NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

California Department of Water Resources Delta Conveyance Project Draft Environmental Impact Report Now Available for Public Review and Comment

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), as lead agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is making available to the public the <u>Delta Conveyance Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</u> for a 92-day review period beginning July 27, 2022 and closing October 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Project Description and Purpose: The proposed Delta Conveyance Project would modernize the State Water Project (SWP) water transport infrastructure in the Delta by adding new facilities on the Sacramento River in the north Delta to divert water and upgrading the current system to include a single tunnel to divert and move water entering the north Delta from the Sacramento Valley watershed to existing SWP facilities in the south Delta. If approved, these updates would ensure climate resiliency and the reliability of the state's largest source of safe, affordable, and clean water for 27 million Californians, 750,000 acres of farmland, and continued support for local water supply projects, such as local storage, recycling, groundwater recharge, and water quality management.

The Delta is the center of California's vital water distribution system and a critical link in how water is moved to all parts of the state. However, the infrastructure that moves this water through the Delta is outdated and at risk of failure due to sea level rise and seismic activity. The infrastructure updates proposed as part of the Delta Conveyance Project would give DWR the flexibility to capture, move, and store water – consistent with all regulatory requirements – when it becomes available for use when supplies may otherwise be limited.

The Delta Conveyance Project Draft EIR evaluates 8 alternatives in addition to the proposed project and a no project alternative, which describes likely conditions if the Delta Conveyance Project is not implemented.

- Where to Review: The Draft EIR is available for public review via the following ways:
 - Project Website: <u>www.deltaconveyanceproject.com</u>
 - In-Person: CA Department of Water Resources, 3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 117, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Documents incorporated by reference in the Draft EIR are also available here.
 - In-Person: At libraries throughout the state. View a list of libraries with a copy of the Draft EIR at www.deltaconveyanceproject.com

During the public review period, written comments may be submitted via:

- Mail to CA Department of Water Resources, Attention: Delta Conveyance Office, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
- Email to <u>deltaconveyancecomments@water.ca.gov</u>
- Online at <u>www.deltaconveyanceproject.com</u>
- At a virtual public hearing (see below)

Virtual Public Hearings: Public hearings will be held virtually via Zoom to accept public comments on the Draft EIR. Information on how to access the attend the virtual public hearings can be found at <u>www.deltaconveyanceproject.com</u>.

- 1. Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 2. Thursday, September 22, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 3. Wednesday, September 28, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

More information is available at <u>www.deltaconveyanceproject.com</u>.

All substantive comments received on the Draft EIR will be considered and responded to in the Final EIR and decision-making process. No final decision will be made regarding going forward with the Delta Conveyance Project or in selecting an alternative; those decisions will only occur after completion of the CEQA process.

Anticipated Impacts: Significant environmental effects are anticipated in the following areas: Agricultural Resources; Aesthetic Resources; Cultural Resources; Transportation; Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Noise; Paleontological Resources; and Tribal Cultural Resources.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The Plan Area includes several hazardous waste sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code. Those sites are GTE Data Services, MNTN Shop #32, Chevron Freeport Blvd., Delta Shores, Freeport Marina, Gil's Garage, Govan Property, Primasing Residence, Southern Pacific Pipeline Shell, KMEP Holt Petroleum Pipeline, Flag City Shell, Flag City Chevron, Three B's Truck Plaza, Byron Corners, Byron Garage, Bay Standard, King's Island, Chevron Texaco, Chevron, Holey-Byron Road, Chevron Old Valley Pipeline, Chevron, Bruns Property, Shell Pipeline – Kelso Road, D&D Flying Services, Stockton Naval Communication Station, Tiki Lagoon Resort & Marina, Byron Bethany Irrigation District, Byron Power Company, Schropp Ranch, and Willow Berm Marina. If you need further assistance, contact Si necesita ayuda adicional, comuníquese con 如果您需要進一步的協助,請洽 Yog koj xav tau kev pab ntxiv, txuas lus rau ប្រសិនបើអ្នកត្រូវការជំនួយបន្ថែម សូមទាក់ទង Kung kailangan mo ng karagdagang tulong, kontakin ang Nếu quý vị cần thêm trợ giúp, vui lòng liên hệ

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