



Delta Conveyance Project Update

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Delta Conveyance Project Updates

- Accountability Action Plan
- General Permitting Update



Accountability Action Plan

- Was created with **public transparency** being its most important tenet
- Seeks to **facilitate awareness** of available programs and will aim to foster assurance and trust among interested parties
- Identifies **distinct, parallel commitments** made in the FEIR to address effects within the local community during construction
- Memorializes additional **details on implementation and tracking**, including how those commitments work together to achieve the overall goal

[Accountability Action Plan](#)



Ombudsman Office

Single point of contact

- Ensure construction-related concerns or grievances are efficiently and fairly addressed and project transparency is sustained.



Resource for the local community

- Ensure proactive public information
- Community awareness

Direct connection to staff with authority to quickly investigate and resolve issues

[Ombudsman brochure](#)



Regulatory Mitigation

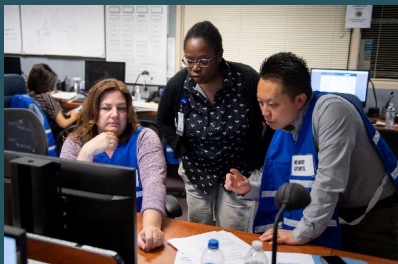
- **Avoid, minimize or offset** potential environmental impacts within the project area.
- Including **coordination with local and regulatory agencies**—to ensure that potential adverse environmental impacts are minimized.
- For resources like **noise, traffic, aesthetics, air quality, habitats, recreation**, and many others.

[Mitigation. Monitoring and Reporting Program Explainer](#)





Community Benefits Program



Delta Community Fund

- Proposed overarching fund to support community-prioritized projects in the Delta

Economic Development

- Hiring targets, jobs training and education
- Local business utilization

Integrated Benefits

- Infrastructure and facilities

Community Benefit Agreements

- Provide an opportunity for more targeted collaboration with communities (local entities) and can cover consideration of all program components

[Delta Conveyance Project Community Benefits Program Final Implementation Plan and Guidelines](#)

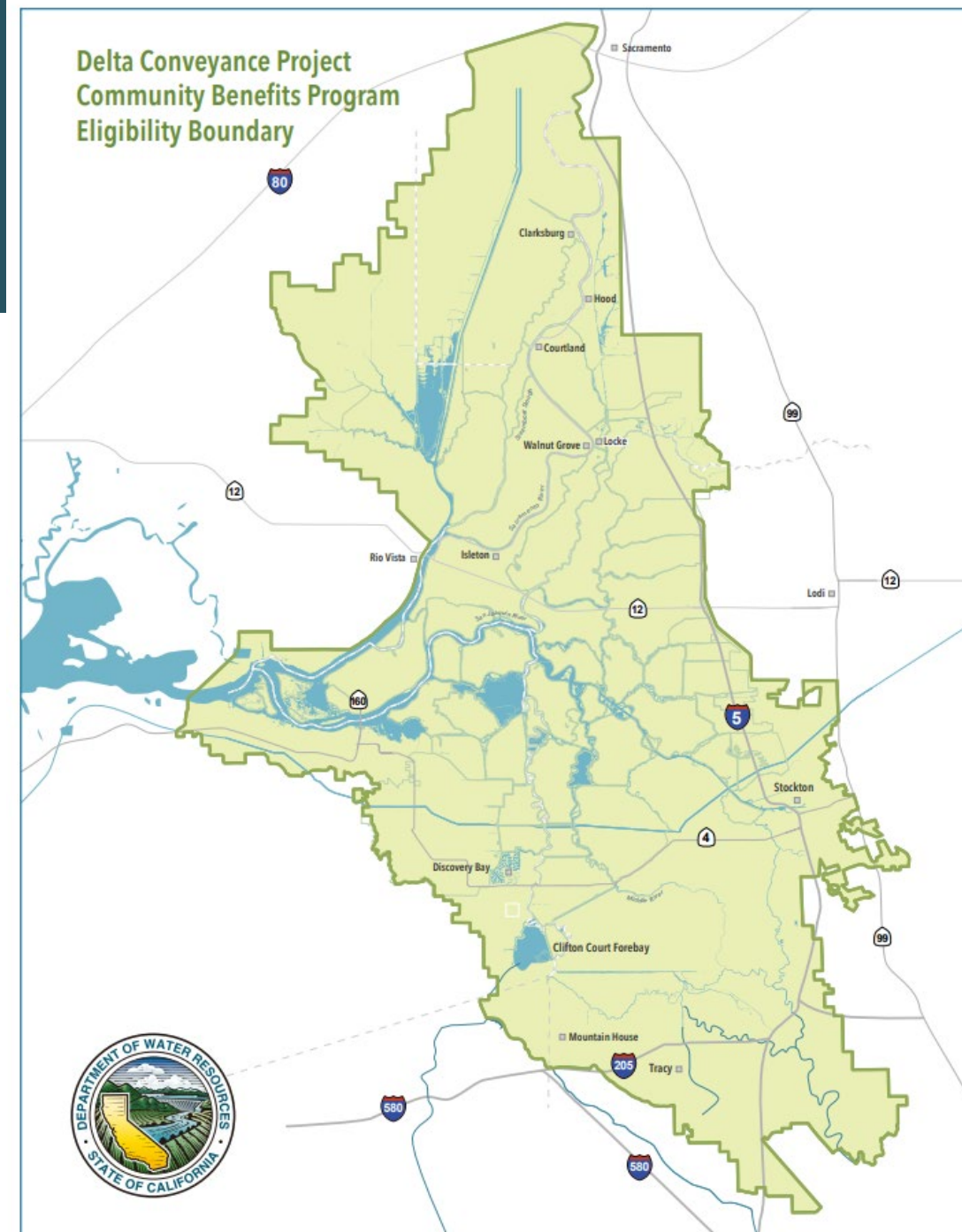


Community Benefits Agreements: Screening Criteria

- Public agencies, Tribal Governments, and non-profit organizations
- Recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, environmental education, agricultural support, or community improvements within the Eligibility Boundary
- Ability to comply with applicable, local, State, and federal laws and regulations
- Must not include any obligation by the State for required mitigation or as a result of an enforcement action
- Eligible entities do not have to Support the DCP, but the funded project must not conflict with the DCP

Community Benefit Program: Timing

- **Summer 2025** initial Agreements in Principle for CBAs
- **2026** Major Permits and Approvals
- **2027/2028** Funding votes and issuance of revenue bonds to fund DCP
- **2028** Fully executed CBAs from Agreements in Principle





Community Advisory Groups

Will **engage community members in decision-making** related to:

- Aesthetics, architectural, and planting choices
- Layout and configuration of project sites
- Traffic flow and signage
- Site access during construction and operation
- Timing and duration of maintenance activities
- Potential multi-use haul routes

After implementation approval through the **design phase**



Project Communications

Keep local communities informed:

- Progress, impacts, schedule
- Available resources,
- Fostering trust and engagement

In a manner that is:

- Transparent
- Accessible
- Proactive





DCP Permit Update

California Endangered Species Act

- Incidental Take Permit issued February 14, 2025

Endangered Species Act

- Biological Opinions anticipated Late 2025

Water Rights

- Change in Point of Diversion hearing dates concerning Protestant's case in chief currently set through mid-October 2025

Delta Plan Consistency

- DCP certification anticipated to be submitted Fall 2025

Geotechnical Activities

- Currently paused while court appeal process is pending



DCP Certification of Consistency

- The certification will cover the entire project
- As recommended in the DSC Administrative Procedures:
 - A draft certification of consistency will be publicly posted for 10 days prior to submission
 - DWR will publish an administrative record concurrently with filing the certification



Questions?