



Delta Conveyance Project

November 2023

Carrie Buckman

Environmental Program Manager

Delta Conveyance Office



CEQA Status

NEPA Status

- DWR is on track to finalize the EIR by the end of the year
 - DWR will then determine whether to approve the proposed project, an alternative or no project
- USACE is on track to finalize their EIS by mid 2024



Permitting Next Steps

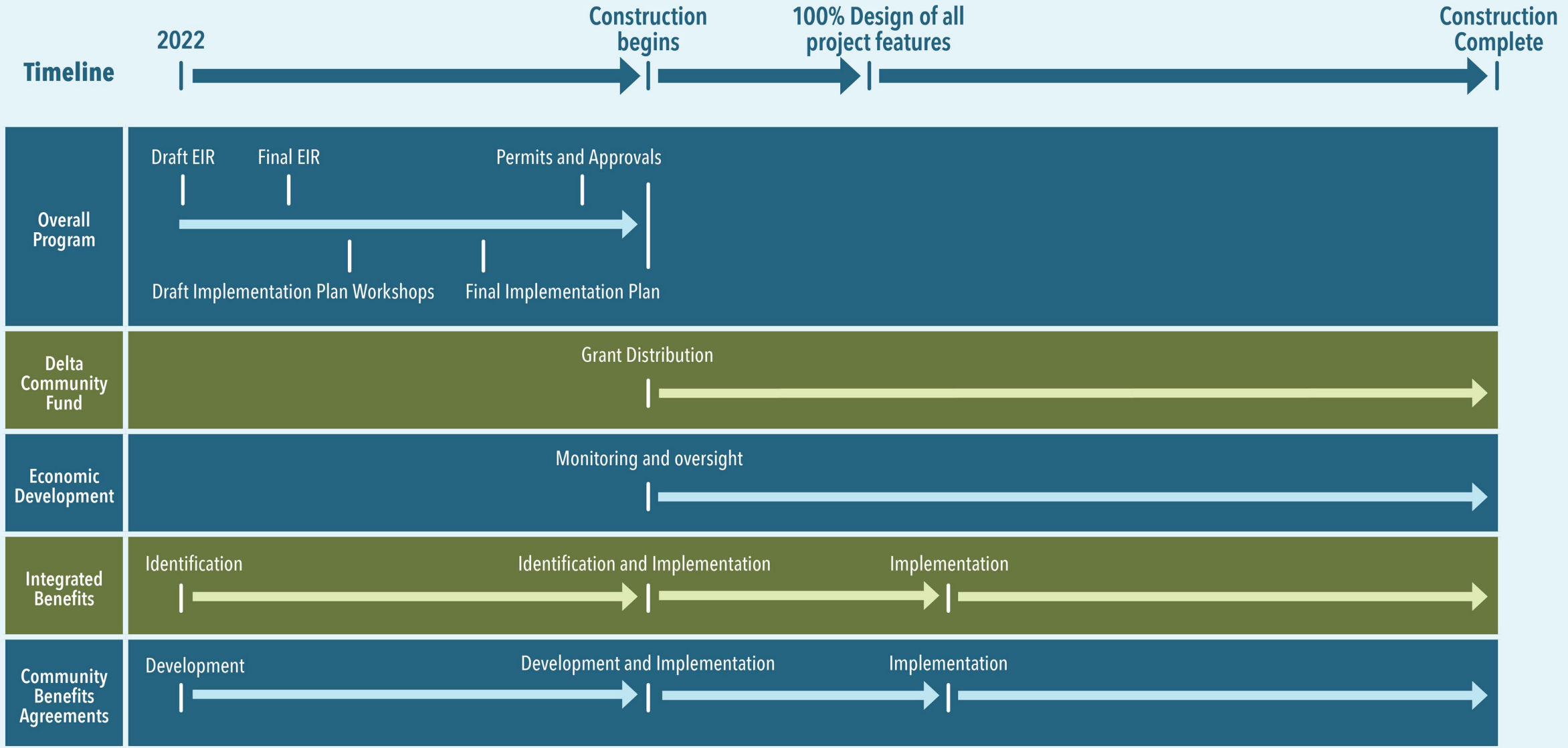
- **State and Federal Endangered Species Acts**
- **Change in Point of Diversion**
- **Delta Plan Consistency**
- **National Historic Preservation Act**
- **Clean Water Act**
- **Rivers and Harbors Act**
- **Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement**



Community Benefits Program Next Steps

- January 2024: Publish *Discussion Draft Implementation Plan & Guidelines*
 - *New details needing public review and input*
 - *Revised descriptions for the 4 program elements: Delta Fund, Economic Development, Integrated Benefits (e.g. “leave behinds”), and Community Benefits Agreements*
 - *Fund eligibility and prioritization, screening criteria and scoring, distribution process, publicity, oversight*
- February/March 2024: In-person and online workshops
 - Present and discuss the draft plan/guidelines
 - Solicit community input to further refine and improve the approach

Timeline for Development and Implementation of the Community Benefits Program





Questions?