

MEETING SUMMARY

February 12, 2020

This summary is provided as a resource for committee members and the public to have brief highlights following SEC meetings. In addition to this summary, detailed meeting minutes, question and answer documents and full meeting video will be available on the dcdca.org website.

MEETING OVERVIEW

At the fourth meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC), held February 12:

- Members had the opportunity to report out information, updates and feedback from their respective organizations and communities about the Intakes materials provided at the January 22nd meeting.
- DCA engineering staff provided SEC
 Members with information about the
 basics of tunneling, launch shaft siting
 and the methodology for ranking sites for
 suitability.
- During the Feb. 26 meeting, the SEC will have a roundtable discussion regarding the Launch Shaft Siting information presented. DCA asked SEC members to specifically provide input regarding the evaluation system, any preferred sites, logistics alternatives, and requests for any additional information related to the launch shaft sites.

The meeting video, agenda, presentation and supplemental materials are available for review on the dcdca.org website.

COMMITTEE THOUGHT EXCHANGE

- Committee members Ms. Mann, Mr.
 Moran, Mr. Hsia, Ms. Swenson, Ms.
 Barrigan-Parrilla, Mr. Cosio, Mr. Wallace,
 Mr. Wirth, Dr. Lytle, Mr. Hardesty, Mr.
 Cox and Ms. Giacoma provided reports
 of their conversations with community
 members.. Most comments highlighted
 concerns about effects on water levels,
 hydrology and levees as well as other
 effects including truck traffic, noise, air
 quality and regional and local economies.
 Members also want further information
 and justification regarding the constraints
 and analysis that determined the potential intake sites.
- Members requested composite information about the cumulative construction work and effects that will be occurring throughout the Delta at the same time. Further, the information should encompass not just the project components but any new infrastructure needed to support construction, such as power lines, rail terminals, etc. DCA will be able to provide this information once siting and logistics have been determined.

- DCA will look into arranging a tour to Red Bluff so SEC members can see a flat panel intake facility of similar magnitude as those proposed for Delta Conveyance. DCA will also arrange a visit to ISI's manufacturing facility in Freeport to see an example of a "Tee Screen". Updates on scheduling will be forthcoming.
- Disposal of water removed from contaminated soil in the dewatering process is a concern for many members. Members requested more detailed information and ongoing discussion. The SEC will include information on dewatering methods and water disposal alternatives for each site in future presentations.
- As a reminder, DWR is currently conducting scoping meetings. SEC members were encouraged to submit comments to DWR about environmental studies, impacts and alternatives since comments made in the SEC meetings are not specifically tracked as part of DWR's CEQA process. More information about DWR's scoping process, meeting locations and how to submit comments can be found at https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Environmental-Planning.

NEXT MEETING

DATE:

February 26, 2020

TIME: 3-6pm

LOCATION:

Belle Vie Vineyards, 19900 Sherman Island Cross Rd., Rio Vista, CA 94571

PURPOSE:

Member roundtable regarding technical information discussed during the Jan. 22 meeting; finalize drive shaft locations; review retrieval and maintenance shaft locations

MORE QUESTIONS?

- Meeting minutes and video will be available at dcdca.org
- Contact us at SEC-info@dcdca.org



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HIGHLIGHTS TO SHARE

- Members received new and updated materials to add to their information binders.
 - o The information included updated logistics maps for roadway, rail, and barging feasibility, siting evaluation methodology, siting rankings (after applying methodology), updated staff and member directories, responses to questions and requests from previous meetings, past meeting minutes and summaries, a map showing the existing water facilities in the Delta.
- Members provided reports of the feedback they have heard from their communities regarding the intakes siting discussed at the January meeting.
- Members were reminded that materials shared at SEC meetings is preliminary and changes will be reflected often as the proposed project is designed and engineered.
- Launch Shafts: The engineering team presented maps and information identifying zones within the Central and Eastern Corridors where launch shafts could be located based on acceptable drive lengths.
- Site Ranking Criteria and Results: DCA created an evaluation system to rank feasible sites within each of these zones, with access logistics and truck traffic sensitivities as primary considerations. Engineers shared information illustrating the ranking of 250-acre areas as more favorable, acceptable, or less favorable for launch shaft siting. Engineers also shared the methodology for determining the rankings and solicited input from SEC members on both the methodology and the results. The DCA has evaluated sites based on engineering considerations while DWR will evaluate sites based on environmental analysis in the CEQA process.



Considerations for SEC: DCA solicited input regarding
the ranking methodology and results. SEC members are
encouraged to discuss with their communities and report
feedback at the next SEC meeting roundtable. DWR
staff encouraged SEC members and audience to provide
thoughts on impacts and alternatives through DWR's
scoping process since comments made in the SEC meetings
are not specifically tracked as part of DWR's CEQA process.