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Bay-Delta & Conveyance Managing Risks and Water Supply Reliability

Item 6a October 7, 2024 Item 6a Bay-Delta & Conveyance: Managing Risks and Water Supply Reliability Subject Update on actions to address risks to the State Water Project and Bay-Delta water supply reliability.

Purpose

Provide background information on Bay-Delta related risk factors, the Delta Conveyance Project and associated planning funding.

State Water Project Core Component of Metropolitan's Supply Portfolio

Vital To Metropolitan

 Metropolitan's infrastructure is designed and built to benefit from the SWP

Surface Storage

- San Luis Reservoir Carryover
- Flexible Storage
- Diamond Valley Lake

SWP Groundwater Banking

- Central Valley Programs
- High Desert Water Bank



Develop New Local Supplies

 Blending higher quality source water (SWP) will help in maintenance and development of local supplies (Recycled Water)

Water Quality at Existing Metropolitan Treatment Facilities

 Blending with Colorado River Supplies at Weymouth, Diemer, and Skinner Treatment Plants

Local Groundwater Recharge

- Supply for In-Service Area Groundwater Basins
- Conjunctive Use Programs

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Risks to the Bay-Delta Water Supply Reliability



Seismic Threats







Regulatory



Climate Change

Delta Seismic Event: Seawater Intrusion and Disruption









Climate Change

Actions Today: Levee Modernization & Emergency Preparedness

- Levee Improvements and Repairs
- New Modernized Levee Design
- Void Detection Technology
- Localized Material Stockpiles

Freshwater Pathway







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Climate Change

Increasing Regulation: Key Listed Species in the Delta



Winter-Run Chinook Salmon



Spring-Run Chinook Salmon



Delta Smelt



Longfin Smelt





Green Sturgeon

White Sturgeon

Key: Both State & Federal-Listed Species, Federal-Listed Species, State Listing Pending

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Actions Today: Bay-Delta Science Program

- Effectiveness of Management Actions (i.e. Fall X2)
- Delta Stressors and Habitat Needs
- Innovations and New Technology
- Delta Smelt Supplementation











Regulatory



Climate Change: Shift in Historical Hydrology



Source: Delta Conveyance Project Final EIR Appendix 4A, Table 4A-1.

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Regulatory



Actions Today: Evaluating Storage and Conveyance

- Groundwater basin studies
- Surface storage
- CAMP4W process
- Conveyance improvements





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Existing Through Delta Conveyance





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Examples of SWP Performance with Delta Conveyance

Delta Conveyance & Operational Flexibility



Delta Conveyance High Flow Events Amidst Drought



Sources: DWR CALSIM 3 Delta Conveyance Modeling Results, DAYFLOW historical data

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Delta Conveyance Enhanced Reliability in Wet and Dry Conditions





Delta Conveyance Planning Efforts

December 2020 Board Action

Delta Conveyance Project Planning Budget (\$ millions)

Calendar Year	Total Planning	Metropolitan Option #1 (60.2 %)	Metropolitan Option #2 (47.2 %)
2021	\$63.2	\$38.0	\$29.8
2022	\$61.7	\$37.1	\$29.1
2023	\$102.8	\$61.9	\$48.5
2024	\$113.1	\$68.1	\$53.4
Total	\$340.7	\$205.1	\$160.8

Delta Conveyance Planning Schedule



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DWR Requested Planning Dollars (2026-2027)

Delta Conveyance Project Continued Planning Funding



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Delta Conveyance Project Continued Planning Funding



Note: Category "Other" includes Property and Easements (\$13M), Community Engagement/Outreach (\$7M), and Mitigation (\$7M). One Water & Stewardship Committee

DCP Participating Agencies



Permitting, Planning & Litigation Considerations Pending Litigation CEQA, Geotech, Bond Validation, etc.



Full Participation Close existing funding gap

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Delta Stewardship Council Certification of Consistency

Water Rights Permitting Hearing set to begin in January 2025



2026-2027 Permitting, Planning & Litigation Evaluate Project with AllAvailable Information



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Continued Decline Due to Climate Change



Source: Berkeley Research Group, Benefit-Cost Analysis of the Delta Conveyance Project, Table 2, Existing Conditions and Main Scenario.

Maintaining SWP Reliability and Resilience Requires a Multi-Faceted Approach



22% Decrease in Supplies

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Next Steps: Conveyance for the SWP Delta Conveyance Project – MWD Updates and Deliberation for Continued Planning Efforts



