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

Email
DeltaConveyanceCBP@water.ca.gov
Delta Conveyance Project Overview
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

Delta Conveyance Project Schedule

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Three Distinct But Complementary Processes

**Regulatory Mitigation**

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

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**Community Benefits Program**

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

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**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.

Delta Conveyance Project  |  www.water.ca.gov/deltaconveyance
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
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
About the Proposed Community Benefits Program

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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 Fardee

**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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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.
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Ways to Stay Informed

- Programs
  - State Water Project
  - Delta Conveyance

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