

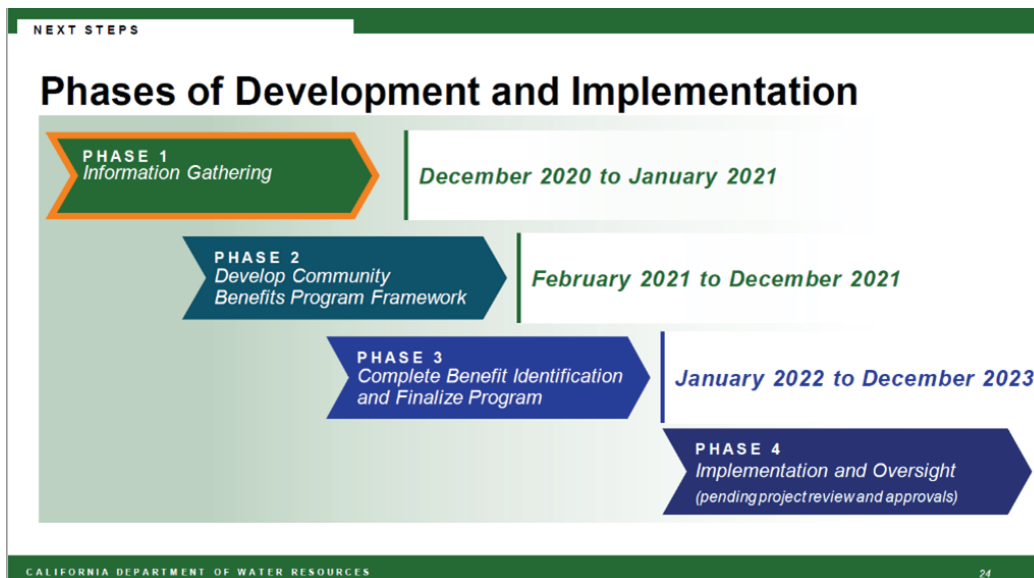
This summary is provided as a resource for committee members and the public to have brief highlights following SEC meetings. In addition to this summary, detailed meeting minutes, question and answer documents and full meeting video will be available on the dcdca.org website.

MEETING OVERVIEW

The 14th meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) was held via video conference on December 9, 2020. The meeting video, agenda, presentation and supplemental materials are available for review on the dcdca.org [website](http://dcdca.org).

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISCUSSION FRAMEWORK

- Ms. Buckman provided an update of the CEQA process and introduced a conceptual approach to develop a Community Benefits Program. The focus would initially be about developing a framework and process-identifying the community benefits would come later.
- Ms. Barbieri explained that DWR endeavors to work with the community to develop a framework for the Community Benefits Program to include as an appendix to the Draft EIR.
- This framework will be in addition to and separate from mitigation measures required through regulation and a planned ombudsman program.
- Ms. Mallon shared case study information of community benefits programs from other projects and regions and highlighted best practices.
- Members were asked for input about the conceptual process of developing the framework and which stakeholders should be included.



TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

- Phil Ryan, DCA Engineering Manager, reviewed the components of the Bethany Reservoir Alternative and focused specifically on the Bethany Complex Reception Shaft, Surge Basin, Pumping Plant and Discharge Structure.
- Mr. Hubbard presented a construction traffic analysis demonstrating the anticipated conditions for the Bethany Alternative.
 - There are fewer anticipated traffic impacts for the Bethany Alternative than for the corresponding southern portions of the Central and Eastern Alternatives because the Bethany Alternative requires less movement of materials.
 - There are four major work sites associated with the Bethany Alternative. The alternative would affect the traffic level of service to an unacceptable level in two areas unless remedial actions are enacted. The two remedial actions that are recommended are:
 - Provide a worker park-n-ride in Stockton to reduce the amount of project traffic using SR-4, and
 - Widen Byron Hwy between Lindemann Road and Mountain House Parkway and build the Lindemann Interchange. This will provide needed capacity on the short section of Byron Highway that would be used by project traffic.
 - Two further roadway modifications are proposed that would enable project traffic to avoid sensitive areas:
 - Creation of a West Grant Line Road Roundabout that will enable project traffic to go around the community just north of the Grant Line Road/Mountain House Road intersection, and
 - A new haul road that would bypass Mountain House School.
- The DCA has been and will continue to communicate with various local city and county offices to collaborate on potential design and engineering options.

NEXT MEETING

DATE*:

January 27, 2021

TIME:

3-6 p.m.

LOCATION:

RINGCENTRAL WEBINAR:
<https://webinar.ringcentral.com/j/1480658465>

POSSIBLE MEETING TOPICS:

- Bethany Alternative Update
- Geotechnical Work
- Community Benefits Framework Update

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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At Large - Yolo

Angelica Whaley

North Delta Local Business

Barbara Barrigan Parrilla

Environmental Justice

Cecille Giacoma

Public Safety

David Gloski

At Large - Contra Costa

Douglas Hsia

At Large - Sacramento

Gilbert Cosio

Ex-Officio

Isabella Gonzalez Potter

Environment NGO - Aquatic

Jim Cox

Sports/Fishing

Jesus Tarango

Tribal Government

Representative (Alternate)

James (Jim) Wallace

Delta History/Heritage

Karen Mann

South Delta Local Business

Lindsey Liebig

Agriculture

Mel Lytle

Delta Water District

Michael Moran

Ex-Officio

Malissa Tayaba

Tribal Government Representative

Peter Robertson

Recreation

Phillip Merlo

At large - San Joaquin

Sean Wirth

Environmental NGO - Terrestrial

Mike Hardesty

At large - Solano

Chief David Welch

Ex-Officio

Gila Moreno

City of Hood

SEC Member Thought Exchange

- Ms. Moreno asked for community benefit examples in agricultural areas, as they may be more beneficial to help the community understand possible benefits as related to the proposed Project.
- Ms. Barrigan-Parrilla said the way the concept for the framework development process was presented makes sense. The SEC fits into the framework because SEC members represent various constituencies. It would make sense to work with SEC members in small groups and with SEC members' respective stakeholder groups. Work from Delta Stewardship Council should be included in the discussion. Protection of the community from flood threat should be part of the conversation.
- Ms. Giacoma said she has spoken with hundreds of people. There is a world of input that is all negative except for the people who have been persuaded by the promise of community benefits. DWR must listen to the voices that oppose the project.
- Mr. Cosio emphasized that mitigation measures that are required by regulation be clearly funded separately. Ms. Buckman noted that mitigation measures will be included in the Environmental Impact Report to reduce potentially significant impacts. Community benefits are in addition to mitigation measures.
- Mr. Gloski said the discussion today seemed to be more about mission and values of the Community Benefits Framework, rather than the process itself.
- Mr. Wirth suggested identifying actions in the Community Benefits Framework that create multi-benefits across many fields of interest. He noted the agricultural community is a big part of the Delta and should be one of the stakeholder groups consulted.
- Members asked about the source, amount and timing of funding for community benefits. Ms. Buckman indicated these specifics have not yet been determined but community benefits will be funded by the public water agencies as part of the overall project.
- Mr. Wallace said the community benefits discussion poses a lot of issues for those in the Delta who oppose the project. For instance, community groups who chose to not participate in the SEC are now frustrated that they are not a part of the process. Many people oppose the project, but they choose to engage in the process to affect the potential outcomes. The community benefits discussion needs to follow that path. The term "grassroots" should be used instead of "community". Overall, he likes the way the process for developing the Community Benefits Framework is laid out. Ms. Barbieri noted that one of the commitments by DWR is that participation in the process will not be perceived or expressed as support for the project.
- Mr. Cox said fishermen are anxious to be heard and want benefits from the project. Fishermen must be included and specifically heard regarding their concerns.
- Mr. Moran said it is important to clarify the difference between mitigation and community benefits. He supports ongoing funding, like an endowment that will grow. Staffing should be funded for an extended period to address maintenance and programming, perhaps by a per-user fund.
- Ms. Barrigan-Parrilla said there are grassroots categories that are going to live with ongoing impacts and then others who will live with long-term secondary impacts. There are values to how the AB617 process is structured and perhaps could serve as a pattern for these discussions, including providing a stipend for members of environmental justice communities who participate.
- Mr. Hsia said the marinas have been hard hit and asked about private businesses being recipients of community benefits funding.
- Ms. Moreno said the process should include more diverse stakeholders, including those who speak languages other than English, so DWR should consider providing translators.
- Dr. Lytle said there is quite a distance between project support and project opposition, and he would like to fully understand the intent of engaging the community in this capacity.
- Mr. Merlo said there are studies showing indigenous tribes once inhabited the Mountain House area and DWR may want to consult with the North Valley Yokuts Tribe.
- Ms. Mann said she is concerned about potential effects of the water flow on the high volume of ski boaters on the inlet near Little River's End, close to Byron Highway and Mountain House Road. Mr. Ryan clarified that the tunnel will be underground so the water flow will not be affected.
- Mr. Moran said Los Vaqueros Reservoir did extensive studies in the area some of which are not published. It would be good to connect with those who conducted those studies.
- Ms. Swenson said perhaps a Mountain House representative should be considered as an addition to the SEC.
- Mr. Gloski said it would be good to have a meeting to revisit topics that SEC members would like to discuss further. He would like to discuss the South Delta facilities again.
- Ms. Swenson said having meeting materials before the meeting would make participation in the meeting more meaningful.
- Ms. Barrigan-Parrilla said it is imperative that DCA not misstate the position of the Delta stakeholders when speaking publicly, or goodwill in the Delta will be undermined.

Next Steps

- Ms. Parvizi can help get materials or presentations translated into Spanish or other languages as necessary.
- In order to provide meeting materials to the SEC earlier, the DCA may be able to release partial files with placeholder pages for presentation slides that are still under development.
- Having a Mountain House representative join the SEC will be considered.

SEC Report Outs to DCA Board

Up to four different SEC members are invited each month to present to the DCA Board of Directors about the SEC process. SEC members interested in presenting at the January Board of Directors meeting should contact nazliparvizi@dcdca.org.

