

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SEC) MEETING SUMMARY

May 27, 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 <u>dcdca.org</u> website.

## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The eighth meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) was held remotely via video conference on May 27:

• DWR provided an update on the CEQA process and scoping comments received.

• The DCA team presented information about traffic and logistics improvements, explained how DCA is incorporating SEC feedback, provided updated map books and shared virtual tour information.

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

## **MEETING OVERVIEW**

- **Tracking Packet:** Member feedback on questionnaires has been included in the <u>most recent</u>. Question Tracking Packet. The <u>cumulative tracking packet</u> capturing all questions submitted by SEC members is also on the <u>website</u>; sortable Excel versions of the documents are available as well.
- CEQA Process Update
  - The scoping period for the proposed Delta Conveyance project has concluded. The Scoping Summary Report, featuring 3,500 individual comments, is currently being developed by DWR and is anticipated for release in Summer 2020. It will also be included in the Draft EIR which will hopefully be ready for release in early 2021.
  - DWR made initial contact with 121 Tribes, and Tribal consultation continues at the discretion of each tribe.
  - In response to SEC member inquiries from the last SEC meeting, an email was sent explaining that DCA is expected to submit to DWR its Draft Engineering Project Report in July 2020 and Final Engineering Project Report in September 2020. DWR will provide information to SEC members in June or July regarding the range of alternatives proposed for detailed analysis in the Draft EIR.
- Traffic Modeling Methodology: Traffic Planner Don Hubbard reviewed preliminary traffic modeling based on planning studies (not CEQA studies) and DCA asked for SEC member feedback. The modeling showed forecasted conditions without the proposed project and traffic projections for the proposed project with and without remedial actions such as park and ride lots, dedicated haul roads, etc.
- Traffic at Each Site and Possible Remediations: Estimated traffic projections were provided for each proposed project site along both alignment options. DCA staff provided some remediation suggestions for SEC member feedback and further discussion.

- Virtual Corridor Tours: Ms. Parvizi shared a proposal for how to approach tours of the Central and Eastern corridors in order to provide visual and graphic context that is safely viewable by SEC while ensuring equity by giving everyone the same experience. Some sites are only accessible on or through private property and would therefore require permission to enter; other proposed sites are obscured by trees; some road ways are too narrow to accommodate multiple vehicles at a time; other routes have no turnouts to accommodate a tour stop; and other proposed sites cannot accommodate caravans. Map books have been provided for self-guided tours, but caution and discretion are advised regarding privacy and safety issues.
- Next SEC Report to Board: SEC members interested in presenting at the June DCA Board meeting should email Ms. Parvizi at <u>NazliParvizi@dcdca.org</u>. The <u>May DCA Board Meeting</u> featured the first report-out by the SEC members and was well-received by the Board.

To see the Delta Conveyance Site Book, click the here or on the image below.

# NEXT MEETING

**DATE\*:** June 24, 2020

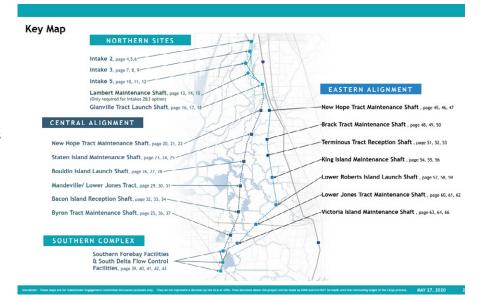
**TIME:** 3-6 p.m.

LOCATION: RingCentral Video Conference; information TBD

#### POSSIBLE MEETING TOPICS:

- Follow-up on traffic logistics & remedial actions
- RTM quantity estimates, storage, use and transport
- Revisiting proposed barge landing on Bouldin Island
- Remediation requirements of temporary construction site land for various permanent uses
- Truck traffic and equipment operating hours and categories of air quality (Low, Medium, High)

\* DCA will comply with public health recom.mendations regarding public meetings and social distancing efforts. Any meeting changes or cancellations will be communicated to members.





980 9th Street, Suite 2400 Sacramento,CA 95814 (888) 853-8486 • info@dcdca.org





STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SEC)

## **NEXT STEPS**

- SEC members interested in participating in the next report to the DCA Board should email Ms. Parvizi at <u>NazliParvizi@dcdca</u>. org. The number of SEC members participating would ideally be between 1-4 in order to avoid Brown Act concerns and achieve an appropriate report length. If a greater number of SEC members express interest, the additional members can be scheduled to speak at subsequent Board meetings.
- At the suggestion of Mr. Wirth, the DCA staff will further evaluate the proposed new haul road to the Intakes that is near Stone Lakes Wildlife Preserve to determine if it can move further West in order to potentially lessen the possible effects to the terrestrial species in that area. Mr. Wallace encouraged careful consideration of placement in relationship to the nearby project levee.
- Ms. Buckman (DWR) will reach out to Mr. Cox to further discuss concerns about fish screens and Clifton Court Forebay since the issue falls outside the scope of the SEC.
- The DCA is taking a closer look at the Byron Tract area and Highway 4 to gauge the possibility of repositioning the proposed shaft locations in order to reduce the total number of facilities needed and thereby lessen the potential effects on traffic, air quality and noise for the sensitive receptors Ms. Mann mentioned, including the school, Wastewater Treatment Plant and alreadyunderstaffed emergency services.
- The DCA team is also still working to eliminate the use of bridges on Highway 4.
- Mr. Bradner (DCA Geotechnical Engineer) will reach out to Dr. Lytle to address his questions about the methodologies used to determine the proposed heights of the Southern Forebay that were shared at the April 22nd meeting. The question and response will be added to the SEC Question Tracking Log.

- Mr. Ryan (DCA Engineering Manager) will follow-up with the fish screen manufacturers to ascertain the possibility of an SEC member tour in light of the current social distancing orders in place.
- DCA staff will work directly with Ms. Tayaba to understand the additional materials, maps, and/ or presentations needed for tribes that are interested in more fully understanding the proposed Delta Conveyance project.
- DCA would like to engage the SEC in monthly meetings for the next year.
- SEC meetings will likely focus on siting until September and then the purpose and structure of the committee should be revisited in order to address further topics such as project alternatives, mitigation efforts and community benefits.





Like us on Facebook @deltaconveyance