



Delta Conveyance Project Delta Stewardship Council Certification of Consistency Appeals Hearing

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Delta Protection Commission

"[T]he commission is the appropriate agency to identify and provide recommendations to the Delta Stewardship Council **on methods of preserving the Delta as an evolving place as the Delta Stewardship Council develops and implements the Delta Plan.**" (PRC, § 29703.5)

Delta Protection Commission Roles

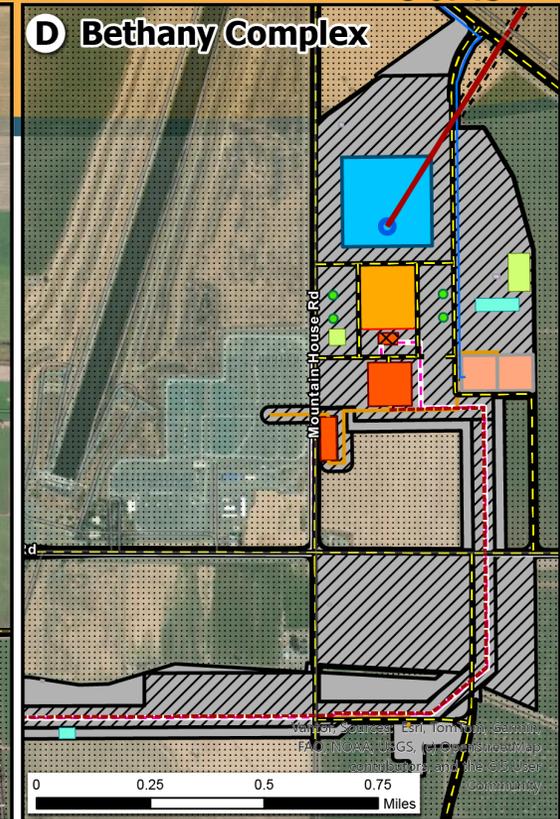
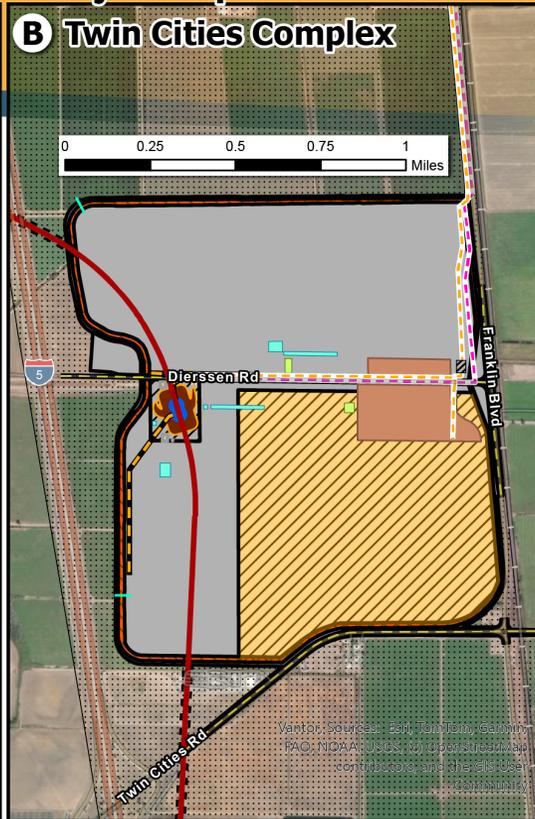
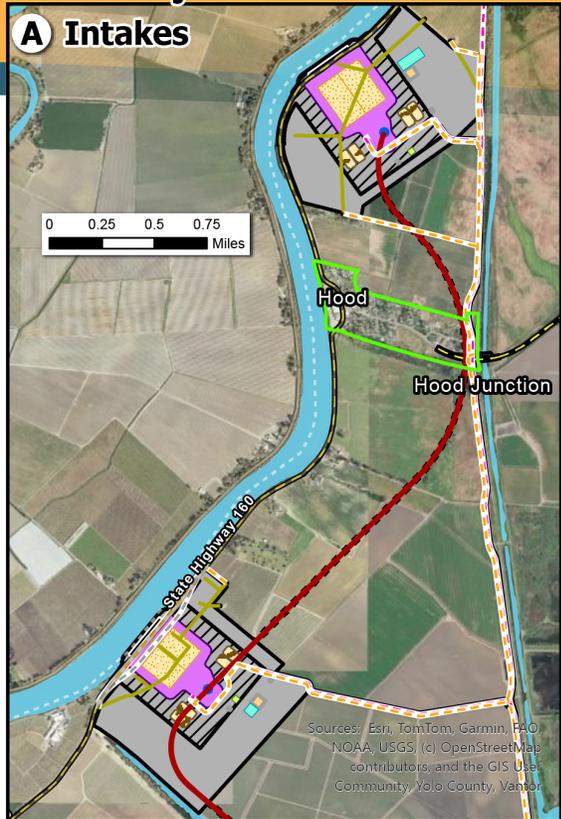
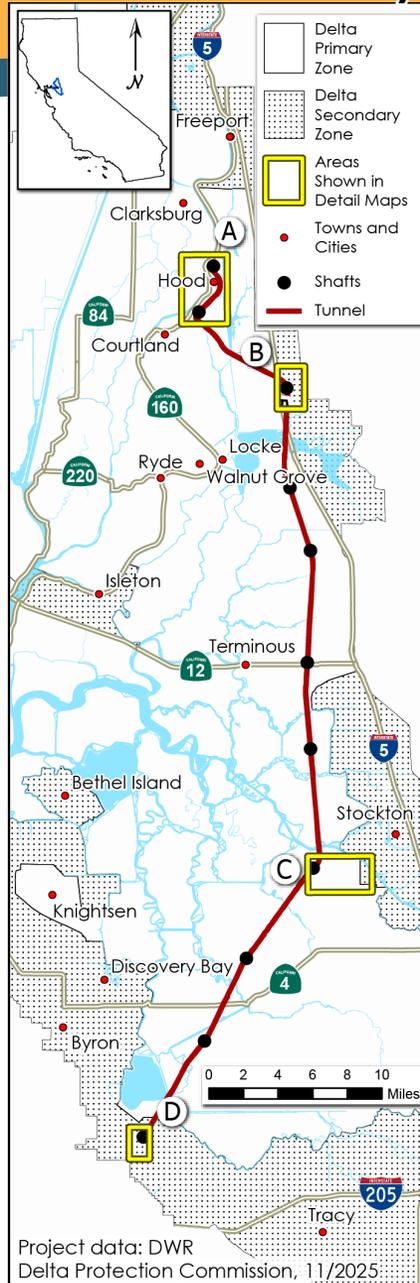
- Appellant – *Water Code § 85225.10; 23 CCR § 5022(a)*
- Commenter on Appeals of Others – *23 CCR § 5028*
- Make Comments and Recommendations to Council on any Significant Project – *PRC § 29773*

DP P2



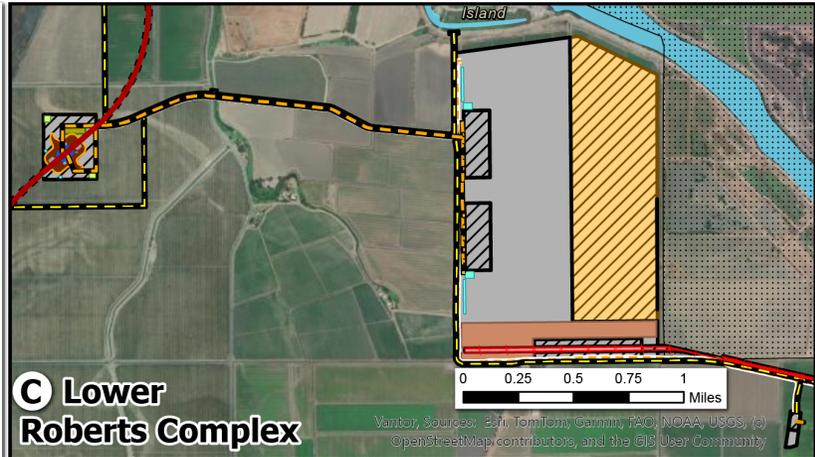
MAP 1 Delta Conveyance Project: A Look at Four Major Impact Areas

Overview of Impact Areas



Impact Category	Project Feature	Project Feature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent Subsurface Impact Permanent Surface Impact Temporary Subsurface Impact Temporary Surface Impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batch Plant Concrete Batch Plant Electrical Building Fuel Station Fuel Storage Intake Facility Grounds Intake Structure Peat Storage Pumping Plant Rail Depot Sediment Drying Lagoon Sedimentation Basin Septic System Shaft Shaft Pad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slurry/Grout Mixing Plant Substation Surge Basin Surge Tank Topsoil Storage Water Treatment & Storage Tanks RTM* and Ring Levee Ring Levee RTM* Area Road Improvement Aqueduct Construction Water Pipeline RTM* Conveyor Rail Spur Runoff Discharge Pipe Tunnel

*RTM = Reusable Tunnel Material



MAP 2 Delta Conveyance Project Intakes:

Impacts, Context & Schedule

Hood Intakes

IMPACTS

Scenic, productive farmland would be replaced with 232 acres of "visually discordant" "industrial-looking structures," "large sediment basins," "security fencing," electrical substation, and more. Sediment basins and security lighting would cause glare. Part of scenic Hwy 160 would be relocated and elevated, and trees along it removed. (Quotes: project FEIR, Appendix 18D-3.)

★ Recreational & Historic Places

▭ Town of Hood

Impact Category

--- Permanent Subsurface Impact

▨ Permanent Surface Impact

--- Temporary Subsurface Impact

▨ Temporary Surface Impact

SCADA Lines (supervisory control and data acquisition)

--- Underground - Permanent

Power Lines

--- Abandoned

--- Underground - Permanent

Project Feature

▭ Fuel Station

▭ Intake Facility Grounds

▭ Intake Structure

▭ Sediment Drying Lagoon

▭ Sedimentation Basin

▭ Septic System

▭ Shaft

▭ Slurry/GROUT Mixing Plant

▭ Water Treatment and Storage Tanks

▭ New Road

▭ Road Improvement

▭ Tunnel



Farmland with outbuildings.
Construction loss: ≈243 acres
Permanent loss: ≈123 acres

CONTEXT

The combined ≈232-acre permanent footprint of intake facilities is the size of:

- 10 SMF Terminals A and B, or
- 12.6 avg. Amazon fulfillment centers¹

Each 1,500-foot riverbank intake is the length of:

- 5 football fields, or
- 6 Delta Cross Channel gates

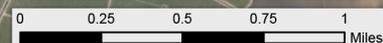
Farmland and house.
Construction loss: ≈242 acres
Permanent loss: ≈109 acres

Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap Contributors, and the City User Community, Yolo County, Vanter

Popups show what's under facility shapes

HOOD CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

YEAR	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
WORK													



Project data from DWR
Delta Protection Commission, 11/2025
Features in legend are on map; some may not be visible at this scale

1:800,000 square feet/18.7 acres

Twin Cities/ Lambert Road

IMPACTS

Productive farm and pasturelands would be replaced with reusable tunnel material area, access roads, railways, shafts, shaft pads, and industrial-looking equipment, which "would introduce large-scale industrial-looking features and prominent elevated landforms to a landscape that is currently predominantly flat. These features would be visually discordant with the area's existing characteristics." (Quote: project FEIR, Appendix 18D-3.)

The "reusable tunnel material area" is a stockpile with an indefinite lifespan, because there is no plan for dispersing it.

- Delta - Primary Zone
- Delta - Secondary
- Outside of Delta

Impact Category

- Permanent Subsurface Impact
- Permanent Surface Impact
- Temporary Surface Impact

SCADA Lines (supervisory control and data acquisition)

- Underground - Permanent

Power Lines

- Overhead - permanent
- Underground - Permanent

Project Feature

- Concrete Batch
- Fuel Storage
- Septic System
- Shaft
- Shaft Pad
- Slurry/Grout Mixing
- Topsoil Storage
- Water Treatment and Storage Tanks
- Reusable Tunnel Material and Ring
- Ring Levee
- Reusable Tunnel Material Area
- Road Improvement
- Reusable Tunnel
- Material Conveyor
- Runoff Discharge
- Tunnel



CONTEXT

The combined ≈ 241 -acre permanent footprint of Twin Cities Complex/Lambert Road Concrete Batch Plants is the size of:

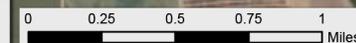
- 10.3 SMF Terminals A and B, or
- 13.1 avg. Amazon fulfillment centers!



TWIN CITIES/LAMBERT ROAD CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE*



*Concrete batch plants will run all 13 years



Project data from DWR Delta Protection Commission, November 2025
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1800,000 square feet/18.4 acres

MAP 4 Delta Conveyance Project – Lower Roberts: Impacts, Context & Schedule

Lower Roberts

IMPACTS

Expansive views of flat, large agricultural areas – including mature ornamental tree groupings, row crops, and orchards - would be interrupted with “elevated landforms and industrial-looking structures,” reusable tunnel material areas, shaft site and rail bridge. (Quotes: project EIR, Appendix 18D-3.) Recreation impacts on three marinas during construction.

The “reusable tunnel material area” is a stockpile with an indefinite lifespan, because there is no plan for dispersing it.

CONTEXT

The combined ≈277-acre permanent footprint of Lower Roberts facilities is the size of:

- 11.9 SMF Terminals A and B, or
- 15.1 avg. Amazon fulfillment centers†

Farmland and two houses.
Construction loss: ≈552 acres
Permanent loss: ≈277 acres

LOWER ROBERTS CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE



Project data from DWR
Delta Protection Commission, November 2025
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Delta - Primary Zone	Impact Category - Permanent	SCADA Lines (supervisory control & data acquisition) - Underground - Permanent	Project Feature - Batch Plant	Septic System	Water Treatment and Storage Tanks	Road Improvement
Delta - Secondary Zone	Impact Category - Subsurface Impact	SCADA Lines (supervisory control & data acquisition) - Permanent	Project Feature - Fuel Storage	Shaft	Reusable Tunnel Material Area	Reusable Tunnel Material Conveyor
Recreational Places	Impact Category - Permanent Surface Impact	Power Lines - Underground - Permanent	Project Feature - Peat Storage	Shaft Pad	Levee Improvement Area	Rail Spur
	Impact Category - Temporary Surface Impact	Power Lines - Overhead - Permanent	Project Feature - Rail Depot	Slurry/Grout Mixing Plant	New Road	Runoff Discharge Pipe
		Power Lines - Underground - Permanent	Project Feature - Topsoil Storage	Topsoil Storage		Tunnel

1:800,000 square feet/18.4 acres

Bethany Complex

Impacts, Context & Schedule

IMPACTS

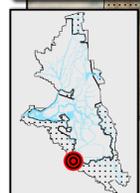
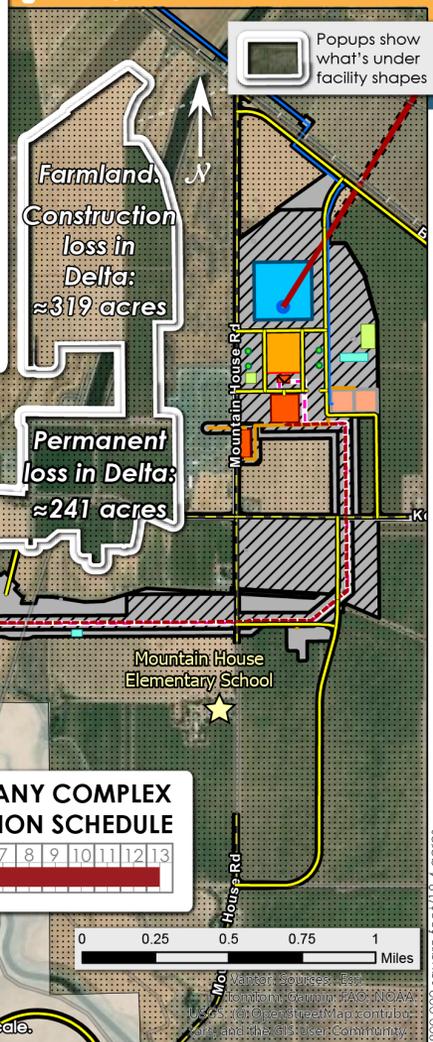
"Proposed surge basin, pumping plant, substation, surge tanks, canopy structures, water treatment and storage tanks, and mounded aqueduct pipeline south of Clifton Court Forebay would considerably alter character of area through introduction of a waterbody into view from Byron Highway and Mountain House Road. ... The substation would be highly visible, increasing the number of industrial-looking features and utilities in the landscape. The realigned Byron Highway and associated facility access roads would increase the amount of roadway infrastructure seen in views, including the addition of new bridges." (Quote: project EIR, Appendix 18D-3.)

Recreation impacts at Bethany Reservoir SRA and California Aqueduct Bikeway (including bikeway access) during construction (years 1, 4-10, and 13), and permanent impacts on viewshed.

CONTEXT

The combined **≈241-acre permanent footprint of Bethany facilities in the Delta is the size of:**

- 10.3 SMF Terminals A and B, or
- 13.1 avg. Amazon fulfillment centers!



Project data from DWR; Delta Protection Commission, November 2025
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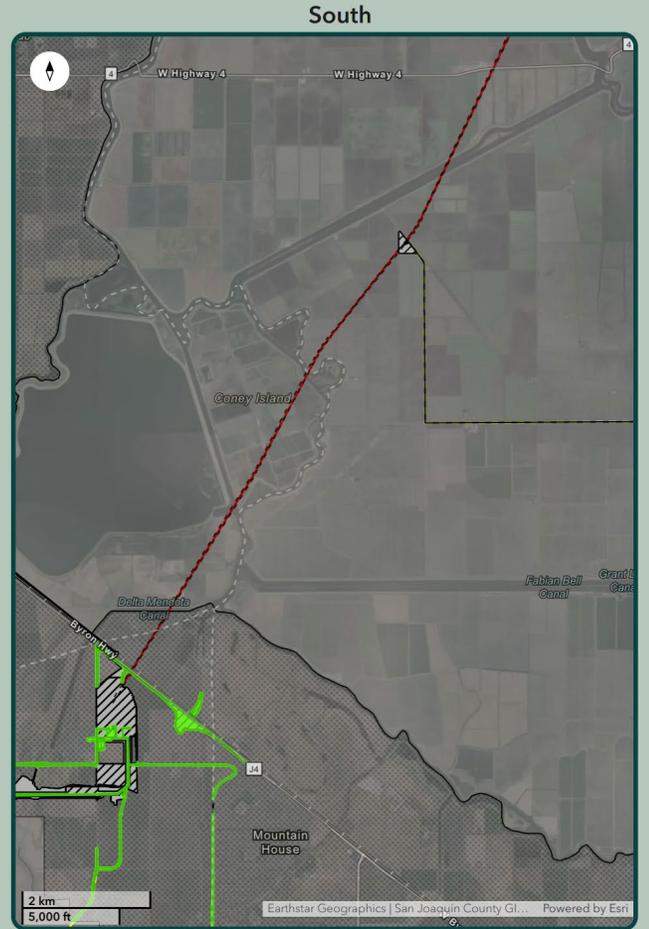
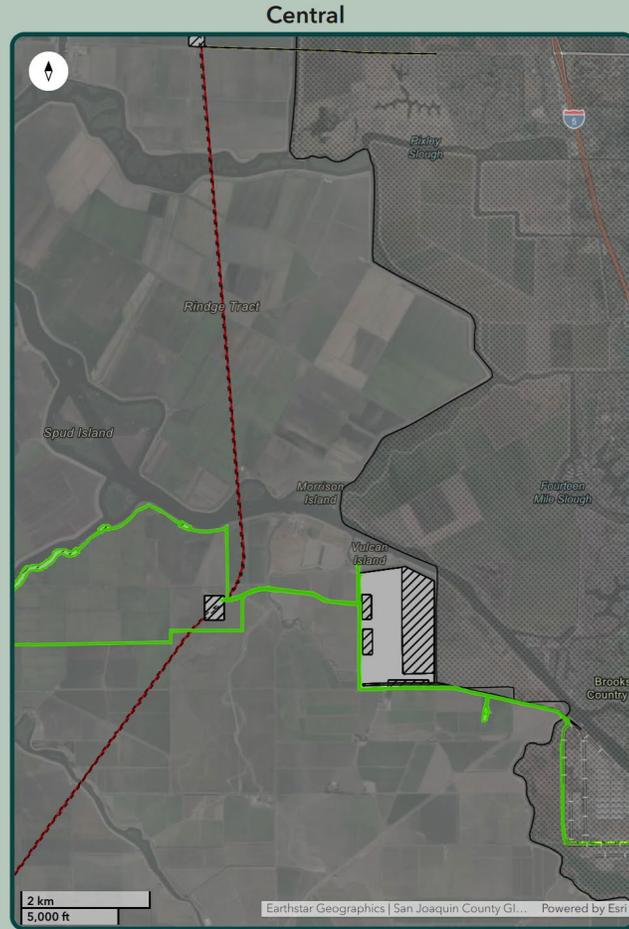
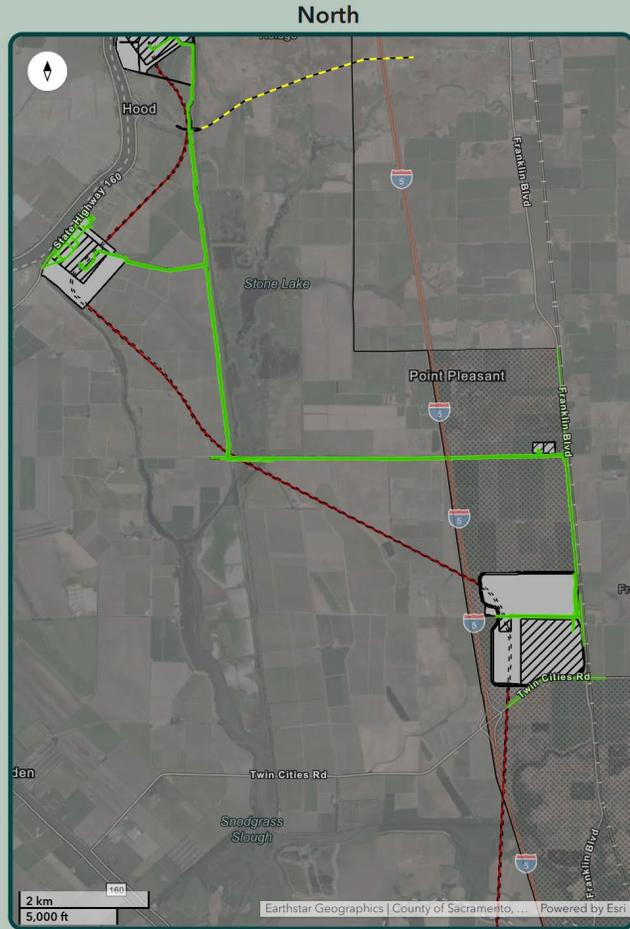
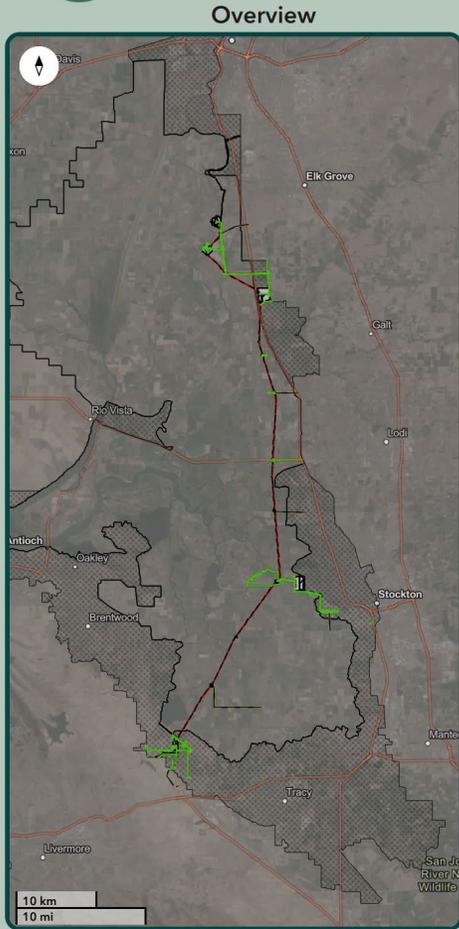
Delta - Primary Zone	Permanent Subsurface Impact	Overhead - Permanent	Fuel Storage	Water Treatment and Storage Tanks
Delta - Secondary Zone	Permanent Surface Impact	Overhead - Temporary	Pumping Plant	New Road
Outside of Delta	Temporary Surface Impact	Concrete Batch Plant	Septic System	Road Improvement
Recreational and Community Places	SCADA Lines (supervisory control & data acquisition) - Underground - Permanent	Discharge Structure	Shaft	Aqueduct
California Aqueduct Bikeway		Electrical Building	Substation	Construction Water Pipeline
			Surge Basin	Runoff Discharge Pipe
			Surge Tank	Tunnel

800,000 square feet (18.4 acres)

Construction Timeline



DCP by Year: Few Breaks in Construction over 13 Years at Most Locations (Zoom for Detail)



*Lime green-shaded areas indicate where construction activity is planned for the specified half year. These areas are approximate and intended to show general locations of work, not exact limits.

Cultural Resources

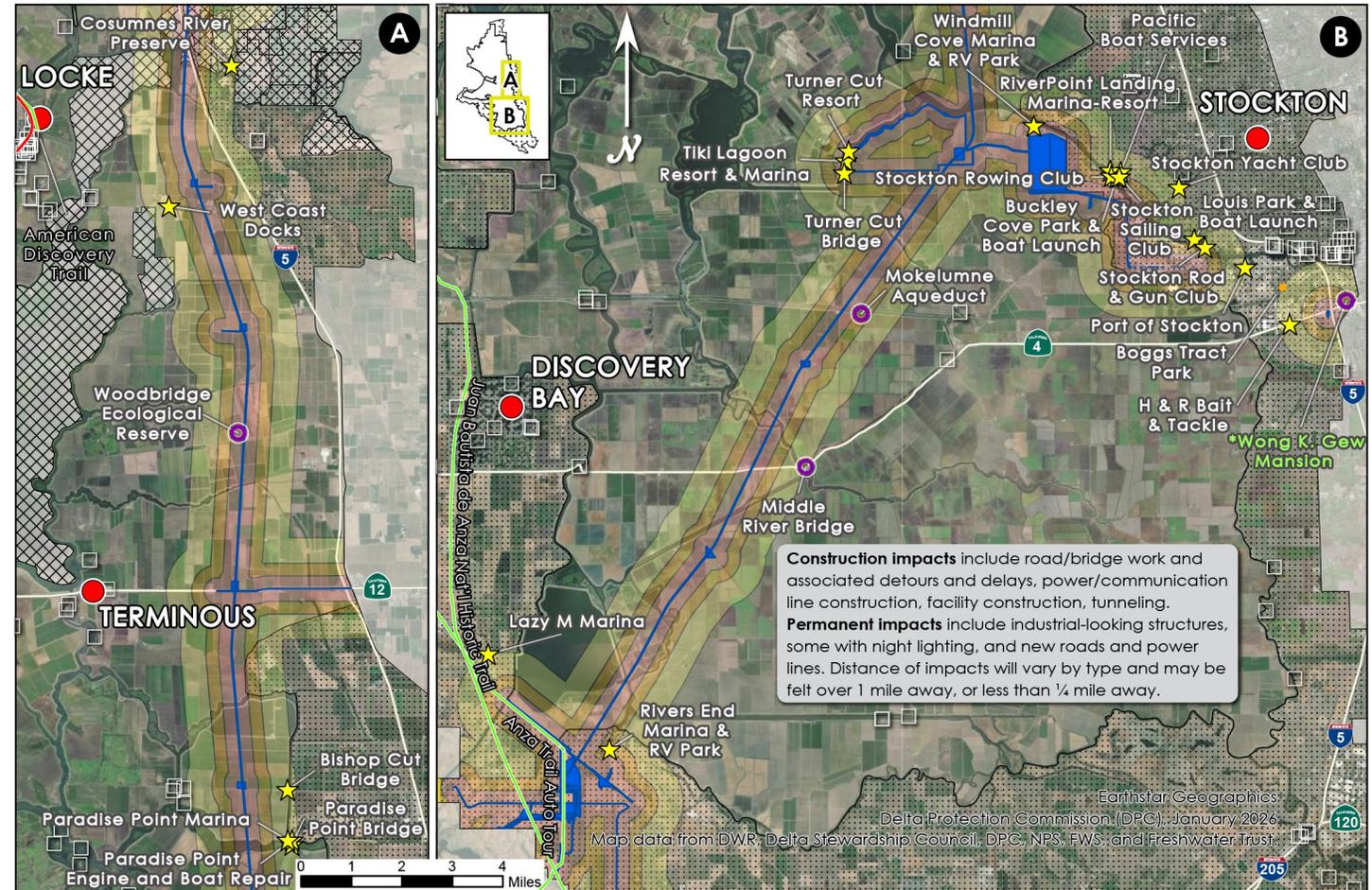
MAP 6 North Delta Cultural, Recreational Resources Within 1 Mile of Delta Conveyance Project Features During Construction

Construction impacts include road/bridge work and associated detours and delays, power/communication line construction, facility construction, tunneling. **Permanent impacts** include industrial-looking structures, some with night lighting, and new roads and power lines. Distance of impacts will vary by type and may be felt over 1 mile away, or less than ¼ mile away.



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| DCP Project Features | Recreation, Business Resources | Town | Stone Lakes Nat'l Wildlife Refuge | Delta Primary Zone |
| 0.25 mile | Cultural, Historic Resources | Scenic Hwy | Cosumnes River Preserve | Delta Secondary Zone |
| 0.5 mile | Nat'l Register of Historic Places | Trails | Resources >1Mi. from Project Features | Out of Delta |
| 1 mile | Resources >1Mi. from Project Features | City Park | | |

MAP 7 Central and South Delta Cultural, Recreational Resources Within 1 Mile of Delta Conveyance Project Features During Construction



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| DCP Project Features | Recreation, Business Resources | Town or City | Nat'l Register of Historic Places | Delta Primary Zone |
| 0.25 mile | Cultural, Historic Resources | Scenic Hwy | Cosumnes River Preserve | Delta Secondary Zone |
| 0.5 mile | Resources >1Mi. from Project Features | Trails | County Park | Out of Delta |
| 1 mile | | | | |

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Best Available Science *not* done for DCP

ATTACHMENT 2 – TECHNICAL ANALYSIS – CONSISTENCY WITH POLICY G P1(b)(3): BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE METHODS USED TO ESTIMATE RECREATIONAL USE

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Recommendations

REMAND TO BRING BACK A WATER-SUPPLY RELIABILITY PROJECT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DELTA PLAN

- **Consider and propose a project that is consistent with DP P2 and "Delta as an Evolving Place"**
- **Use a collaborative process that integrates Delta communities**
- **Adequately assess impacts to Delta's unique value**
- **Mitigate impacts to Delta Plan standards**