

Delta Conveyance Talking Points

Securing Our Water Future

- We need to modernize our state's aging water delivery system, making it more resilient to climate extremes, ensuring a reliable water supply for our homes, farms and businesses.
- Given that two-thirds of California's water supply originates from the Sierra Nevada Mountains as snowmelt captured in 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.
- The status quo in the Delta is not an option, and time is of the essence. The cost of doing nothing could disrupt our state's primary water supply and cripple our thriving economy.

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.
- The proposed project is a crucial part of the Governor's portfolio approach to water management, and will help California water agencies develop their local water supply projects and reduce future reliance on imported supplies.
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Business, Labor, Agriculture and Urban Communities Support the Project

- The State Water Project is an indispensable lifeline to all of California, providing fresh, reliable water to 27 million residents, 750,000 acres of fertile agricultural land and a variety of industries that form the backbone of the state's economy.
- California's \$5 trillion economy - the 5th largest in the world - depends on a reliable water supply from the Sierra Nevada Mountains, which is part of the state's diverse portfolio of imported water, local supplies and conservation.
- There is widespread support for a new Delta Conveyance program from diverse and prominent interests, from labor and business to public agencies, nonprofits and agriculture.

Investing in Reliability

- California water agencies have collectively spent more than a decade studying the feasibility, cost and environmental benefits and impacts of this infrastructure modernization project.
- Over the past 60 years, California water agencies have invested in the construction and maintenance of the State Water Project. We must protect this investment and one of state's most important assets, the State Water Project.
- Investing in a Delta Conveyance project is the most cost-effective way to secure our water future.
- Delta Conveyance, and the State Water Project, are critical components to support regional and local water supplies.

- A water shortage would come with a severe economic cost. Securing the reliability of our imported supply will protect nearly 1 million jobs statewide, based on a recent [University of California study](#).

Project Will Help Achieve Co-Equal Goals of Ecosystem Health and Water Reliability

- 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 big storms.
- It also would help protect the Delta ecosystem by allowing increased flexibility in how water supply operations are managed and by supporting habitat restoration activities.