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Delta Conveyance Project: *Environmental Review Update*

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Current Activities

- **Draft Scoping Summary Report:** report captured scoping-related information including comments received and scoping meeting transcripts (released on July 10, 2020)
- **Section 404/Section 10 Application:** DWR submitted Department of the Army permit application pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act
- **Draft Environmental Impact Report:** work continues on initial steps for development of the EIR
- **Soil Investigation IS/MND:** DWR has approved the IS/MND for the soil investigations project and released a NOD on July 9, 2020



Section 404 Application

- Application includes a project description, an assessment of impacts to wetlands and waters, and avoidance and minimization measures.
- Timing: DWR submitted the application now to initiate selection of NEPA lead agency. No permit will be issued until after CEQA, NEPA, and other permitting are complete.
- Project description: the application includes only one alignment because USACE requested that DWR identify one corridor for purposes of preparing a complete application under Section 404/Section 10. This does not constitute a decision; no decision will be made until after environmental process is complete.



National Environmental Policy Act

- DWR formally engaged the Corps to allow federal agencies to determine the NEPA lead
 - Flood management: requires initiation letter from the local sponsor to initiate the Section 408 process
 - Wetlands and waters: Section 404 application
- The Corps has indicated that they will prepare an EIS for NEPA compliance
- DWR anticipates that the USACE will initiate the EIS process and release an NOI later this summer



EIR and EIS Planning and Schedule

- DWR is currently working with the Corps to determine the needs for the EIS process
- DWR would like to line up the planning efforts for the EIR and the EIS, including schedule
- DWR anticipates releasing the Draft EIR concurrent with the Draft EIS



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