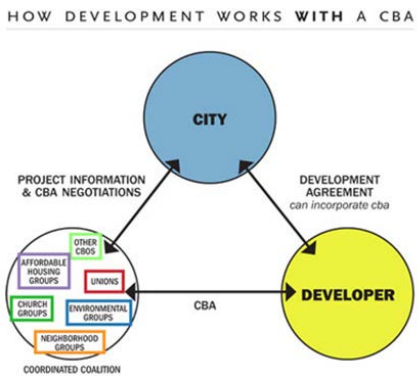


Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)

- Legally Binding Agreement
- Single development
- Apply to developer, contractors, and future tenants

Three Core Principles

Accountability



Meaningful Benefit



Democratic Participation



Common CBA Subjects

- Living wages + benefits
- Stability and predictability of work
- Targeted and fair chance hiring
- Affordable housing
- Environmental mitigation
- Small business support
- Community services - grocery stores, public art, meeting space, health clinics, workforce development

Lots of Paths



Ordinances and Policies



Land Use Planning



Government Agreements

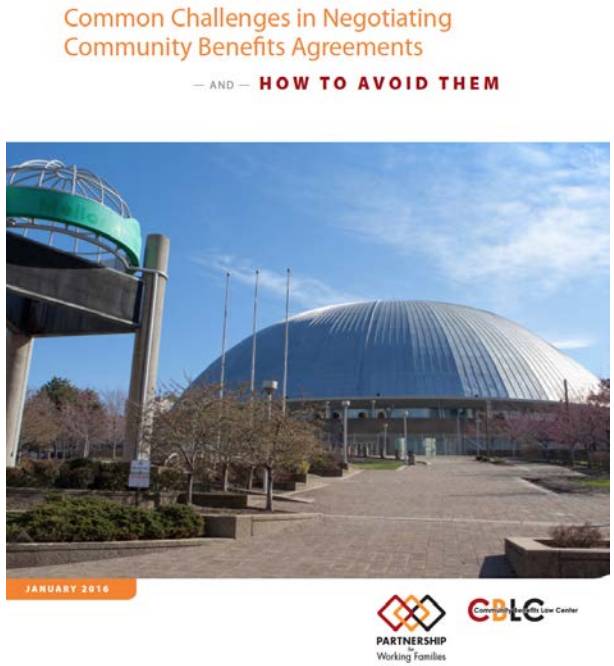


Private CBAs



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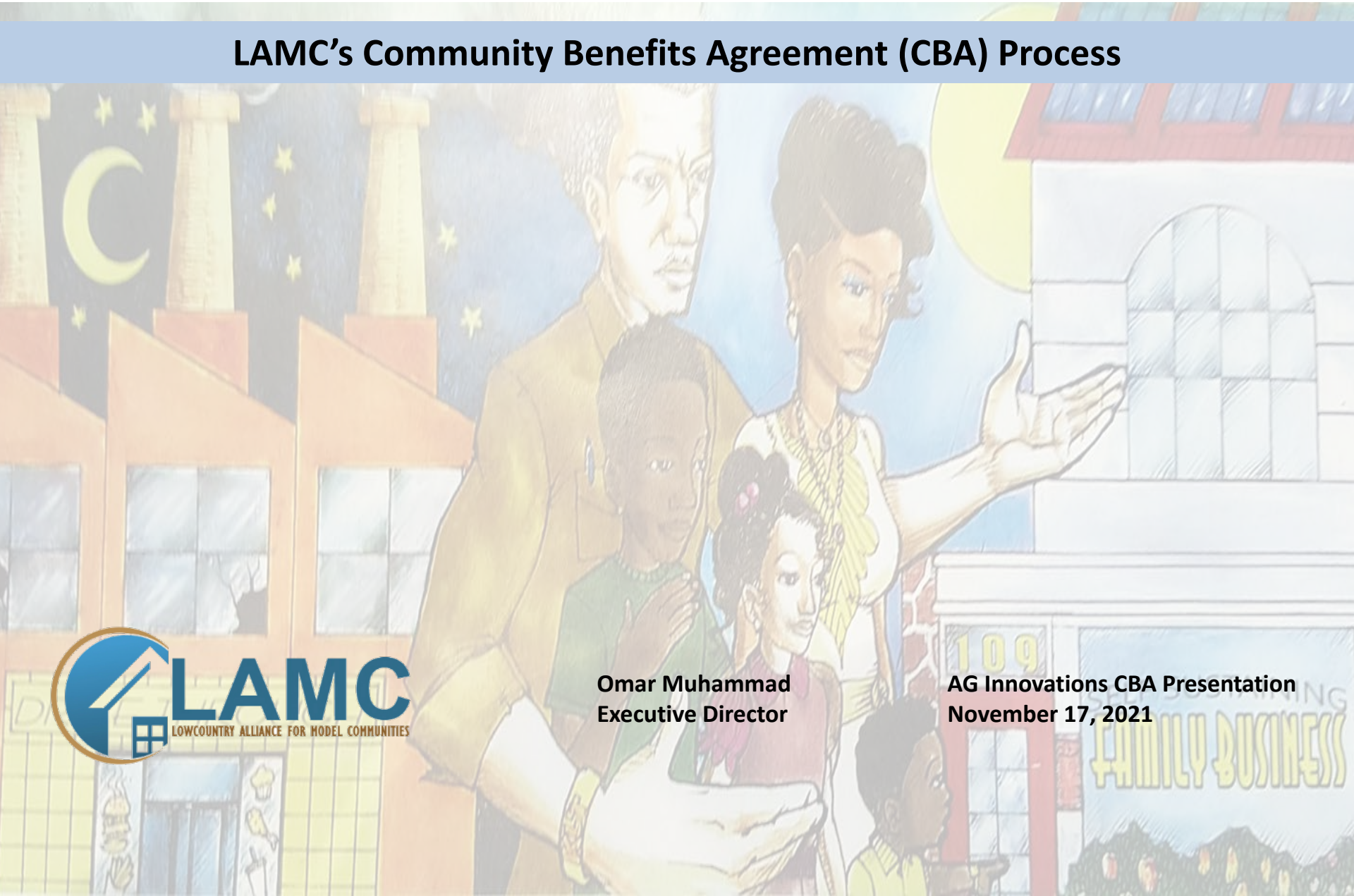
More Resources





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LAMC's Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) Process



Omar Muhammad
Executive Director

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LAMC Background/Project Overview

- LAMC is a nonprofit organization founded for the purpose of advocating environmental justice and promoting community development, education, employment, quality housing, and community involvement for the study area neighborhoods.

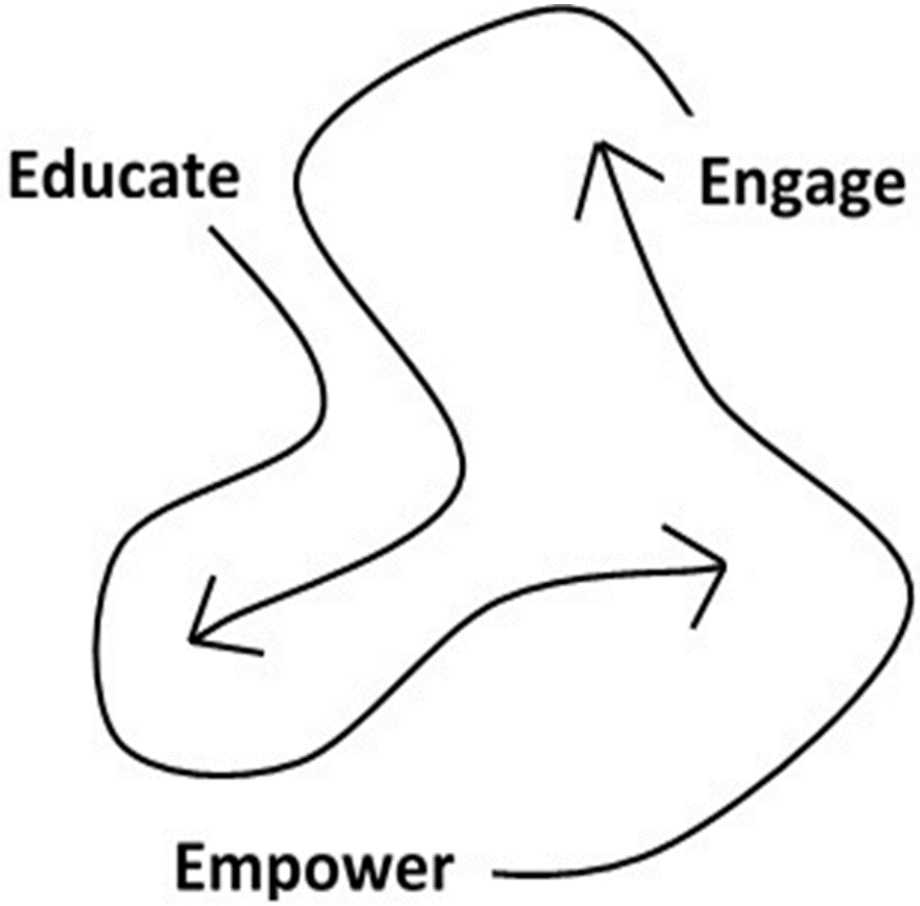
- A community mitigation plan – the first of its kind in the state and the nation – was negotiated between LowCountry Alliance for Model Communities, the South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) and the City of North Charleston to address and carry out activities related to the direct and indirect impacts of the SCSPA's new port terminal.

- LAMC has created the following nonprofit organizations to address critical needs in the seven communities:

    - Charleston Community Outreach to Action Board to address environmental justice issues
    - Community First Land Trust to address the lack of affordable housing

Challenging Dynamics of Communities

- A continuum that is free flowing
- Evolving (moving back and forth)
- Articulation of Needs to spark change
- Competing Interest
- Confidence
- Able Leadership
- Trust



Community Benefits Agreement



What is a community benefits agreement (CBA)?

A community benefits agreement (CBA) is a legally binding contract negotiated between a developer and community members/organizations who will be impacted by a development. Such an agreement may guarantee certain jobs, housing, or other benefits.

For instance, Los Angele's Staples Center has a community benefits agreement reserving jobs for community members, protecting affordable and subsidized housing, and investing revenue into neighborhood schools and business.

Why do we want a CBA?

It repeatedly seems that when our city and our government makes "improvements," Black families are displaced and disenfranchised.

Community Benefits Elements

Economic Development

Support local hiring initiatives, business development opportunities and affordable housing efforts through the creation of a community trust fund and/or community land trust

Education

Invest resources in quality public education for all young people.

Employment

Prioritize training, hiring and advancement opportunities for local Residents.

Housing

Prevent displacement of long-time residents by preserving exisiting Affordable housing options and creating additional units of affordable housing.

Sustainability

Promote transparency and public accountability in the planning Process and ongoing operations



Chicora/Cherokee Community Benefits Agreement (2019)

Background

The Frontier Warehouse applied for a zoning variance to construct a warehouse in an area zoned as a planned development.

During the rezoning process, LAMC and the community voiced concerns with the number of truck entering and leaving the facility, air quality, noise and aesthetics.

Our request to deny the application was approved by the zoning commission but overruled by the zoning administrator.

The community filed an appeal to the board of zoning appeal which the developer requested a meeting with the community to negotiate a path forward.

Process

Commitment to the best interest of the community

Commitment to educating and supporting the power within the community

A willingness to engage and innovate new forms of cooperations

Using Appreciative Inquiry and Alternative Dispute Resolution as an organizational change process

Outcomes

Removal of semi-trucks from community streets

Development of a partnership with a local school resulting in a 15,000 donation to the school to assist parents with school uniforms and good behavior incentives

An appropriate buffer between the warehouse and the community

Priority hiring for qualified residents from Chicora/Cherokee neighborhood

Partners

Chicora/Cherokee Community Association

Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities

Metanoia

Reynolds Avenue Business Association

South Carolina Environmental Law Project

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Morro Bay, California

SCOTT COLLINS, CASTLE WIND OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT





Context

Proposed offshore wind development

Positive economic impact to region

Proposal might affect fishing

Can wind development provide jobs and direct benefits to Morro Bay?

Lessons learned from experience on east coast

Other concerns either addressed/mitigated through normal environmental review processes (State and Federal)

How Community Benefits Agreement Developed?

Castle Wind approached City in 2016

Castle Wind approached fisher organization, entered into separate agreement to mitigate impacts on fishing grounds

Developer met with each Councilmember and the Sub-committee multiple times and held several community forums

Agreement approved and signed by Mayor on behalf of City Council and Castle Wind CEO in 2018

How Will It Be Implemented?

City agrees to support their application and broader efforts to level playing field and first refusals on necessary City infrastructure

$250,000 to the City, to be used in harbor related activities/projects, and if selected for lease site by Federal government, will include local hiring, apprenticeships, maintenance facility in Morro Bay, local accommodations through construction, local supply chain, charging stations

Castle Wind has continued presence in our community – events, sponsorships, forums, etc.

City and Castle Wind set up regular talks to stay abreast of wind development and address community concerns

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Panel Discussion

Community Benefits Programs Discussion

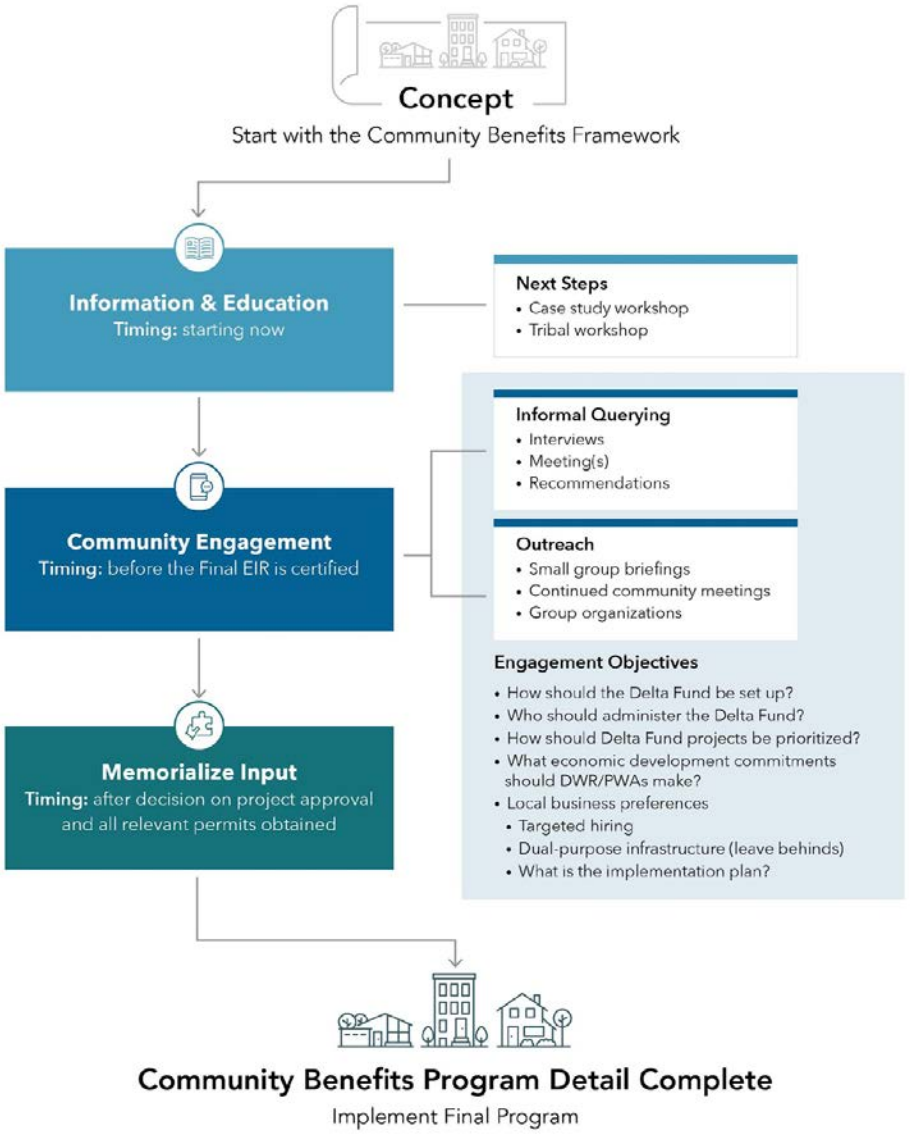
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Questions

General Questions & Discussion

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Next Steps


Concept
Start with the Community Benefits Framework
Information & Education
Timing: starting now
Next Steps
• Case study workshop
• Tribal workshop
Community Engagement
Timing: before the Final EIR is certified
Informal Querying
• Interviews
• Meeting(s)
• Recommendations
Outreach
• Small group briefings
• Continued community meetings
• Group organizations
Engagement Objectives
• How should the Delta Fund be set up?
• Who should administer the Delta Fund?
• How should Delta Fund projects be prioritized?
• What economic development commitments should DWR/PWAs make?
• Local business preferences
• Targeted hiring
• Dual-purpose infrastructure (leave behinds)
• What is the implementation plan?
Memorialize Input
Timing: after decision on project approval and all relevant permits obtained
Community Benefits Program Detail Complete
Implement Final Program

Thank You for Participating!

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Meeting Summary
Community Benefits Program Case Study Workshop
Delta Conveyance Project
November 17, 2021, 6pm - 8pm

Meeting Synopsis

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is developing a Community Benefits Program for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project which will ultimately identify and implement commitments, if the Delta Conveyance Project is approved, to help protect and enhance the cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta. On November 17, 2021, 58 people attended the Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program Case Study Workshop. DWR held three previous workshops for community members to learn about and provide input on the proposed Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. DWR designed this workshop to provide information to community members about existing community benefits programs for other projects. To achieve this, Juliana Birkhoff, Managing Facilitator with Ag Innovations, and DWR invited three panelists to speak: Ben Beach, Legal Director of PowerSwitch Action; Omar Muhammed, Executive Director of Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities; and Scott Collins, City Manager for the City of Morro Bay. The three panelists presented case studies about their experiences with community benefits programs. Juliana Birkhoff facilitated a conversation between the three panelists to comment on their insights and lessons learned. For the last 45 minutes of the workshop, the panelists participated in a question-and-answer session with the workshop attendees.

The workshop concluded with information about the proposed Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program development and next steps, including details related to DWR's public release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Delta Conveyance Project, which is expected in mid-2022. Background on the proposed program is available on the Delta Conveyance Project website: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

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This workshop summary paraphrases individual comments from participants in the Community Benefits Program Case Study Workshop. All materials are available on the project website at: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program or for any questions, please contact DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov or 1-866-924-9955.

Welcome and Introductions

Presenters:
Ben Beach (Legal Director, PowerSwitch Action)
Omar Muhammed (Executive Director, Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities)
Scott Collins (City Manager, City of Morro Bay)

Agenda Review and How to Participate

Juliana Birkhoff, Managing Facilitator, Ag Innovations said that the objectives of the workshop were to provide information about the community benefits programs and lessons learned, such as:

- Different organizational structures of community benefits programs
- How long community benefits programs take to develop
- What are typical and important milestones for community benefits programs
- What worked in various community benefits programs
- What they would do differently

Dr. Birkhoff explained how to participate in the workshop in either English or Spanish. She also explained how to access the resources associated with this workshop, including the agenda and presentation, on the DWR website. She demonstrated how to use Zoom to provide verbal input. Finally, she reviewed the agenda.

Community Benefits Programs Overview

Dr. Birkhoff presented an overview of the proposed Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. She stated the Delta Conveyance Project acknowledges that:

- The direct project benefits of this project are related to water supply reliability of the State Water Project and, as such, are not focused on the local Delta communities.
- If the project is approved, construction could potentially have adverse effects on communities in the Delta.
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental mitigation may not fully address some of the potential project non-environmental adverse effects that a community benefits program may be able to address.

Dr. Birkhoff explained the proposed Community Benefit Program objectives are to:

- Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency, and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with community members' input.
- Protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place.
- Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits.

She said the two components of the Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program under consideration are:

1. **The Delta Community Fund**: Grassroots framework to fund community priorities, developed and managed to empower the local community.
2. **Project Implementation Commitments**: Hiring targets, jobs training, education, local business utilization, infrastructure, and facilities.

Dr. Birkhoff explained that to provide the community with more information about community benefits programs, DWR researched different community benefits programs. DWR looked for projects that generally met the following criteria to present as examples:

- Large infrastructure
- Long-term construction impacts
- Project benefits were not local but impacts of the project were local
- Potential for environmental justice and economically disadvantaged community concerns

Dr. Birkhoff noted these criteria were chosen to match concerns regarding the proposed Delta Conveyance Project as closely as possible. She also said she looked for large-scale water conveyance projects in rural agricultural areas but could not find any.

Characteristics of Community Benefits Programs Presentation - Ben Beach, Legal Director, PowerSwitch Action

Ben Beach, Legal Director of PowerSwitch Action, presented information on the characteristics of community benefits programs. He described his organization as a national network of local organizations dedicated to building power and reshaping the economy and urban environment for workers and communities.

To begin his presentation, Mr. Beach noted that he believes major projects should deliver real and substantial community benefits. He stated that he does not provide support for any outcome and his role is to provide information about community benefits programs.

Mr. Beach described the use of a legally binding agreement as one potential option, related to a single development, which operated with three core principles. Those were:

- Accountability. That is clear, specific, and legally binding that the community can enforce. He emphasized the importance of community oversight over the delivery of benefits.
- Meaningful benefits. The benefits are responsive to genuine community needs, address the adverse impacts of a project, and are delivered at an appropriate scale.
- Democratic participation. He stressed that the process of arriving at a community benefits agreement is as important as the agreement itself.

Mr. Beach described his experience with these types of agreements, noting that they had common benefits, including:

- Living wages and benefits
- Stable and predictable work

- Targeted and fair chance hiring
- Affordable housing
- Environmental mitigation
- Small business support
- Community services like grocery stores, public art, meeting spaces, health clinics, and workforce development

Mr. Beach noted that there are different ways to arrive at a community benefit agreement. These agreements can be formalized in ordinances and policies, in land use planning, in government agreements, in private agreements, or agreements to share resources. Additionally, he explained that these tools can be used in conjunction with each other and are not mutually exclusive.

Finally, Mr. Beach shared community benefits resources.

- Common Challenges in Negotiating Community Benefits Agreements and How to Avoid Them
- Delivering Community Benefits Through Economic Development: A Guide for Elected and Appointed Officials

Community Benefits Programs Case Study Presentations

Omar Muhammed, Executive Director, Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities

Omar Muhammed is the executive director of the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC). He described LAMC as a nonprofit based in South Carolina founded to advocate environmental justice and promote community development, education, employment, quality housing, and community involvement.

Mr. Muhammed described one of LAMC's success stories. LAMC helped to negotiate a "community mitigation plan" (the first such plan in the state and in the nation) between the South Carolina State Ports Authority and the City of North Charleston. The agreement addresses the direct and indirect impacts of the South Carolina State Ports Authority's new port terminal. He also said that in addition to this success, LAMC has created two additional nonprofits to address critical needs: The Charleston Community Outreach to Action Board (to address environmental justice issues) and the Community First Land Trust (to address the lack of affordable housing).

Mr. Muhammed presented the LAMC theory of change, which is "Educate, Engage, and Empower". He said that LAMC believes that community dynamics are unique and contextual. It is important to enter a community without expectation or solutions. He said that solutions must be co-created with a foundation of trust and address a wide breadth of topics. He noted there are always competing agendas, and it is important to be able to negotiate and navigate between them. He said that the role of LAMC is to help the community build confidence that they are contextual experts for their lived experiences.

Mr. Muhammed described potential elements of the LAMC agreement:

- Economic development: support local hiring initiatives, business development opportunities, and affordable housing efforts through the creation of a community trust fund or community land trust.
- Education: invest resources in quality public education for young people.
- Employment: prioritize training, hiring, and advancement opportunities for residents.
- Housing: prevent displacement of long-term residents by preserving existing affordable housing options and creating additional units of affordable housing.
- Sustainability: promote transparency and public accountability in the planning process and ongoing operations.

Mr. Muhammed also described specific examples of how those elements might be implemented by creating specific and measurable metrics.

Mr. Muhammed gave an additional example of a specific agreement that LAMC participated in: The Chicora/Cherokee Community Benefits Agreement in 2019. He said that in this case, a warehouse applied for a zoning variance, and a nearby community was concerned with the number of trucks entering and leaving the facility, air quality, noise, and aesthetics. He said that the zoning commission approved the community's request to deny the application. However, the zoning administrator overruled the zoning commission and approved the application. The community appealed to the Board of Zoning. He said the developer requested a meeting with the community to negotiate a path forward. Mr. Muhammed explained that the participants agreed that their role was:

- Commitment to the best interest of the community
- Commitment to educating and supporting the power within the community
- Willingness to engage and innovate new forms of cooperation
- Appreciative Inquiry and Alternative Dispute Resolution as organizational change processes

He explained that the outcome included removing semi-trucks from community streets, developing a partnership with a local school, creating a buffer zone between the warehouse and the community, and priority hiring for qualified residents.

Scott Collins, City Manager, City of Morro Bay

Scott Collins, City Manager for the City of Morro Bay, presented the Castle Wind, Offshore Wind Project and the community benefits program they established in Morro Bay.

Mr. Collins said that Morro Bay is historically a fishing community and fishing is an important part of Morro Bay's culture. He said that fishing revenues have decreased. Therefore, Morro Bay is interested in exploring economic diversification in the community. He said wind energy could provide economic benefits to improve the region. However, fishing groups were concerned that wind energy might affect fishing. Morro Bay wondered if wind development could provide jobs and other direct benefits to Morro Bay.

Mr. Collins described how they developed their community benefits program. Castle Wind directly approached a local fishing organization to develop an agreement to mitigate impacts on fishing groups. He said that Castle Wind also approached the City of Morro Bay in 2016.

They met with the City Council and Sub-Committee many times and held several community forums. He explained that in 2018, an agreement was approved and signed by the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, and the CEO of Castle Wind.

Mr. Collins described how the plan will be implemented. Morro Bay agreed to support Castle Wind's application. The City of Morro Bay also granted Castle Wind first refusal on City infrastructure. He said that Castle Wind provided $250,000 to the City of Morro Bay to be used in harbor related activities/projects. If Castle Wind is selected for the lease site by the federal government, their operations will include local hiring, apprenticeship opportunities, developing a maintenance facility in Morro Bay for local jobs, developing local construction accommodations, purchases through the local supply chain, and electrical charging stations. Additionally, the City of Morro Bay and Castle Wind set up regular talks to stay abreast of wind development and address community concerns.

Panel Discussion

Dr. Birkhoff facilitated a discussion between the three speakers related to their personal experiences developing community benefits programs.

Dr. Birkhoff: How did the idea develop in your project? When should you start thinking about a community benefits agreement?

Omar Muhammed: Now. Begin thinking about those things now. Communities have challenges they are trying to address, and they need to think about what the project can address, what it cannot address, and how to articulate those needs. Often, communities need to be able to prove that they are disproportionately impacted.

Dr. Birkhoff: Could community benefit discussions happen too late or too early?

Omar Muhammed: No, on our first project we came in during the draft Environmental Impact Statement. On the second we came in during the application. Get in when you can and keep an open mind of several types of ways of how to get to a "win."

Dr. Birkhoff: Scott, your project has not yet been permitted so you may have an opinion about timing.

Scott Collins: Correct. To Omar's point, the earlier you get into the community the better to build relationships and trust. You should not get too in the weeds too early, you might miss opportunities to talk with community members, like schools and churches.

Ben Beach: I agree with Omar and Scott. Another tool that we employ, and encourage folks to employ, is a "Community Impact Report," in addition to the Environmental Impact Report. A Community Impact Report is a report that includes things that might be more relevant to communities, like jobs, wages, and it can be part of the early process. It is also important for a community to coalesce around a set of demands. The most effective processes we have seen are when there is a unified, broad, and deep community resolution. The only time I

would wait is if you do not know the contours of the project. For example, if you do not know if you are dealing with housing, or warehousing, or a power plant, those are very different projects. But that is not the case in the Delta.

Dr. Birkhoff: In this case, the Delta is a rural area, a region, not a city. So how do you get the community together? What are some organizing strategies or engagement strategies?

Scott Collins: Our fallback is a taskforce; you may not have time for a Joint Powers Authority. You need to think of all the actors besides the community. That might include county governments, the board of supervisors, cities, and nonprofits. You need to think big.

Omar Muhammed: A coalition framework is useful, where you ensure community representation is at the table. Early on it must be established that the communities are an expert at the table. There can be a power dynamic in the room, and noncooperation can happen if people do not feel that they are being heard. It needs to be established that communities are at the table as equal partners, and as experts.

Dr. Birkhoff: We asked people what category of benefit they would want, and what category was the most important. People responded that natural resources and water quality (for drinking and habitat) were important. How did you prioritize the priorities? How did you make sure not to favor certain people?

Omar Muhammed: We listed all of the identified priorities. We gave people sticky dots, and everyone had four or five depending on how long the list was, and people placed dots next to their interest areas. The categories with the most dots became our priorities.

Scott Collins: For us, it was Council directed. Community benefits were tangential to the project. They needed to use our harbor to make their project viable, so why not reinvest in that area.

Ben Beach: I am accustomed to working with self-organizing coalitions, when those coalitions are big and powerful, they include a lot of different interest groups, and so it's a negotiation inside of the coalition. But most often, stakeholders honor the top priorities of everyone at the table and accept that things shift. To set up the initial list, our coalitions bring a long list of priorities based on community priorities. That is why the coalition needs to be broad and deep. Also, on the government side, we recently worked in a city that developed a stakeholder process that brought a lot of people to the table. The local government itself used a racial equity matrix.

Dr. Birkhoff: How did you all formalize your programs?

Ben Beach: In my experience, it is most important to start with the "what." Then you can work with lawyers on the "how". Different demands can be realized through different vehicles, so you should stay open to that. It might be that the way you get to a job training program is through working with funding opportunities outside of a community benefits agreement. Or you can memorialize the targeted hiring requirement in a thing that already exists. But that is

a significant role that lawyers can play. As an attorney, I try to not overemphasize the role of lawyers. I liked Omar's description of "we figured it out, and lawyers helped us write it down."

Public Questions and Discussion

Adequacy of a Community Benefits Program to Mitigate Impacts of Delta Conveyance Project

A participant expressed frustration at the harm that the Delta Conveyance Project would bring to the Delta region. The participant did not believe that the example projects were like the Delta Conveyance Project. The participant said the Delta Conveyance Project would have a significantly worse impact to the Delta region, especially in terms of agricultural and housing resources.

- Mr. Mohammed responded that he understood the frustration of the participant. He noted that these development projects are difficult and emotional for impacted communities. He explained that in his presentation he did not mean to suggest that the approach that LAMC employed is the only approach, or that that the community benefits program would translate to this context. He believes that communities should be open to the process and that the community impacts should be mitigated and compensated.

Another participant stated that they were a Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Stakeholder Engagement Committee member and do not feel that DWR is listening to community suggestions or concerns. The participant said that no community benefits could offset the impact of the project. The participant stated that DWR did not have a history of fulfilling their promises.

- Dr. Birkhoff reminded participants that this was a question-and-answer opportunity to learn about case studies in other areas. The panel speakers are not familiar or versed in the Delta Conveyance Project.

Another participant said that the Delta Conveyance Project would be the most destructive and expensive project in California history. They said the presenters and the scale of their community benefits projects were not relevant to the scale of the Delta Conveyance Project and explained that the Delta was an entire region made up of five counties, not a single community.

- Dr. Birkhoff reminded participants that the meeting was organized as a response to input from community members to provide information about community benefit program examples.

Union Labor for Construction

A participant stated that the community benefit agreements discussed were a euphemism for a Project Labor Agreement (PLA), which is a discriminatory agreement that only employs union labor. The participant said that most Delta construction workers are non-union. They said labor agreements should include non-union stakeholders.

- Ben Beach responded that although some use the terms "community benefit agreement" and a PLA interchangeably, in most situations, there is a distinction. A PLA

relates specifically to the labor part of it, however a community benefits agreement can be much broader. Additionally, there is another separate term, a Community Workforce Agreement.
- Dr. Birkhoff noted that at this moment, DWR is proposing a community fund and project implementation commitments. The project implementation agreements might relate more directly to construction.

Clarification Regarding Morro Bay Wind Development Project

A participant wondered why Morro Bay had jurisdiction over the offshore wind development project and was curious if other nearby communities had input.

- Scott Collins clarified that the City of Morro Bay does not have permitting authority on this project. He responded that the reason Morro Bay is being consulted is that the City of Morro Bay has a decommissioned power plant that does not operate but connects to the grid through City of Morro Bay infrastructure, and that Castle Wind needs to use that infrastructure.

How to Determine the Benefit Amount?

A participant asked how an agreement might arrive at an "upper limit," of a total program benefit amount, and how that upper limit is determined. The participant asked if there was an open-ended model that provides benefits to the community while the contractor is receiving benefits?

- Scott Collins responded that ultimately it is a negotiation to determine that upper limit. He thinks it is important to build a big enough coalition to ensure that you are asking for the right amount.
- Omar Muhammed responded that he had experience working on this. In the negotiations he has been involved in, the community took the resources from the agreement and invested them in an endowment. The community can take the interest from the endowments and invest that interest in various projects to improve the community's quality of life.
- Ben Beach responded that he appreciated this question. He has seen agreements specify the developer or project owner's minimal contribution and has also seen agreements where the project developer or owner must create an outcome, regardless of the cost. Some projects specify a revenue sharing program, so a community fund receives a percentage of the profit. He elaborated that what he likes about community benefit agreements is how they can be flexible and unique in each case. He said that no one negotiating should be bound by precedent and the tool should be designed for the moment or project.

Tribal Involvement

A participant asked which tribal communities the DCA would work with as it negotiates community agreements. In particular, the participant asked if the DCA would negotiate with the federally recognized Indian Tribes in and around the Delta, including Wilton Rancheria, Buena Vista Rancheria, and the California Valley Miwok.

- Dr. Birkhoff responded she would pass on this question. As a reminder, DWR is leading the Tribal consultation and engagement efforts for the Delta Conveyance Project, not the DCA. DWR has held two Community Benefits Program workshops specifically for

the Tribal community and will continue to conduct formal Tribal consultation as prescribed under CEQA's AB 52 requirements and DWR's Tribal Engagement Policy.

Concern About the Implications of Participating in the Community Benefits Program Development

A participant described their understanding that DWR integrated the community benefits program into the CEQA process, and that anyone could be involved in the community benefits process without endorsing the project. The participant asked how to negotiate with the developer when the developer is a large public entity. They asked if the community does not endorse the project, should they not participate in the negotiations?

- Scott Collins described a project in Morro Bay, where there was a planned wastewater project that might have impacted a community and the community was opposed because of the cost. Even though they were opposed they participated in conversations to help the City of Morro Bay understand their concerns. Learning about their concerns helped the project develop ways to mitigate those concerns.

Drought Impacts

A participant asked if the drought was considered in the planning process, and questioned how droughts would be handled?

- Dr. Birkhoff explained that the panel was specifically about examples and experiences of other community benefit programs.

Mistrust Between Communities and DWR

A participant suggested that instead of this project, the participating water agencies could spend the money improving existing infrastructure. The participant said the DWR did not have a history of following through on commitments to communities. The participant said there is historical lack of trust between DWR and the impacted communities.

- Dr. Birkhoff asked panelists, "How do you negotiate with a party or parties that you feel are not accountable?"
- Ben Beach responded that the principle of accountability makes an effective community benefits program. He said that an agreement for a community benefits program should contain clear, specific, and enforceable terms. He said that agreements are often negotiated between people and entities that those people do not trust.
- Omar Muhammed said that this was one of the reasons LAMC wanted to memorialize the agreement with legal assistance. Additionally, he suggested that projects have an oversight committee. He explained that the LAMC oversight committee has quarterly check-ins with each of the groups to ensure that they are meeting the mitigation agreements and the other expectations, which are measurable.

Funding Sources

A participant asked how a community would get funding to organize with a group or codify terms in a community benefit program development process.

- Omar Muhammed said that LAMC does not charge community groups. He explained that LAMC supports those services through grants and has an operational endowment to support community organizations.

- Ben Beach said that PowerSwitch Action is a nonprofit that receives charitable support from foundations and others. He said PowerSwitch Action principally works with a network of grassroots affiliates who are also nonprofit organizations.

Project Scope

A participant questioned why the project had to be a tunnel as opposed to a pipeline and hoped to pass that question to DWR.

- Dr. Birkhoff confirmed that she would put that question forward to DWR and clarify the benefits of a tunnel versus other conveyance.

Next Steps

Dr. Birkhoff explained the next steps in the public engagement process. She advised people that the Draft EIR is expected to be released for public review and comment in mid-2022, and there would be more opportunities for engagement. She reminded people that all the information is on the DWR website, and that participants can submit questions by email to DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

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2 Community Benefits Program Framework Tribal 3 Engagement Materials

Accessible versions of the materials provided in this attachment are available online at, https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program.

Delta Conveyance Project

Community Benefits Program Workshops

If you live, work or recreate in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Department of Water Resources wants to hear from you about developing a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Please join a virtual workshop to share your thoughts about the concept, goals, objectives and types of projects that could be beneficial to the Delta community. Participation in developing a community benefits program does not in any way indicate your support for the Delta Conveyance Project itself.

What is a Community Benefits Program?

Proponents of large infrastructure projects typically develop a set of commitments–community benefits created in coordination with the local community–to address how the project affects the local community. These commitments are separate and apart from mitigation developed as a part of environmental review.



Workshop 1: What Community Benefits Mean to You

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Registration closes on April 7th

REGISTER HERE

Workshop 2: Project Ideas

Thursday, May 6, 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Registration closes on April 29th

REGISTER HERE

Workshop 3: Jobs, Education, Infrastructure and Engagement

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Registration closes on May 18th

REGISTER HERE

Register online: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

A workshop specifically for Tribal Members will be held on May 17, 2021

Participation Accommodations

- ✓ Workshops will be conducted using Zoom and can be accessed through the internet or by using your phone.
- ✓ Closed captioning will be provided.
- ✓ Meeting materials will be available in English and Spanish and a simultaneous Spanish translation will be offered.

Additional Information & Resources

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

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If you cannot participate in the workshops, but would like to provide input, please email us at **DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov**. A recording of each workshop and the associated material will be posted on the website after each event.

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Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta

Talleres del Programa de Beneficios Comunitario

Si vive, trabaja o se divierte en la zona del Delta de Sacramento-San Joaquín, el Departamento de Recursos Hídricos desea conocer su opinión sobre el desarrollo de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitario relacionado con el Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta. Participe un taller virtual para compartir lo que piensa sobre el concepto, las metas, los objetivos y los tipos de proyectos que podrían beneficiar a la comunidad del Delta. La participación en el desarrollo de un programa de beneficios para la comunidad no indica de ninguna manera su apoyo al Proyecto de Agua a Través del Delta en sí.

¿Qué es un Programa de Beneficios Comunitario?

Los proponentes de proyectos de infraestructura de grande escala típicamente desarrollan y establecen un conjunto de compromisos que benefician a la comunidad local directamente. El objetivo de los compromisos es abordar el impacto a la comunidad. Estos compromisos son desarrollados en colaboración con la comunidad local y son independientes y aparte de la mitigación desarrollada como parte de la inspección ambiental.



Taller 1: Qué Significan para Usted los Beneficios Comunitarios

Miércoles, 14 de abril de 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

El registro se cierra el 7 de abril

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Taller 2: Ideas para Proyecto Locales

Jueves, 6 de mayo de 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

El registro se cierra el 29 de abril

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Taller 3: Empleos, educación, Infraestructura y Participación Comunitaria

Martes, 25 de mayo de 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

El registro se cierra el 18 de mayo

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Regístrese en línea en: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

Habrá un taller específicamente para miembros tribales el 17 de mayo de 2021.

Adaptaciones para la Participación

- ✓ Los talleres se llevarán a cabo mediante Zoom y se puede acceder a ellos a través de Internet o teléfono celular.
- ✓ Se proporcionarán subtítulos de diálogos y sonidos.
- ✓ Los materiales de la reunión estarán disponibles en inglés y español y se ofrecerá traducción simultánea al español.

Información y recursos adicionales

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

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Si no puede participar en los talleres, pero le gustaría dar su opinión, envíenos un mensaje por correo electrónico a **DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov**. Se publicará una grabación de cada taller y el material relacionado en el sitio web después de cada evento.

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Proposed Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program
Tribal Workshop
Agenda

Monday, May 17, 2021 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions *(15 minutes)*

2. Agenda Review and How to Participate *(10 minutes)*

3. How the Community Benefits Program Would Fit into the Delta Conveyance Project *(15 minutes)*

4. Community Benefits Program Overview and Engagement/Input Summary *(15 minutes)*

5. Discussion and Input *(45 minutes)*

    - Community Benefits Program Concept
        - Purpose and Objectives
        - Components
    - Benefit Categories and Funding Idea Examples
    - Implementation Commitments and Community Involvement in Developing the Program

6. General Input and Feedback *(15 minutes)*

7. Next Steps *(5 minutes)*

For any questions or feedback related to the development of the Community Benefits Program, please email DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

Proposed Delta Conveyance Project

Community Benefits Program Tribal Workshop

May 17, 2021 • Workshop Begins at 1:00pm

Welcome



Objectives

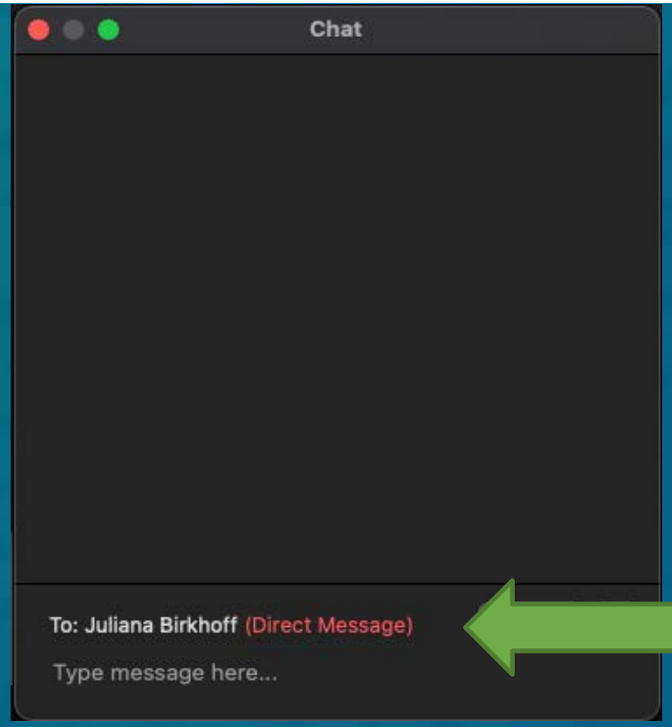


- Ensure participants understand how the Community Benefits Program would fit into the Delta Conveyance Project (if the Delta Conveyance Project were approved)
- Ensure participants understand the objectives of Community Benefits Program
- Opportunity to provide input on the Community Benefits Program and the process to develop the program

Agenda

1:00 - 1:15 pm	**Welcome and Introductions**
1:15 - 1:25 pm	**Agenda Review and How to Participate**
1:25 - 1:40 pm	**How the Community Benefits Program Would Fit Into the Delta Conveyance Project**
1:40 - 1:55 pm	**Community Benefits Program Overview and Engagement/Input Summary**
1:55 - 2:55 pm	**Discussion and Input**
2:55 - 3:00 pm	**Next Steps**

If You Have a Question - Chat



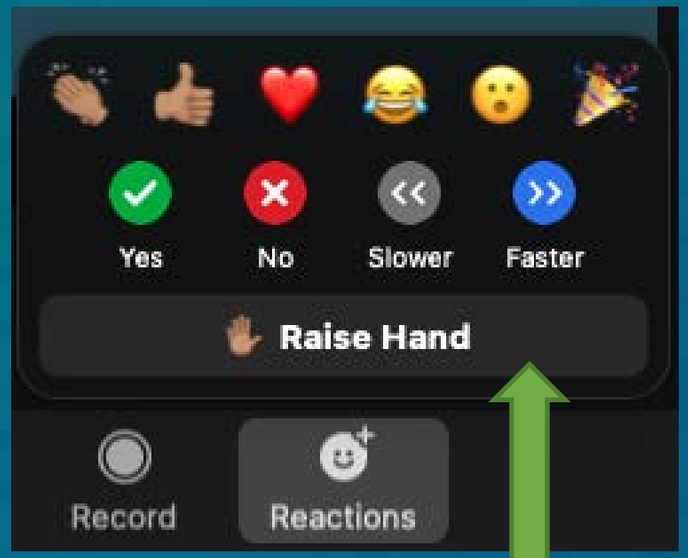


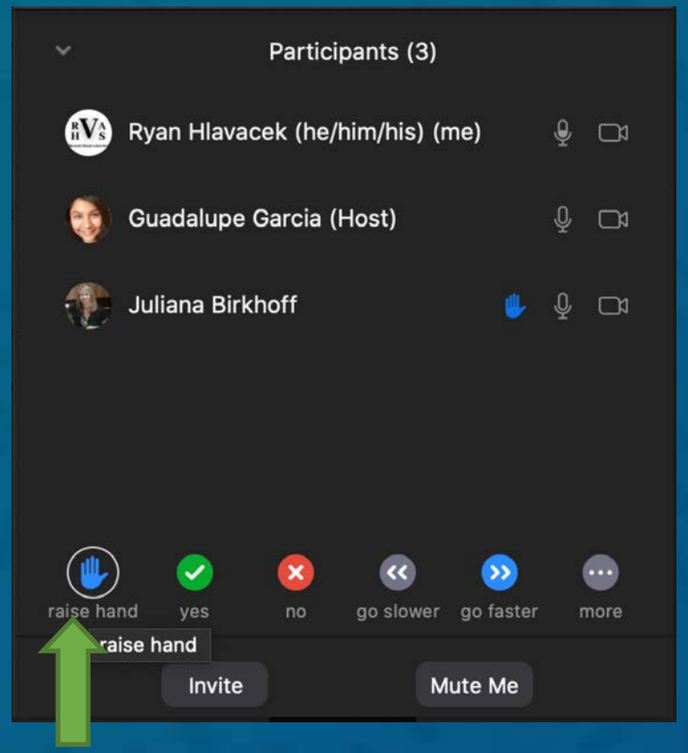
If you have a question during the presentation Click on **“Chat”**

Your question will be seen by the host and DWR will do their best to answer questions



How to Provide Input





To provide input, click the Raise Hand icon and the facilitator will send you a note to unmute your microphone



How to Provide Written Input

Form on the DWR Website
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Email
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Delta Conveyance Project Overview

Carrie Buckman
Environmental Program Manager

Delta Conveyance Project
Purpose and Objectives

Purpose

Modernize the aging 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.

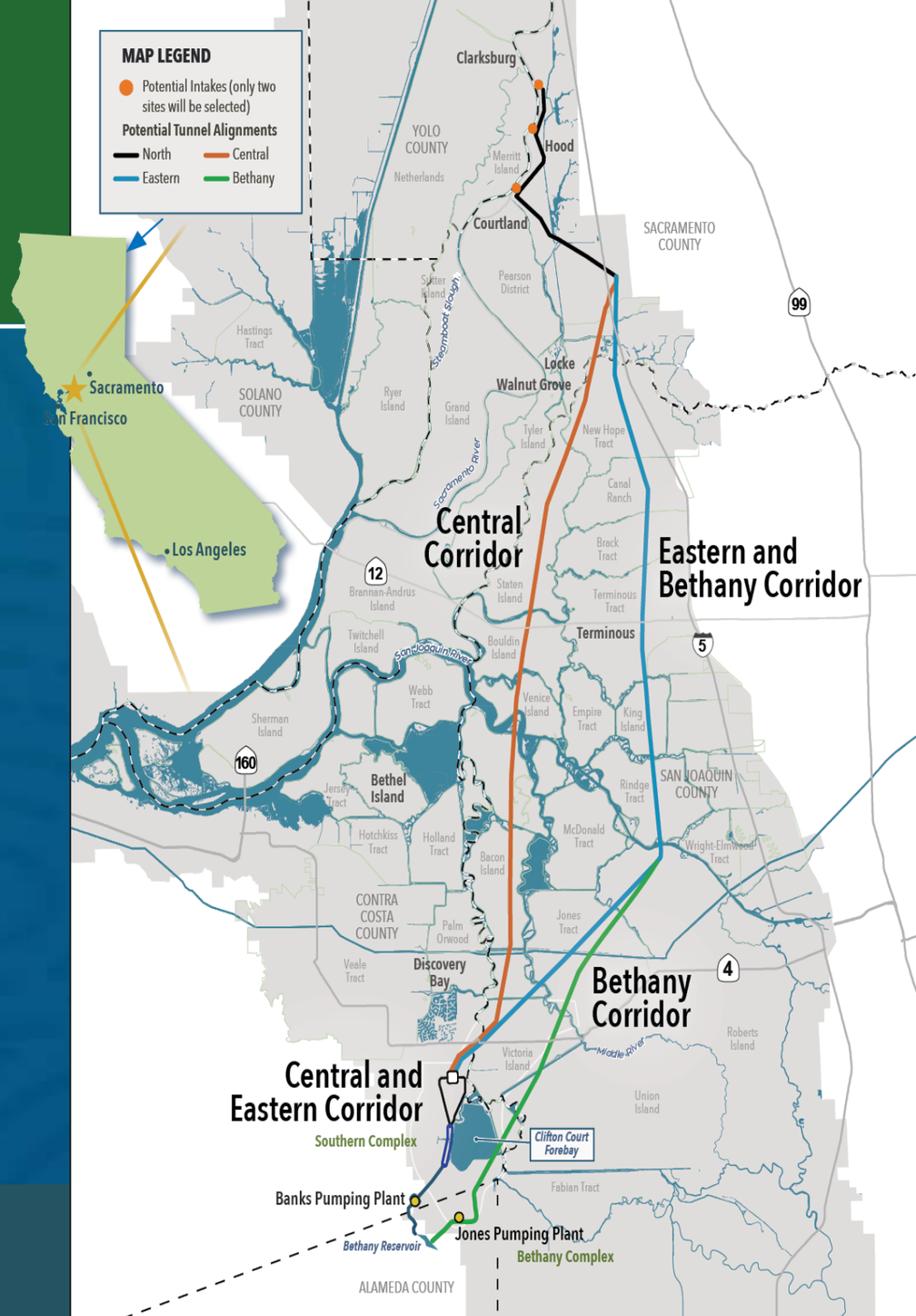
Objectives

- 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

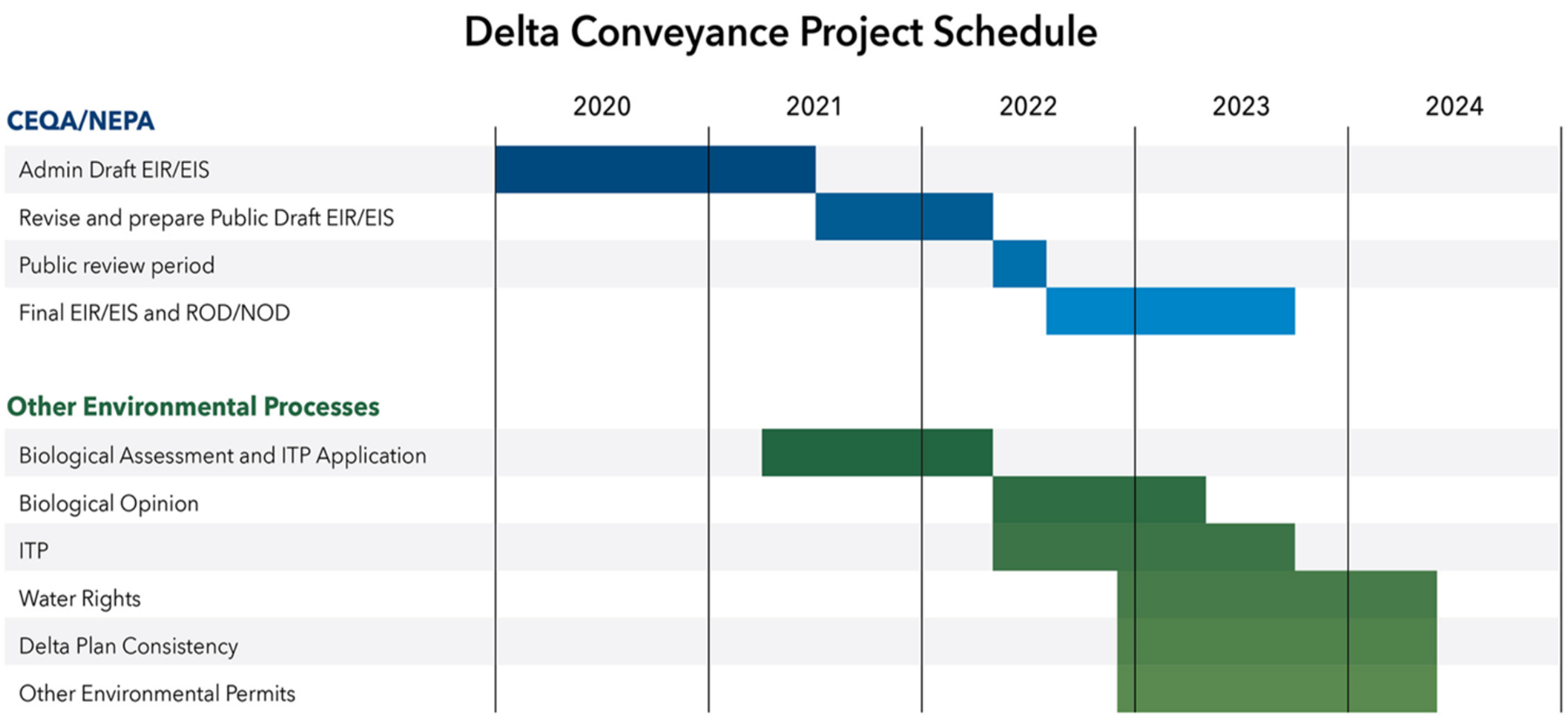


Proposed Project Features

- Intake facilities on the Sacramento River
- Tunnel reaches and tunnel shafts
- Pumping plant
- Forebay
- South Delta conveyance facilities



Updated Project Schedule



Three Distinct But Complementary Processes

Regulatory Mitigation

Purpose: Address project impacts related to specific regulatory requirements (e.g., CEQA/NEPA)

Community Benefits Program

Purpose: Provide resources to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by implementation, based on community collaboration.

Ombudsman Program

Purpose: Clearinghouse single point of contact to streamline information, support and claims. Includes ensuring just compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Community Benefits Program and Tribal Consultation

The commitments that would be included as part of the Community Benefits program:

- Separate and apart from required permit terms or environmental mitigation
- Go beyond traditional mitigation and commitments made during government-to-government Tribal consultation under AB 52 or DWR's Tribal Engagement Policy



Core Commitments

If the Delta Conveyance Project is approved, core commitments for a potential Community Benefits Program would include:

1. **Transparent**
   Open process to collaborate effectively
2. **Constructive**
   Participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy
3. **Inclusive**
   Broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. **Fair**
   Benefits related to localized nature of effects
5. **Unconditional**
   Community benefits are not dependent on support for project

May 17, 2021

About the Proposed Community Benefits Program

Janet Barbieri
Communication and Public Outreach Manager

We Need Your Input

- Community Benefits Program Concept
  - Purpose and Objectives
  - Components
- Benefit Categories and Funding Idea Examples
- Implementation Commitments and Community Involvement in Developing the Program



Road Map

- Meeting report summarizing your input and questions
- Public Workshop May 25, 6:00-8:00pm (focusing on implementation commitments and public participation process)
- Draft Community Benefits Program Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR, expected mid-2022



Community Interview Summary

- 44 interviews from 2/1/21 – 3/19/21
- Majority support the concept of a Community Benefits Program
- **Concerns included:**
  - Complexity and feasibility
  - Trust; need for oversight and enforceable commitments
  - Timing of the effort (premature)
  - Lack of in-Delta capacity
  - Longevity of the program
  - Wanting more CEQA information first (impacts assessment; mitigation)



Community Interview Summary *(continued)*

Recommendations included:

- Fund existing programs / avoid competing with existing programs
- Utilize existing community action plans, other plans
- Fund savings accounts for residents to use for education/job training
- Fund lump sums for legacy communities
- Ensure planning and oversight are locally driven
- Broad input about different types of projects to consider

What Did We Learn From Workshops 1 & 2?

- People do not like the Delta Conveyance Project but are prepared to discuss the Community Benefit Program and think the proposed purpose and objectives of the proposed program need some refinement.
- People suggested some language refinements for the Community Benefits Program.
- People ranked natural resources, water quality, recreation, agriculture and culture/ history as important benefit categories.
- Reiterated feedback on funding ideas.
- New funding ideas.

Why Create a Community Benefits Program?

- Acknowledge that the majority of direct project benefits (e.g. State Water Project reliability) are not located inside the Delta.
- Acknowledge that if the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects that Delta communities may endure through construction.
- Acknowledge the limitations of traditional CEQA “environmental mitigation” typically affords.

Community Benefits Program Concept

A defined set of commitments made by project proponents and created in coordination with the local community to create lasting, tangible and potentially significant economic and social benefit to the Delta residents, businesses and organizations facing project impacts.

Community Benefits Program Purpose and Objectives

Purpose

Harness the Delta Conveyance Project—a major capital works project—to create measurable economic, social and other benefits in the local Delta community

Objectives

1. Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
2. Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with stakeholder input
3. Address potential effects outside environmental regulatory processes to enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place

Proposed Community Benefits Program Components

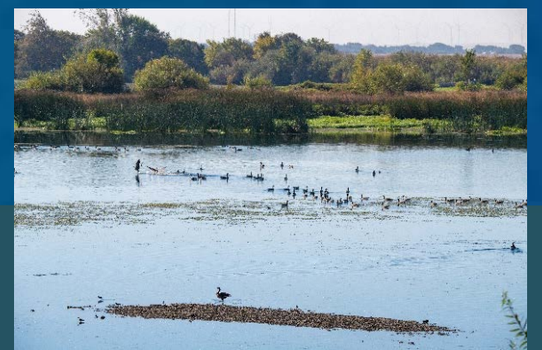
Delta As Place Fund

Grassroots framework for fund development and management that integrates the local community

Project Implementation Commitments

- Hiring targets and jobs training and education
- Local business utilization
- Multipurpose facilities




Suggested Funding Ideas

The following is a list of suggested ideas* that could potentially be included if a fund were set up in the Delta as part of a Community Benefits Program. The suggestions were provided to the Department of Water Resources in the 44 community interviews conducted, Workshop 1 and in written input received through a variety of channels.

Water and Air Quality



- Clean up trash and garbage
- Address algal blooms, pollutants, invasive plant species and salt water intrusion
- Provide clean drinking water systems
- Remove derelict boats
- Water hyacinth removal
- Manage dust
- Address road congestion (related to air quality)
- Establish waste water treatment or provide access to regional sanitation

Public Safety and Emergency Response



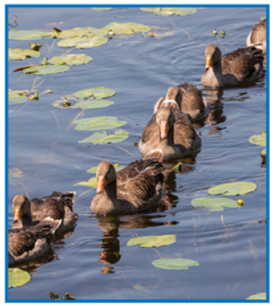
- Address homeless encampments
- Coordinate Sheriff response so someone comes out when you call
- Increase law enforcement throughout the Delta
- Swimming lessons for all Delta residents
- Help counties and towns deal with illegal dumping and constant theft
- Create a community center that can be used for emergencies and educational workshops and other activities
- Fire protection
- Make sure recreation areas stays safe and clean and provides benches and shade

Recreation



- Develop safe, shady and clean fishing, walking and picnicking recreation places throughout the Delta
- Connect urban river walk/bike trails throughout the Delta
- Create a history/culture walking trail along Mormon Slough from Scotts Ave to the river
- Connect green space at Reyes Park to the boat launch
- Work with youth to plant trees and community gardens all along the slough
- Access to river for non-motorized boaters
- Walking and biking trails including Rails to Trails
- Fishing access especially from shore
- After construction, convert the construction roads to walking and biking routes
- Complete the Great Delta Trail with campgrounds
- Reopen Delta Shores State Park
- Public access to natural places
- Support hatcheries within recreation as part of fisheries
- Connect the missing portion of the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail between Oakley and Pardee

Habitat Conservation



- Elk Slough Project
- Protect Golden Eagle habitat in hills behind Clifton Court
- Funding to farmers to put some of their land in habitat maybe in conjunction with NRCS
- Wildlife easements
- Land acquisition and purchase easements essential to connect the refuge habitats throughout the Delta
- Land acquisition to protect habitat from urban encroachment
- Funding for easements for a greater variety of habitat types than the NRCS Wetland Reserve Program funds

Culture and History



- Put up history and culture interpretative signs to connect to indigenous culture and other history
- Develop a community center large enough for whole community to meet in and for larger events
- Community center with multiple uses
- Prop 68 should guide the benefit types
- Land purchase for history and culture
- Beyond Legacy communities, includes cultural landscape, towns that no longer exist like old Chinatown

This is a list of potential ideas suggested through the outreach process for the Community Benefits Program, they are are for discussion purposes only.

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Economy



- Visitor and Education Center at Junctions of Highways 12 and 160
- Facilitate multi-agency funding of the Isleton Community Plan
- Develop water-related jobs related to the River as a source of work
- Fund a Rural Main Street program similar to SACOG's to fund implementation of local community plans
- Provide communities assistance to people to develop ideas and write proposals
- Equal economic opportunity
- Communities need early planning, engineering, or architectural expertise
- Need more anchor businesses to attract tourists
- Economic development for local Delta residents
- Natural resource tourism
- Funds for legacy towns for board walks and main streets
- Address housing code violations-Sac and FEMA issues
- Recreational tourism
- County regulations of AirBnB to encourage more of that type of rental in the Delta
- Marketing the region for tourism

Infrastructure



- Improve infrastructure: roads, levees, communication, power
- Improve transportation corridors
- Access to reliable highspeed internet
- Use buses used in construction for a Delta shuttle
- More bus service to major cities and towns

Agriculture



- After construction, dedicate the construction roads to agricultural transport
- Marketing and tourism grants to hire staff that could work with agriculture businesses
- Incentivize agricultural innovations
- Incentivize wildlife-friendly agriculture
- Land and easement purchase
- Assistance for conversion to agriculture that can participate in carbon markets
- Housing for farm labor closer to agricultural areas (would improve traffic)

Education and Workforce Development



- Environmental education
- Schools have a backlog of infrastructure needs
- In-person, long-term, comprehensive, hands-on agricultural education
- Workforce development for low-skilled workers with emphasis on people with disabilities and youth
- Improve academics in schools
- Provide paid internship opportunities for young people

Levee Maintenance



- Diversions should have fish screens
- Infrastructure investments especially levees
- Financing for abandoned lands
- Support for Reclamation Districts and levee maintenance
- Address subsidence
- Raise the level of flood protection to Legacy communities
- Add funding for the Delta Levee Subventions and Special Projects programs

**This is a list of potential ideas suggested through the outreach process for the Community Benefits Program, they are are for discussion purposes only.*

Proposed Implementation Commitments

Economic Development and Integrated Infrastructure Opportunities

Targeted Hiring

- Opportunity to increase participation of socially or economically disadvantaged workers in a project
- Helps create long lasting economic stability for workers
- May include partnerships with existing jobs training, pre-apprenticeship and other workforce development organizations to help create a pipeline of qualified workers

Local Business Utilization

- Increase participation of disadvantaged businesses in public contracting
- Create guidance that a percentage of all services, goods or materials be contracted to targeted businesses
- Direct contracting or contracting advantage to specific business types where a characteristic such as location may provide benefit in performance of the work
- Help create sustainable businesses and economic stimulus

Leave-Behind Infrastructure

- Site development that integrates a public benefit with the functional requirements of the project (example suggested including sports fields added to rehabilitated stockpile area at maintenance or retrieval shaft sites)
- Utility development that creates a permanent utility benefit (example suggested adding a permanent bike path along a haul route corridor)

Tribal and Community Involvement to Develop the Program

- Grassroots input—including Disadvantaged Communities—is vital to the ongoing development of the proposed Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program.
- Working collaboratively ensures the local community has a voice in generating and prioritizing ideas that can provide local benefits from the Delta Conveyance Project, if approved.
- The economic and social opportunities could be significant and will benefit from local insight as the program is developed.
- Most community benefits programs/agreements are formed with a formal community group. At this early stage of program development, we are looking for input on what these group(s) might look like.

Discussion & Input

General Input & Feedback

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Next Steps

- Meeting report summarizing your input
- Public Workshop May 25, 6:00-8:00pm (focusing on implementation commitments and public participation process)
- Draft Community Benefits Program Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR, expected mid-2022

Thank You for Participating!

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Tribal Workshop Summary
Community Benefits Program
Delta Conveyance Project
California Department of Water Resources
May 17, 2021, 1pm - 3pm

Meeting Synopsis

On May 17, 2021, DWR convened a Community Benefits Workshop that was by invitation only to Tribal members, Tribal representatives, Tribal leadership, and Tribal non-governmental organizations. In attendance were 24 participants, with 12 Tribal representatives. The outreach consisted of DWR sending Workshop information and registration links directly to all Tribes consulting on the Delta Conveyance Project and also through a DWR Tribal listserv. DWR also posted a flyer with Workshop information and registration links on DWR's Delta Conveyance Project Tribal Engagement website. Additionally, DWR provided the Workshop information and registration links to the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians for distribution to the Tribal Engagement Committee, which is convened by the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians and is made up of Tribal representatives from Tribes with ancestral ties to the Delta.

As DWR is proposing a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project, Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for DWR, explained how the Community Benefits Program fits into the Delta Conveyance Project. Background on the proposed program is available on the Delta Conveyance Project website (https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program).

Janet Barbieri, Communications and Public Outreach Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, provided an overview of the proposed Community Benefits Program. Participants were invited to provide input on the proposed concept, funding categories, and implementation commitments. The Workshop concluded with dates for the next public workshop. DWR will use participant input to develop the Community Benefits Program Framework, which will be included as an appendix to the project's Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

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This meeting summary paraphrases individual comments and suggestions from participants in the Community Benefits Program Workshop.
All materials are available to participants at the DWR website.
For questions, please contact DWR at DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov 1-866-924-9955.

Participant Welcome and Introductions

The Workshop was opened by Anecita Agustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor, who explained that the goal of the Workshop was to discuss the Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. She explained that, in addition to a series of public workshops, this Tribal Workshop was by invitation only to Tribal members, Tribal representatives, Tribal leadership, and Tribal non-governmental organizations. Ms. Agustinez stated that she appreciated the chance for participants not familiar with the Community Benefits Program to learn more about the program, have opportunities to ask questions, and provide input.

The facilitator, Juliana Birkhoff, Ag Innovations, said the objectives of the Workshop were to:

- Ensure participants understand how the proposed Community Benefits Program would fit into the Delta Conveyance Project (if the Delta Conveyance Project were approved)
- Ensure participants understand the objectives of the Community Benefits Program
- Allow for an opportunity to provide input on the Community Benefits Program and the process to develop the program

She explained that the Workshop would conclude with information on next steps.

How The Proposed Community Benefits Program Fits Into The Delta Conveyance Project

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, DWR, presented the purpose of the Delta Conveyance Project. Ms. Buckman started by noting that State Water Project (SWP) infrastructure is aging. She explained how modernizing SWP infrastructure will restore and protect the future reliability of SWP water deliveries. Ms. Buckman outlined that the proposed project is designed to modernize the infrastructure in a cost-effective way and is consistent with California's Water Resilience Portfolio.

Ms. Buckman described the four Delta Conveyance Project objectives. These are:

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

Ms. Buckman reviewed the location and facilities for the proposed project. She pointed out the proposed locations for intake facilities, tunnels, pumping plants, the forebay, and the South Delta conveyance facilities.

Ms. Buckman also outlined the timeline for the proposed project, identifying the next major milestone as the release of a public review Draft EIR in early to mid-2022. A PDF version of

the PowerPoint presentation can be found at https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Tribal-Engagement.

Ms. Buckman explained that the proposed Community Benefits Program is part of DWR's approach to address impacts from Delta Conveyance Project construction and operations that are not addressed through traditional mitigation. Ms. Buckman described that the commitments that would be included as part of the Community Benefits Program would go beyond traditional mitigation and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) commitments made during government-to-government Tribal consultation under AB 52 or DWR's Tribal Engagement Policy. She clarified that regulatory mitigation would address proposed project impacts based on requirements in environmental regulations. Ms. Buckman said DWR proposes three complimentary processes to address concerns, described below.

Regulatory Mitigation	Proposed Proposed community benefits program	Ombudsman Program
• Purpose: Address project impacts related to specific requirements (CEQA/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA))	• Purpose: Provide resources to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by implementation, based on community collaboration.	• Purpose: Clearinghouse single point of contact to streamline information, support, and claims. Includes ensuring just compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Ms. Buckman finished her presentation by outlining five core commitments for the proposed Community Benefits Program. She described the five commitments as:

1. Transparent: open process to collaborate effectively
2. Constructive: participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy
3. Inclusive: broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. Fair: benefits related to localized nature of effects
5. Unconditional: community benefits are not dependent on support for project

Proposed Community Benefits Program Overview

Janet Barbieri, Communications and Public Outreach Manager for the Delta Conveyance Project, reviewed proposed Community Benefits Program concepts, purpose, objectives, components, and categories. She explained that DWR proposed creating the Community Benefits Program to acknowledge:

- The majority of direct project benefits are not located inside the Delta

- If the project is approved, it could have potential adverse effects that Delta communities may endure through construction
- The limitations of traditional environmental mitigation

Ms. Barbieri said that community benefits programs are common in large infrastructure projects. She explained that they are a defined set of commitments made by project proponents created with the local community to create lasting, tangible, and potentially significant economic and social benefits to residents, businesses, and organizations facing potential project impacts.

The objectives of the Community Benefits Program, said Ms. Barbieri, are to:

- Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
- Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency, and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with stakeholder input
- Address potential effects outside environmental regulatory processes to enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place

Ms. Barbieri explained that there are two components to the Community Benefits Program. The first component is a Delta As Place Fund and the second component is project implementation commitments. The Delta As Place Fund is proposed as a grassroots framework for fund development and management that integrates the local community. Projects might be funded in the following proposed categories:

- Water and Air Quality
- Public Safety and Emergency Response
- Recreation
- Habitat Conservation
- Culture and History
- Economy
- Infrastructure
- Agriculture
- Education and Workforce Development
- Levee Maintenance

Project implementation commitments include hiring targets, job training and education, local business utilization, infrastructure, and facilities.

Ms. Barbieri summarized the input from the first workshop. She explained that workshop participants:

- Did not like the Delta Conveyance Project but were prepared to discuss the Community Benefits Program
- Suggested language refinements for the Community Benefits Program including the proposed purpose and objectives

- Ranked natural resources, water quality, recreation, agriculture, and culture and history as important benefit categories

Discussion and Input

- A participant said that everything that happens in the Delta is critically important to Tribal members and that the Tribe's traditional sites always involve water. He noted that two centuries of Delta uses have created slow violence due to impacts to the wetlands. He said he understood that the project would divert water from all Sacramento River watersheds. The participant said that earlier versions of the project documented traditional cultural properties within the proposed project footprint. He explained that the project would negatively affect cultural sites and values in the region. His concerns include potential impacts to cemeteries, plant gathering areas, contemporary community gathering areas, traditional fishing sites, and ceremonial and sacred sites.
- The participant continued by explaining that he and his Tribe are concerned about the Delta Conveyance Project. He said the project would have severe impacts that cannot be mitigated, and that the project would create lasting harm to Native American religious and spiritual values. Therefore, he could not provide ideas for community benefits. Although there have been discussions about Tribal access to funds and initiatives, he is frustrated that the Agency does not understand Tribal members. The participant concluded that previous generations had passed on spiritual understanding and kinship to ensure that generations maintained their relationships with the Delta region and its resources, and that short term solutions such as the Delta Conveyance Project would cause harm.

- Several other participants agreed with the first participant's comments.

- A participant asked for clarification on what community is benefiting from this, and that she did not feel it was any of the Native communities.

    - Ms. Buckman acknowledged that DWR anticipates that Tribal impacts and mitigation will be addressed through CEQA requirements, and that there may be ideas beyond this mitigation that DWR is looking to get input on during this Workshop. DWR will consult formally with Tribes under AB 52 or DWR's Tribal Engagement Policy. However, this Tribal Workshop was intended to get early input from Tribal members about the Community Benefits Program. The purpose of this workshop is to let Tribes know that DWR is also interested in hearing about their ideas for potential benefits.
    - Ms. Agustinez also clarified that this may be an opportunity which could be used to protect and acknowledge important areas and resources to Tribal communities, and that DWR wants to work closely with Tribal partners as this program is advanced.

- A participant noted that her organization understood that the Delta Conveyance Project would move water from the Sacramento River through a tunnel and other infrastructure. She said the project would destroy fish habitat and increase fish kills. She stated that it was discouraging to hear about the Delta Conveyance Project during a time when there is discussion about truth and healing for California Indian people. She said that Tribes are saying the project is not good for them. She elaborated that there is nothing positive about the project for communities that live in the Bay Area, Delta, or the tributaries of the

Sacramento River and that projects such as bike trails do not change the negatives of the Delta Conveyance Project.

- Another participant explained that the Delta is an economic hub for indigenous California people. He said the SWP is a continuation of the colonial expansion into the West. He asked DWR to look at potential impacts to threatened cultural resources as well as viewsheds and scenic vistas, noting that these are all important for Tribal people. The participant recommended that Tribes have access and understanding of the use of TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance) and stated that even though it is a federal law a similar mechanism could be used for this project. The participant urged DWR to include a variety of academic, immigrant, and indigenous perspectives in State water plans. He stated that the project was not economically viable and did not take Tribal land rights into recognition. He stated that Tribal people understood how to manage water sustainably and the State needed to work with Tribes to create a new system. He also said that it was important to include local Tribes, whether they have recognition or not, and that Tribes have rights to the land and want to steward their cultural, economic, and natural resources using Native knowledge and Native peoples.

- A participant asked Ms. Buckman to explain how much funding was available, who would fund the program, and how funds would be disbursed.

    - Ms. Buckman explained that the proposed Community Benefits Program would be part of the overall Delta Conveyance Project. DWR would calculate project construction costs which would include Community Benefits Program funds. The public water agencies receiving the water would fund the Community Benefits Program. However, the funding amount has not been calculated. Ms. Buckman stated that it would be useful to have feedback from Tribal members on how projects should be funded and if funds should be disbursed once or available over a sustained period.

- A participant explained that she and her Tribe are not in favor of the project. She said she understood that the project would divert more water out of the Sacramento River, and that these diversions would create negative impacts to eco-cultural resources. She doubted that the benefits from the Community Benefits Program could outweigh the damages from the Delta Conveyance Project. She noted that it was too early to discuss proposed community benefit ideas without knowing more about the costs and impacts from the whole project. However, she encouraged DWR to organize further discussions and opportunities to provide input on the program.
- She noted that the Delta Tribal benefits could include ensuring adequate amounts of water, clean water, and ecosystem restoration for Tribes that rely on the Delta for gathering sites and spiritual connection so those sites could be accessed and utilized, and ensuring that the Delta is healthy.

    - Ms. Buckman acknowledged that these discussions on community benefits are occurring while the identification of impacts and mitigation are still in progress. However, Ms. Buckman stressed that DWR did not want to wait before getting initial ideas from participants so their input would shape the program. She

reiterated that input on the proposed Community Benefits Program does not indicate any support for the Delta Conveyance Project.

- A participant said that very few people support the Delta Conveyance Project, and that it seems as if concerns are being ignored as people have explained there was no way to mitigate the impacts from the project. In particular, she was concerned about fish species extinction. The participant said she believed there were better uses for the money than the Delta Conveyance Project and that community benefits were not likely to outweigh the negatives of the project.

- A participant asked what the timeline was for developing and implementing the Community Benefit Program and if there would be other opportunities to provide input. She explained that Tribes cannot think of any community benefits because of the destruction to Delta cemeteries, fishing, and the overall Delta from the project. She emphasized that restoration of the waterways is important.

    - Ms. Barbieri explained that the Community Benefits Program would take a while to develop, and that there would be many opportunities to provide input as the process moves forward.
    - Ms. Barbieri also clarified that the framework is being developed to go into the Draft EIR for additional public comment.
    - Ms. Agustinez reiterated that this is a very early process and there will be continued conversations with Tribes and Tribal organizations as ideas are raised.

- A participant explained that protecting water reliability was not the same thing as protecting water delivery to the State Water Project. The participant expressed that the project would create more pressure to divert water from the Trinity and Klamath rivers to the Sacramento River. She stated that there was not currently enough water in those rivers for juvenile salmon, and that the proposed Delta Conveyance Project would reduce water amounts for fish. She agreed with others that Tribes could not have a discussion of community benefits without knowing Delta Conveyance Project impacts and proposed mitigation. She also said that some of the proposed Community Benefit Program ideas would not benefit everyone or benefit everyone in the same way. She recommended for DWR to have more meetings and to meet specifically with Tribes on the north coast in Northern California.

- A participant asked for more information on the Delta Conveyance Project, such as what will or will not be included in the project.

    - Ms. Buckman said that DWR was planning a series of public technical workshops this summer to provide more information to help prepare people to review the EIR. She explained that the EIR was scheduled for public comment in mid-2022. She assured participants that Tribal communities would be notified of these public technical workshops.

- A participant asked if there were any discussions or analyses to circumvent CEQA.

    - Ms. Buckman answered that she had not heard any policies to circumvent CEQA or the National Environmental Policy Act. She explained that her goal as the Environmental Program Manager is to disclose the impacts. As DWR hears comments from the Tribal communities and the public, DWR can assess those questions in potential impacts. She said she heard concerns about indirect impacts to the Trinity and Klamath rivers during scoping. She did not think there would be any impact on those watersheds from the Delta Conveyance Project, but DWR will be looking at the potential for indirect effects. However, it would be useful to talk to Tribes about their concerns even before the draft EIR.

- This participant also stressed that if there were water deliveries to the Sacramento River, the reliability and stability of water deliveries would have a negative impact on the Trinity River. He explained that this would encourage more diversion into the Central Valley because of Trinity and Sacramento River connections. He said there would be a direct impact because of how the state maneuvers water.

    - Ms. Buckman explained the Trinity River and Shasta Reservoir are part of the Central Valley Project, not the State Water Project, and that the Central Valley Project is not currently engaged in this project and therefore those systems would not likely be directly affected.

- This participant also asked how DWR will protect confidential cultural, social, and natural intellectual property, and how DWR would protect sensitive Tribal place-based information.

    - Ms. Agustinez explained that confidential information is being shared with DWR through ongoing Tribal consultation, which will remain confidential. She also noted that the United States Army Corps of Engineers would be working on NEPA issues and would be responsible for National Historic Protection Act Section 106 consultations with the Tribes. DWR will not be sharing confidential information publicly, and the government-to-government consultation process can be used to maintain the confidentiality of Tribal information.

- A participant explained that “community benefits” was a complicated term, because Tribal members see current Delta water project destruction and the amount of potential destruction. Furthermore, this participant commented that the potential funding ideas are abstract, and that they are not specific implementable programs or projects. This participant asked for clarification on the scope of the program, such as information on how many projects or programs, what funding is available, and if there are any limitations. The participant expressed concern that there will be potential impacts to cemeteries and cultural landscapes, and expressed interest in turning these spaces back to Tribally-owned spaces as part of this program. He also stated that the Community Benefit fund should focus on funding current projects and programs, and that the program should build on and expand current work. The participant provided an example that there are many levee projects that need funding. He concluded that there needed to many more discussions and workshops with the Tribal community.

    - Ms. Buckman answered that the current list of funding ideas summarized Delta residents' ideas from interviews and previous workshops. She acknowledged that many of the ideas are general but that they can be used to get a sense of the categories of project ideas. The conclusions about what to fund or what the program will look like have not been decided. It is important now to get ideas and input about the structure of the program.

- Some participants asked if there was still a chance to participate in the Environmental Justice survey.

    - Ms. Birkhoff responded that there will be more chances to participate and provide information for the Community Benefits Program and Delta Conveyance Project. She understood that some people had not participated in the Environmental Justice survey, interviews, or previous workshops. Ms. Birkhoff explained that she would continue to work with DWR to organize opportunities for Tribal members to provide ideas on the Community Benefits Program.

- A participant said it was good to see so many Tribes and people from different areas in the Delta. This participant noted that the Delta is a sacred landscape. This participant stated that it is difficult to see any benefits from projects that impact that landscape. The participant commented that every time an updated version of this project comes out, it creates a spiritual and mental drain. He stated that restoration of Delta habitats would be the only benefit for future generations. He also stated that the landscape will be heavily impacted from sea level rise and that Tribal members have no ability to steward it through sea level rise or to steward the land for fish, wildlife, or wildfowl habitat. This participant said that Tribes should lead the restoration of these lands, and that there must be sustainable funding for ecosystem stewardship. He explained that Tribes have been excluded from their ancestral homelands. He expressed that it seems as though DWR is wanting to know what payments can be made for impacted communities to feel good about the project.

- Another participant wanted to make sure diverse Tribal organizations were included in future conversations. He asked for more details on how the State would fund the Delta Conveyance Project and the Community Benefits fund. He wondered if the State would fund the project from proceeds from California futures water traded on the New York Stock exchange.

    - Ms. Buckman responded that, regarding project funding, the State would issue bonds to get revenue, and those revenue bonds would be paid for by the water agencies that would receive water from the Delta Conveyance Project.
    - Ms. Birkhoff added that, during the interviews and previous workshops, people have suggested ways to distribute proposed Community Benefit funds, such as community foundations, grant programs, savings accounts, or funding specific organizations.
    - Ms. Agustinez confirmed that DWR will be looking into coordinating a follow-up Tribal Workshop, and explained that DWR would like to curate a list, though Tribal input, of Tribal funding ideas and would also like to include Tribal advocacy in the

development of the Framework. Ms. Agustinez also acknowledged there are many restoration projects that are ongoing, and they may need sustainable funding. She said that truth and healing, land displacement, and indigenizing spaces are critical issues.

Next Steps

The facilitator explained that Ag Innovations would summarize participants ideas into a meeting summary and circulate it to Tribal members.

The facilitator explained that Tribal members are invited to participate in a public Workshop on May 25, focusing on implementation commitments and how the public should be involved in developing the program.

Information from the interviews, public workshops, emails to the program, and input from the comment forms will inform the draft Community Benefits Framework, which will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR.

Workshop Adjourned

Delta Conveyance Project

Community Benefits Program Tribal Workshop

If you live, work or recreate in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Department of Water Resources wants to hear from you about developing a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Please join a virtual workshop to share your thoughts about the concept, goals, objectives and types of projects that could be beneficial to the Delta community. Participation in developing a community benefits program does not in any way indicate your support for the Delta Conveyance Project itself.

This workshop is specifically for Tribal communities, including Tribal leadership, representatives, and members, as well as other non-Tribally affiliated Tribal persons.

What is a Community Benefits Program?

Proponents of large infrastructure projects typically develop a set of commitments–community benefits created in coordination with the local community–to address how the project affects the local community. These commitments are separate and apart from mitigation developed as a part of environmental review.



Tribal Workshop

Monday, May 17, 2021
1:00pm – 3:00pm

Registration closes May 10th

REGISTER HERE

Additional Community Benefits Program Public Workshops

Workshop 1: What Community Benefits Mean to You

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Registration closes on April 7th

REGISTER HERE

Workshop 2: Project Ideas

Thursday, May 6, 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Registration closes on April 29th

REGISTER HERE

Workshop 3: Jobs, Education, Infrastructure and Engagement

Tuesday, May 25, 2021
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Registration closes on May 18th

REGISTER HERE

Register online: https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

Participation Accommodations

- ✓ Workshops will be conducted using Zoom and can be accessed through the internet or by using your phone.
- ✓ Closed captioning will be provided.

Additional Information & Resources

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

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If you cannot participate in the workshop, but would like to provide input, please email us at **DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov**. The materials from the workshop will be posted on the website after the event.

For more information, contact:

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
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Proposed Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program
Second Tribal Workshop
Agenda

Monday, October 25, 2021 | 2:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Welcome and Introductions *(15 minutes)*
2. Agenda Review and How to Participate *(10 minutes)*
3. Delta Conveyance Project Update *(10 minutes)*
4. Community Benefits Program Status and Engagement/Input Summary *(10 minutes)*
5. Community Benefits Programs and Funding Examples *(25 minutes)*
6. Discussion and Input *(30 minutes)*
    - Potential funding ideas
    - Implementation details
    - Additional program components
7. General Input and Feedback *(15 minutes)*
8. Next Steps *(5 minutes)*

For any questions or feedback related to the development of the Community Benefits Program, please email DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov.

Proposed Delta Conveyance Project

Community Benefits Program Second Tribal Workshop

October 25, 2021 • Workshop Begins at 2:00pm

Welcome



Objectives

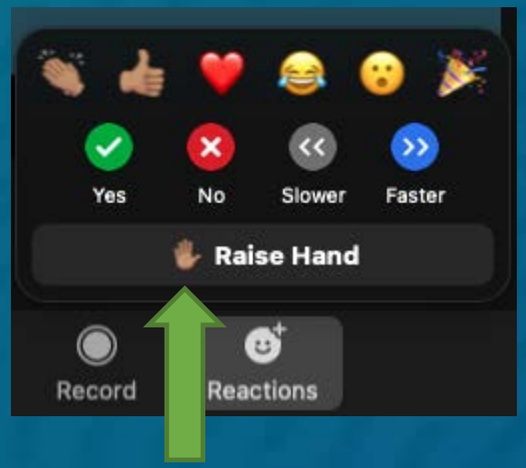


- Learn progress of the Delta Conveyance Project and Community Benefits Program development
- Ensure greater understanding of Community Benefits Programs by providing examples of other programs and the types of things a Community Benefits Program could fund
- Provide opportunity to provide input on the continued development of the Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program
- Ensure understanding of what the next steps are for program development

Agenda

2:00pm – 2:15pm	**Welcome and Introductions**
2:15pm – 2:25 pm	**Agenda and How to Participate**
2:25pm – 2:35 pm	**Delta Conveyance Project Update**
2:35pm – 2:45pm	**Community Benefits Program Status and Engagement/Input Summary**
2:45pm – 3:10pm	**Community Benefits Program Examples**
3:10pm – 3:55pm	**Discussion and Input**
3:55pm – 4:00pm	**Next Steps**

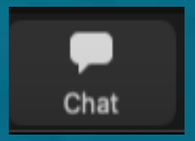
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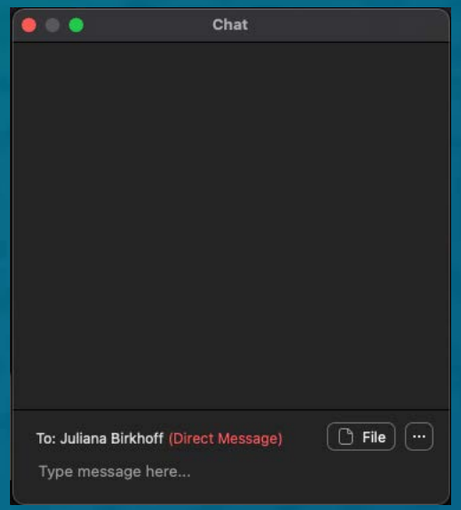
To provide input, click the **“Raise Hand”** icon. The facilitator will ask you to unmute your microphone and you will have two minutes to provide feedback on the Community Benefits Program.



If you have a question - Chat



If you have a question during the presentation, click on **“Chat”** and enter your question into the box.



Your question will be seen by the host and DWR will do their best to answer relevant questions after the presentation.



October 25, 2021

Delta Conveyance Project Update

Carrie Buckman
Environmental Program Manager



Delta Conveyance Project

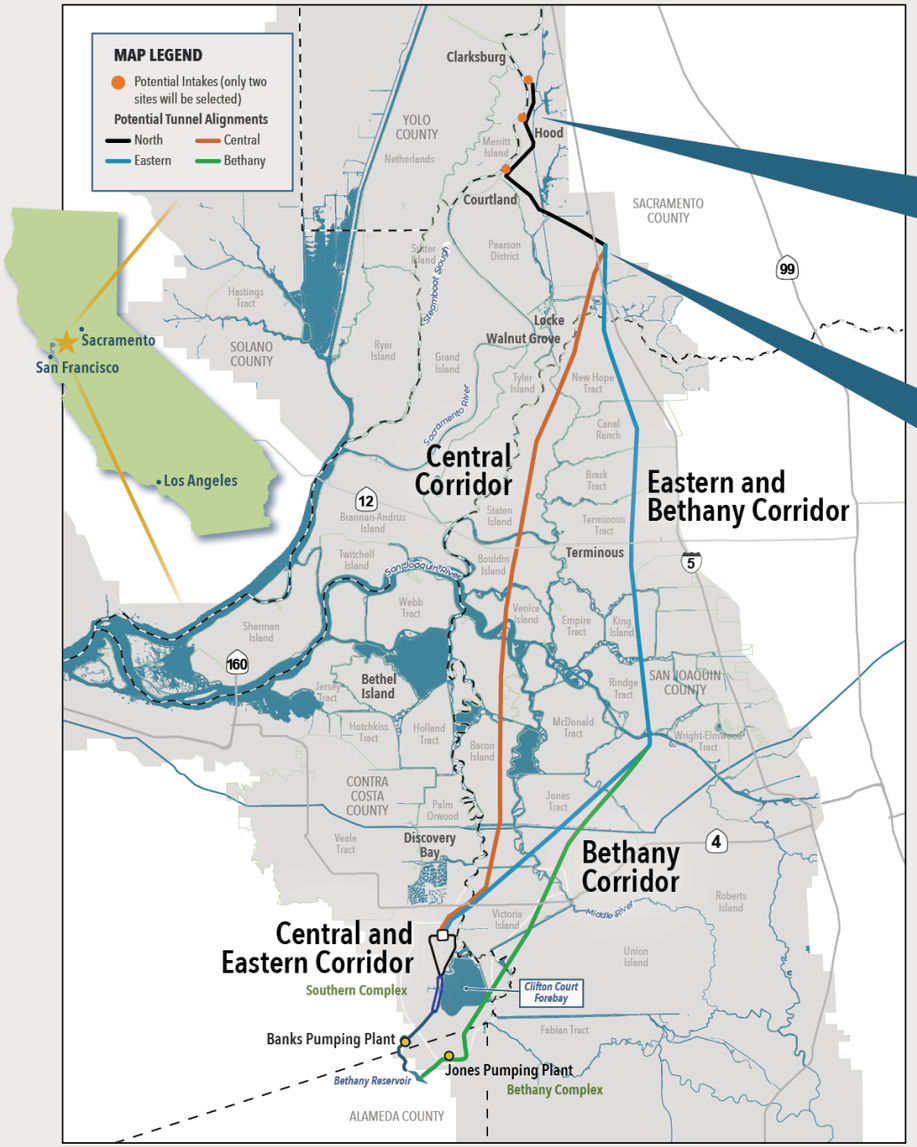
Purpose

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.

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

PROJECT DETAILS



Proposed Facilities*

Two new intakes in the north Delta, each with 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) capacity, for the proposed project. Alternatives could include one, two, or three intakes.

One below ground tunnel, following an eastern, central, or Bethany corridor, designed to protect California's water supplies from sea level rise, earthquakes, subsidence and levee failure.

Operational Flexibility

A new diversion facility would be operated together with existing South Delta pumping facilities

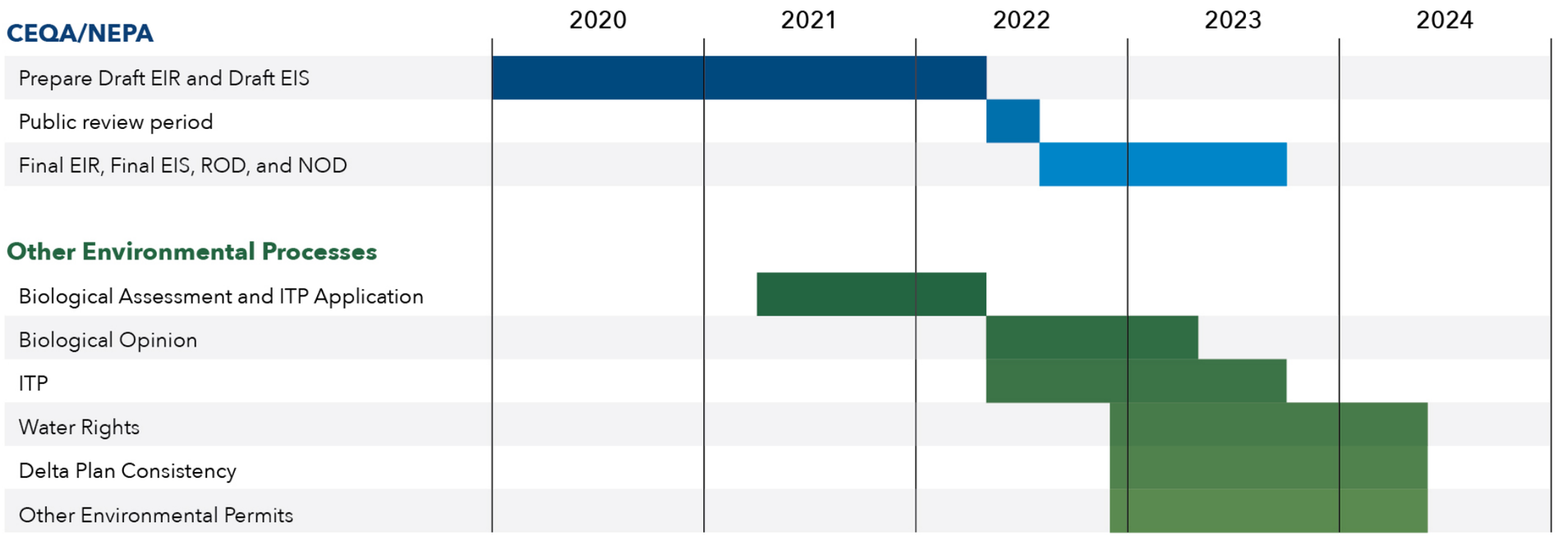
Operations would increase DWR's ability to capture water during high flow events

**All proposed project details are subject to refinement. No final decisions will be made until the conclusion of the environmental review process.*



Current Project Schedule

Delta Conveyance Project Schedule



Clarifying Questions

October 25, 2021

Community Benefits Program Status and Engagement/Input Summary

Carrie Buckman
Environmental Program Manager

Juliana Birkhoff
Facilitator

Why Create a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project?

- Acknowledge that the direct project benefits (e.g. State Water Project reliability) are not located inside the Delta
- Acknowledge that if the project is approved it could have potential adverse effects that Delta communities may endure through construction
- Acknowledge the limitations of traditional CEQA “environmental mitigation” typically affords

Delta Conveyance Project
Community Benefits Program Objectives

1. Provide a mechanism for the Delta community to identify opportunities for local benefits
2. Provide a mechanism for the project proponents to demonstrate good faith, transparency and accountability to the community through formal commitments developed with community member's input
3. Protect and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place

Proposed Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program Components

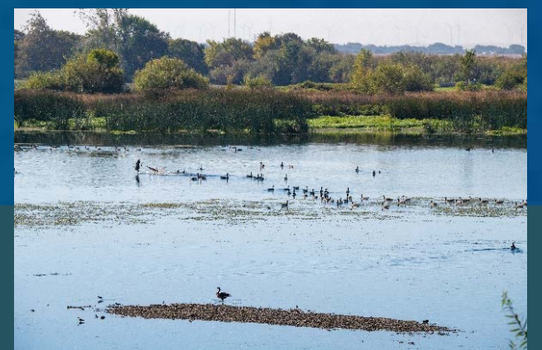
Delta Community Fund

Grassroots framework to fund community priorities, developed and managed to empower local community

Project Implementation Commitments

- Hiring targets, jobs training and education
- Local business utilization
- Infrastructure and facilities




Three Distinct But Complementary Processes

Regulatory Mitigation

Purpose: Address project impacts related to specific regulatory requirements (e.g., CEQA/NEPA)

Community Benefits Program

Purpose: Provide resources to direct benefits toward communities most impacted by implementation, based on community collaboration.

Ombudsman Program

Purpose: Clearinghouse single point of contact to streamline information, support and claims. Includes ensuring just compensation as a result of direct construction impacts.

Community Benefits Program and Tribal Consultation

The commitments that would be included as part of the Community Benefits program:

- Separate and apart from required permit terms or environmental mitigation
- Go beyond traditional mitigation and commitments made during government-to-government Tribal consultation under AB 52 or DWR's Tribal Engagement Policy



Core Commitments

If the Delta Conveyance Project is approved, core commitments for a potential Community Benefits Program would include:

1. **Transparent**
   Open process to collaborate effectively
2. **Constructive**
   Participation in good faith with community to create a positive legacy
3. **Inclusive**
   Broad stakeholder participation to expand capture of voices
4. **Fair**
   Benefits related to localized nature of effects
5. **Unconditional**
   Community benefits are not dependent on support for project

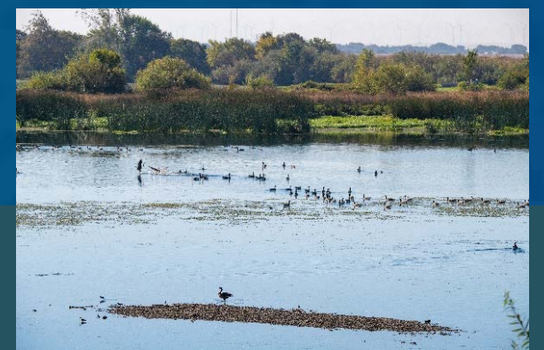
Clarifying Questions

What Have We Learned So Far?











What We Learned from the Environmental Justice Survey *(Fall 2020)*

- We asked people what was most valuable to them. Everyone ranked highly natural environment, clean air and drinking water, habitat for fish, migrating birds and wildlife.
- All prioritized preserving and improving Delta, its community and economy, local agriculture and local recreation.
- Disadvantaged community members ranked clean air. safe drinking water and the natural environment as very important.
- We asked people what they liked most about the Delta. People ranked beautiful, rural landscape, natural environment, history, culture, and access to outdoor activities very highly.
- All participants spent several hours or more per week fishing, walking, or “just hanging out” in the Delta.
- These responses help to understand what kinds of community benefits are valuable for Delta residents, workers and visitors.

What We Learned From the Interviews and Workshops *(Spring 2021)*

- People do not like the Delta Conveyance Project but are prepared to discuss the Community Benefit Program.
- People ranked natural resources, water quality, recreation, agriculture and culture/ history as important benefit categories.
- People suggested language changes to the concept, purpose, objectives, and funding categories of the Community Benefits Program which have been incorporated.
- People made thoughtful and comprehensive suggestions about funding ideas to possibly include in a Delta Fund.

Suggestions

The following is a list of suggested ideas* that could potentially be included if a fund were set up in the Delta as part of a Community Benefits Program. The suggestions were provided to the Department of Water Resources in the 44 community interviews conducted, Workshop 1 and in written input received through a variety of channels.

Water and Air Quality



- Clean up trash and garbage
- Address algal blooms, pollutants, invasive plant species and salt water intrusion
- Provide clean drinking water systems
- Remove derelict boats
- Water hyacinth removal
- Manage dust
- Address road congestion (related to air quality)
- Establish waste water treatment or provide access to regional sanitation

Public Safety and Emergency Response



- Address homeless encampments
- Coordinate Sheriff response so someone comes out when you call
- Increase law enforcement throughout the Delta
- Swimming lessons for all Delta residents
- Help counties and towns deal with illegal dumping and constant theft
- Create a community center that can be used for emergencies and educational workshops and other activities
- Fire protection
- Make sure recreation areas stays safe and clean and provides benches and shade

Recreation



- Develop safe, shady and clean fishing, walking and picnicking recreation places throughout the Delta
- Connect urban river walk/bike trails throughout the Delta
- Create a history/culture walking trail along Mormon Slough from Scotts Ave to the river
- Connect green space at Reyes Park to the boat launch
- Work with youth to plant trees and community gardens all along the slough
- Access to river for non-motorized boaters
- Walking and biking trails including Rails to Trails
- Fishing access especially from shore
- After construction, convert the construction roads to walking and biking routes
- Complete the Great Delta Trail with campgrounds
- Reopen Delta Shores State Park
- Public access to natural places
- Support hatcheries within recreation as part of fisheries
- Connect the missing portion of the Mokelumne Coast to Crest Trail between Oakley and Pardee

Habitat Conservation



- Elk Slough Project
- Protect Golden Eagle habitat in hills behind Clifton Court
- Funding to farmers to put some of their land in habitat maybe in conjunction with NRCS
- Wildlife easements
- Land acquisition and purchase easements essential to connect the refuge habitats throughout the Delta
- Land acquisition to protect habitat from urban encroachment
- Funding for easements for a greater variety of habitat types than the NRCS Wetland Reserve Program funds

Culture and History



- Put up history and culture interpretative signs to connect to MiWok and other history
- Develop a community center large enough for whole community to meet in and for larger events
- Community center with multiple uses
- Prop 68 should guide the benefit types
- Land purchase for history and culture
- Beyond Legacy communities, includes cultural landscape, towns that no longer exist like old Chinatown

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Economy



- Visitor and Education Center at Junctions of Highways 12 and 160
- Facilitate multi-agency funding of the Isleton Community Plan
- Develop water-related jobs related to the River as a source of work
- Fund a Rural Main Street program similar to SACOG's to fund implementation of local community plans
- Provide communities assistance to people to develop ideas and write proposals
- Equal economic opportunity
- Communities need early planning, engineering, or architectural expertise
- Need more anchor businesses to attract tourists
- Economic development for local Delta residents
- Natural resource tourism
- Funds for legacy towns for board walks and main streets
- Address housing code violations-Sac and FEMA issues
- Recreational tourism
- County regulations of AirBnB to encourage more of that type of rental in the Delta
- Marketing the region for tourism

Infrastructure



- Improve infrastructure: roads, levees, communication, power
- Improve transportation corridors
- Access to reliable highspeed internet
- Use buses used in construction for a Delta shuttle
- More bus service to major cities and towns

Agriculture



- After construction, dedicate the construction roads to agricultural transport
- Marketing and tourism grants to hire staff that could work with agriculture businesses
- Incentivize agricultural innovations
- Incentivize wildlife-friendly agriculture
- Land and easement purchase
- Assistance for conversion to agriculture that can participate in carbon markets
- Housing for farm labor closer to agricultural areas (would improve traffic)

Education and Workforce Development



- Environmental education
- Schools have a backlog of infrastructure needs
- In-person, long-term, comprehensive, hands-on agricultural education
- Workforce development for low-skilled workers with emphasis on people with disabilities and youth
- Improve academics in schools
- Provide paid internship opportunities for young people

Levee Maintenance



- Diversions should have fish screens
- Infrastructure investments especially levees
- Financing for abandoned lands
- Support for Reclamation Districts and levee maintenance
- Address subsidence
- Raise the level of flood protection to Legacy communities
- Add funding for the Delta Levee Subventions and Special Projects programs

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Clarifying Questions

October 25, 2021

Community Benefits Program Information and Models

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Community Benefits Programs Overview

- A defined set of commitments made by project proponents and created in coordination with the local community to create lasting, tangible and potentially significant economic and social benefit to the residents, businesses and organizations facing project impacts.
- Community benefits programs grew from smart growth and environmental justice movements to ensure that economic developments brought improvements to affected residents.
- Community benefit programs are frequently used in US and international development projects to ensure that local communities benefit from large scale infrastructure such as roads, dams, mines, and pipelines.

Community Benefits Programs Can Include…

- Agreements between project proponents and sponsors, municipal and regional governments, faith based and community-based organizations, and residents
- Municipal, County or State action that require project sponsors to negotiate or provide community benefits in any project
    - Standards and requirements for living wages, local hiring goals, job training programs, minority/women contracting goals, etc.
- Funds beyond regulatory mitigation for community priorities such as affordable housing, recreation, habitat restoration, flood control, infrastructure improvements, public art, and education

Different Approaches to Community Benefit Programs

Thames Tideway Sewage Tunnel

- Construction contractor surveyed communities along tunnel route to understand needs and priorities
- Permitting authority included prioritized community benefit projects in development consent order
- Several different entities implement jobs, art, public access, education, and community grants programs. Each entity has its own organization structure and budget from the Thames Tide construction contractor
- Municipal government, NGO’s, contractor and public agencies meet in Forum to discuss successes and challenges

Different Approaches to Community Benefit Programs

Low County Alliance for Model Communities

- Low County Alliance organized community in response to Port Authority plans to expand Port and transfer facility
- LAMC and City of North Charleston developed and signed mitigation plan agreement to fund 4.08 million in community priorities
- Priorities include affordable housing, air, water, noise monitoring, maritime job training, and human health improvements
- City appointed a LAMC Working group to implement plan and City hired a planner to coordinate different efforts
- Community First Land Trust acquires land to implement affordable housing

Different Approaches to Community Benefit Programs

Morro Bay Wind Project

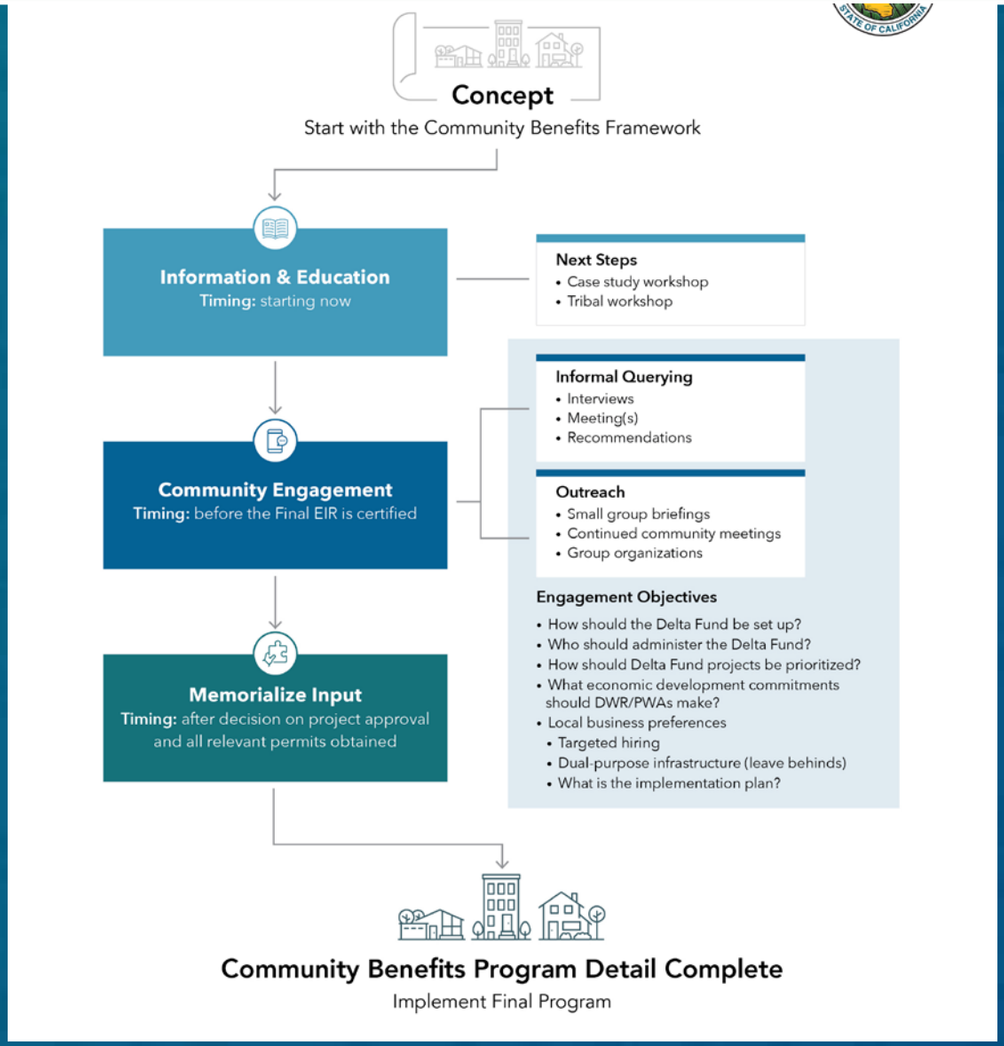
- Castle Wind signed an agreement with the City of Morro Bay to provide green jobs, clean energy and environmental education, reduced energy costs and other green investments
- Castle Wind signed a second agreement with Morro Bay Commercial Fishing Association to provide mutual benefits to fishing in Morro Bay
- Project not implemented yet, waiting for permitting

Discussion & Input

General Input & Feedback

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Next Steps


Concept
Start with the Community Benefits Framework
Information & Education
Timing: starting now
Next Steps
• Case study workshop
• Tribal workshop
Community Engagement
Timing: before the Final EIR is certified
Informal Querying
• Interviews
• Meeting(s)
• Recommendations
Outreach
• Small group briefings
• Continued community meetings
• Group organizations
Engagement Objectives
• How should the Delta Fund be set up?
• Who should administer the Delta Fund?
• How should Delta Fund projects be prioritized?
• What economic development commitments should DWR/PWAs make?
• Local business preferences
• Targeted hiring
• Dual-purpose infrastructure (leave behinds)
• What is the implementation plan?
Memorialize Input
Timing: after decision on project approval and all relevant permits obtained
Community Benefits Program Detail Complete
Implement Final Program

Thank You for Participating!

Ways to Stay Informed

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  - State Water Project
    - Delta Conveyance

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Delta Conveyance Project

Second Tribal Workshop
Community Benefits Program

If you live, work or have a relationship with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the Department of Water Resources wants to hear from you about developing a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project. Please join this virtual workshop to learn more about the status of the program and examples of other Community Benefits Programs, and to share your thoughts about potential funding ideas, implementation details and additional program components. Participation in developing a community benefits program does not in any way indicate your support for the Delta Conveyance Project itself.

This workshop is specifically for Tribal communities, including Tribal leadership, representatives, and members, as well as other non-Tribally affiliated Tribal persons.

What is a Community Benefits Program?

Proponents of large infrastructure projects typically develop a set of commitments–community benefits created in coordination with the local community–to address how the project affects the local community. These commitments are separate and apart from mitigation developed as a part of environmental review.



Tribal Workshop

Monday, October 25, 2021 • 2:00pm – 4:00pm

REGISTER HERE

Registration closes October 21st







Participation Accommodations

- ✓ Workshop will be conducted using Zoom and can be accessed through the internet or by using your phone.
- ✓ Closed captioning will be provided.

Additional Information & Resources

https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Community-Benefits-Program

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If you cannot participate in the workshop, but would like to provide input, please email us at **DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov**. The materials from the workshop will be posted on the website after the event.

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