



The California Department of Water Resources has released a project description for a proposed new Delta conveyance project, starting the environmental review process for a single tunnel in the Delta.

Key Message Points

Strong Leadership to Modernize the State Water System

- A new Delta conveyance project will be a game-changer in modernizing California's aging infrastructure, ensuring we can efficiently move water statewide and manage our water supply through climate extremes.
- We appreciate Governor Newsom's support for the project and for initiating the environmental review process by issuing the Notice of Preparation.

Business, Labor, Agriculture and Urban Communities Support the Project

- The State Water Project is an indispensable lifeline to Southern California.
- Our \$1.6 trillion economy depends on reliable supplies of water from Northern California as part of a diverse portfolio of imported water, local supplies and conservation.
- There is widespread support for a new Delta conveyance program from vastly diverse and prominent interests - from labor and business to public agencies, nonprofits and agriculture.

Investing in Reliability

- Southland businesses and residents have invested billions of dollars to build and maintain the State Water Project system. We must protect this investment.
- Investing in a Delta conveyance project is the most cost-effective way to secure our water future.
- A water shortage would come with a severe economic cost. Securing the reliability of our imported supply will protect nearly one million jobs statewide, based on a recent University of California study.

Project Will Help Achieve Co-Equal Goals

- The project would capture available supplies from winter storms and take advantage of large flows in the Sacramento River. And as we've seen in recent years, the state's precipitation is increasingly coming in the form of such big storms.
- It also would help protect the Delta ecosystem by allowing increased flexibility in how water supply operations are managed and by support habitat restoration activities.

Securing Our Water Future

- Southern California has a long tradition of investing in water projects to meet the needs of future generations, resulting in one of the world's most vibrant economies.
- Given that 27 million Californians get some or all of their water from the Delta, it is imperative to prepare this vital segment of our statewide water delivery system for the future.
- This project does not represent the only step we must take for water resilience. But it is an indispensable project and we fully support the Newsom administration as it moves forward in the Delta conveyance planning process in a thorough and expeditious manner.

Sample Comment Letter for Delta Conveyance, Scoping Process

Deadline to Submit Letters is March 20, 2020

Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments
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On behalf of xxxxxxx, I am pleased to provide input for the scoping process of the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project being advanced by the Department of Water Resources. We appreciate Governor Newsom's leadership to help ensure, safe, affordable and reliable water supplies to much of California.

More than 30 percent of Southern California's water supply comes from the Sierra Nevada and it provides the backbone water supply for millions of people, our \$1.6 trillion economy, farms and our environment. Modernizing and upgrading our state's aging infrastructure with a single tunnel properly sized to convey 6,000 cubic-feet-per-second of water supply for the State Water Project will allow us to more efficiently move water, restore the Delta ecosystem and manage our water supply through climate extremes.

We are not alone in our support. There is widespread backing for the project in Southern California and throughout the state from diverse and prominent interests, ranging from labor and business to public agencies, nonprofits and agriculture. We all recognize that a severe water shortage would come with an enormous economic cost and the time to move forward is now.

This project is not the only step we must take to ensure water resiliency. Ensuring Southern California has a reliable water supply in the future requires a diverse portfolio of both imported and local supplies and conservation. Much progress and significant investments are being made on a wide range of local projects and water efficiency, but the Delta conveyance project remains vitally important.

We support the Newsom administration's work to move forward in the planning process in a manner that achieves the goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration. With our largest and most affordable supply at risk, we need the reliability the proposed Delta conveyance project will provide.

ABOUT METROPOLITAN

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative that delivers water to 26 member agencies serving 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.



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