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## MEETING OVERVIEW

At the third meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC):

- Members had the opportunity to report out information, updates and concerns from their respective organizations and communities about the materials provided at the December meeting.
- DWR provided an overview of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) released on Jan. 15, including the corridor options, various flow capacities, and types of facilities being analyzed. Scoping meeting dates, times, and locations were shared.
- DCA explained how the SEC and DCA will collaborate to identify engineering, design, and construction elements that could lessen effects in communities.
- DCA engineering staff provided SEC Members with information about intakes, including sample images and conceptual drawings, animations and renderings of the components, and possible sizing. During the Feb. 12 meeting, the SEC will have a roundtable discussion regarding the information presented.

The meeting agenda, presentation and supplemental materials are available for review on our website at [dcdca.org](http://dcdca.org).

## COMMITTEE THOUGHT EXCHANGE

- Malissa Tayaba, Tribal Representative, met with local tribal representatives who are concerned about how the project will affect ancestral villages, sacred cultural sites, resources used for tribal purposes, ceremonies and traditional regalia, water quality and any affects to plants and animals due to any potential change in water levels.
- Other SEC members reported that the NOP was perceived as very similar to the past project and community members were disappointed there wasn't a different approach reflected.
- Additional scoping meetings were suggested in environmental justice communities as well as various locations throughout the state.
- Members were encouraged to submit scoping comments to DWR as comments made in SEC meetings about the scope of environmental analysis are not recorded or tracked as part of the DWR's CEQA process.
- The GPS coordinates of the three intake sites deemed most suitable for development were requested.
- Philip Merlo noted the potential far-reaching effects of construction traffic to commuters in the larger Delta and bay area and suggested greater use of rail.
- Sean Wirth suggested incorporating a contiguous riparian zone into the intake facility design if possible.
- Members noted that effects are going to be unpleasant regardless of how the project is developed. It would be helpful to have a matrix that shows a comparison of various effects based on differing options (i.e., constructing new access roads vs. relying more on railroads and constructing worker parking lots) that could help guide input to DCA about preferences.

## NEXT MEETING

**DATE:**  
February 12, 2020

**TIME:**  
3-6 P.M.

**LOCATION:**  
Willow Ballroom  
10724 CA-160  
Hood, CA 95639

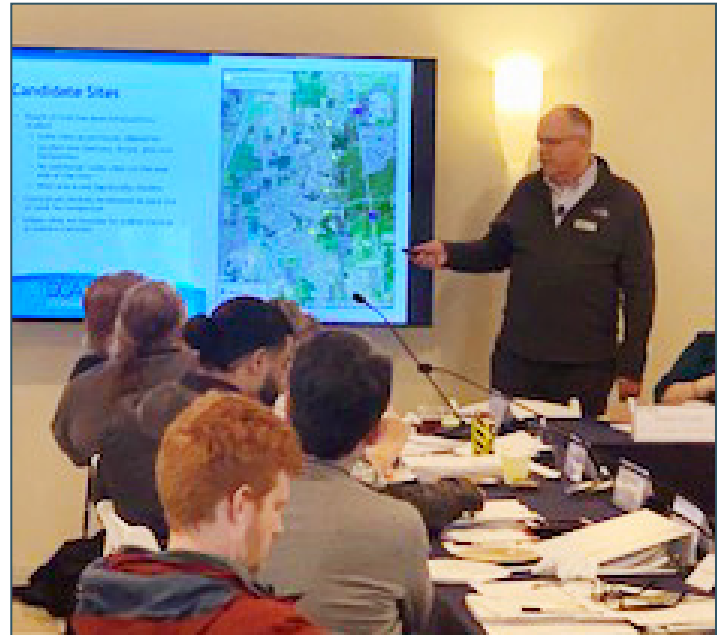
**PURPOSE:**  
Member roundtable regarding technical information discussed during the Jan. 22 meeting; new technical discussion will focus on siting, sizing and logistics of intermediate forebays and launch shafts.

## MORE QUESTIONS?

- Meeting minutes and video will be available at [dcdca.org](http://dcdca.org)
- Contact us at [SEC-info@dcdca.org](mailto:SEC-info@dcdca.org)

## HIGHLIGHTS TO SHARE

- Members received materials to add to the information binders that were distributed at the December meeting.
  - ◆ The information included a staff roster with contact information, an updated glossary of acronyms, updated maps showing the corridor options included in the NOP and a new section on logistics look-up tables that will be discussed at a subsequent SEC meeting. DWR also provided copies of the 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio, the NOP, an NOP Question and Answer document, and a list of scoping meetings.
- Members provided reports of the feedback they have heard from their communities regarding the project, as well as the information shared at the December meeting.
- As a follow-up to discussion from the December meeting, DWR provided a memorandum to explain how the SEC would be reflected in the EIR. The Administrative Record for the EIR will include references to the SEC because DCA's Engineering Project Reports will reflect input received from SEC members. Additionally, any reference to the SEC in the EIR's public involvement chapter will specifically note that the SEC's role is limited to providing input on DCA's design and construction process and not part of the outreach undertaken by DWR as the Lead Agency.
- The DWR clarified that the NOP does not signify a decision; rather, it is the beginning of a process to define and then study the proposed project as well as identify alternatives that meet the project objectives and potentially lessen effects.
- DCA Executive Director explained SEC meetings will be more technical as the specifics of design and construction are discussed. All materials presented at meetings are conceptual and subject to change; they are initial drafts used for purposes of discussion with the SEC that will help refine them in moving forward. DWR is the final arbiter on all engineering plans.
- Questions asked by SEC members during each meeting will be recorded, tracked and addressed. This information for the December meeting was reported out at the Jan. 22 meeting; a process that will continue with each subsequent meeting and posted on the DCA website.
- DCA is starting to prepare two Engineering Project Reports (EPRs), one for each corridor option included in the NOP. Additional reports will be identified after alternative formulation is completed through the CEQA process.



- **Intake locations:** Intake siting is largely determined by the river conditions that enable compliance with regulatory agencies. Through extensive studies, five areas on the east bank of the Sacramento River between American River and Sutter Slough have been identified as potentially meeting the regulatory, geotechnical and logistics requirements needed for an intake facility.
- **Intake flow capacity:** Each report will contain alternate intake sizing options for flow capacities of 3,000cfs, 4,500cfs, 6,000cfs and 7,500cfs. No individual intake facility will exceed 3,000cfs. These capacity options have not yet been finalized as alternatives for the EIR, but DWR has asked for these flows to be studied to allow the design to move forward efficiently.
- **Intake facility layout:** The intake facilities vary in configuration, placement and appearance based on the type of fish screens selected, which is a determination made in consideration of river conditions and in compliance with regulatory authorities.
- **Intake construction:** Projected construction time from approval to operation is approximately 7 years. Some temporary roads would be constructed and utilized during some of the construction period.
- **Potential opportunities to minimize construction effects:** The options for reducing potential effects of construction (traffic, noise, air quality, water runoff, etc.) were discussed. SEC members are encouraged to discuss with their communities and report feedback at the next SEC meeting roundtable.