

APRIL 28, 2021

Stakeholder Engagement Committee Meeting

Meeting Agenda

1	Welcome/ Call To Order
2	Roll Call
3	Minutes Review: February 24, 2021 Regular SEC Meeting
4	Updates & Committee Discussion
	4a. DCA Review and Updates
	4b. DWR CEQA Status Update
	4c. SEC Questions or Comments on February 24th Meeting Presentation
	4d. Public Comment on Item 4

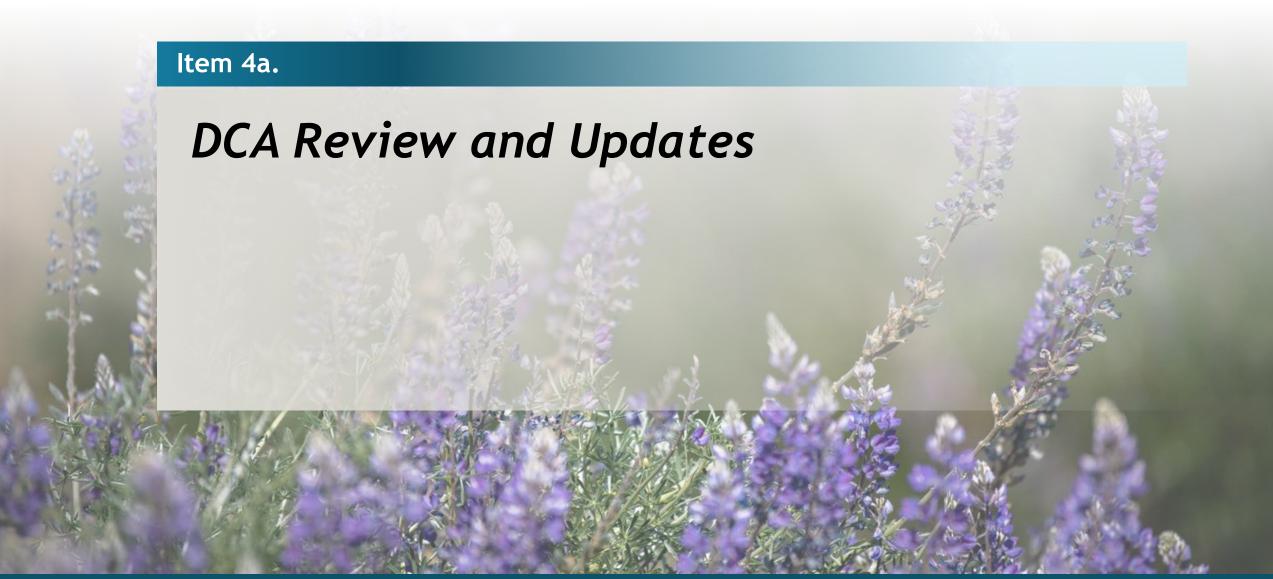
5	Presentations & Committee Discussion	
	5a. Design Changes	
	5b. Ongoing Outreach Efforts	
	5c. Environmental Justice Survey Results	
	5d. Community Benefits Program Update	
	5e. Public Comment on Item 5	
6	Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting	
	6a. Community Benefits Framework	
	6b. Design Change Updates	
7	Non-Agendized SEC Questions or	
	Comments	
8	Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items	

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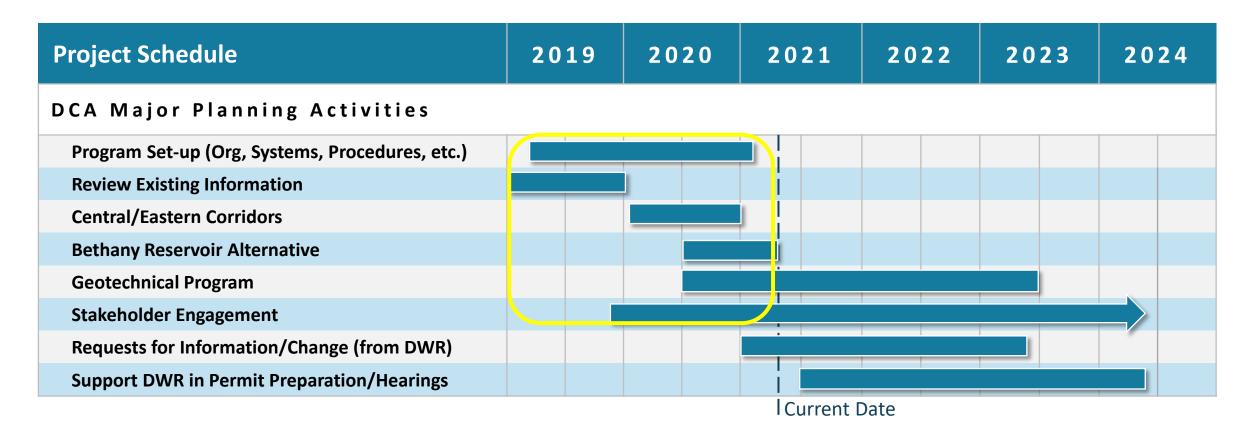
Interim Executive Director: Graham Bradner

- Clemson University BS and MS with 20 years of engineering experience; 16 years at GEI in Sacramento
- Specialize in water supply infrastructure and flood risk reduction projects in Northern CA
- Registered CA engineering geologist and hydrogeologist
- Experience in various roles technical, governance, management
- 2+ years full time on Delta Conveyance Program serving as Levee/Forebay technical lead and Deputy Engineering Design Manager

Continuity in DCA's Approach Moving Forward



Anticipated DCA Planning Phase Schedule



Review of SEC Collaboration

Examples of Feedback Incorporated into Conceptual Designs

Construction Effects

Revised intake logistics plan to reduce traffic on existing roads

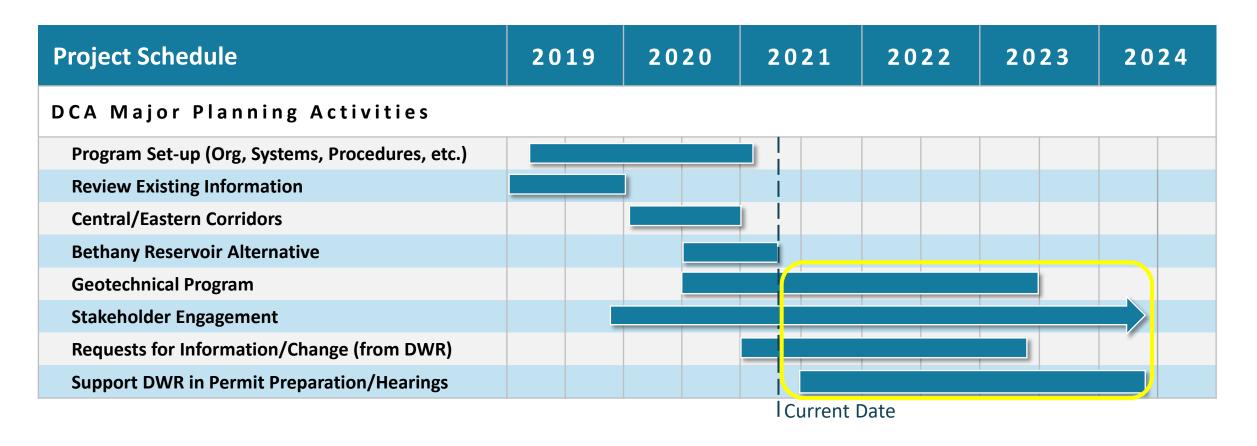
- Use of Park & Rides, logistics centers, and batch plants to reduce construction traffic
- Intake cofferdam construction approach to reduce noise from pile driving
- Post-construction site restoration for future habitat or agricultural uses

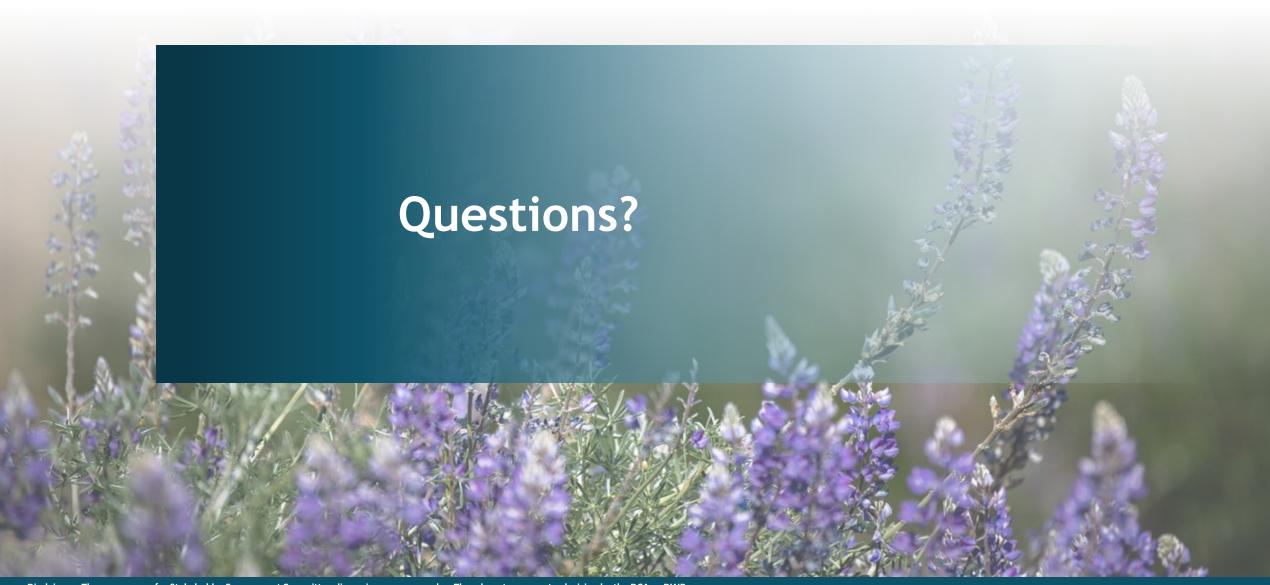
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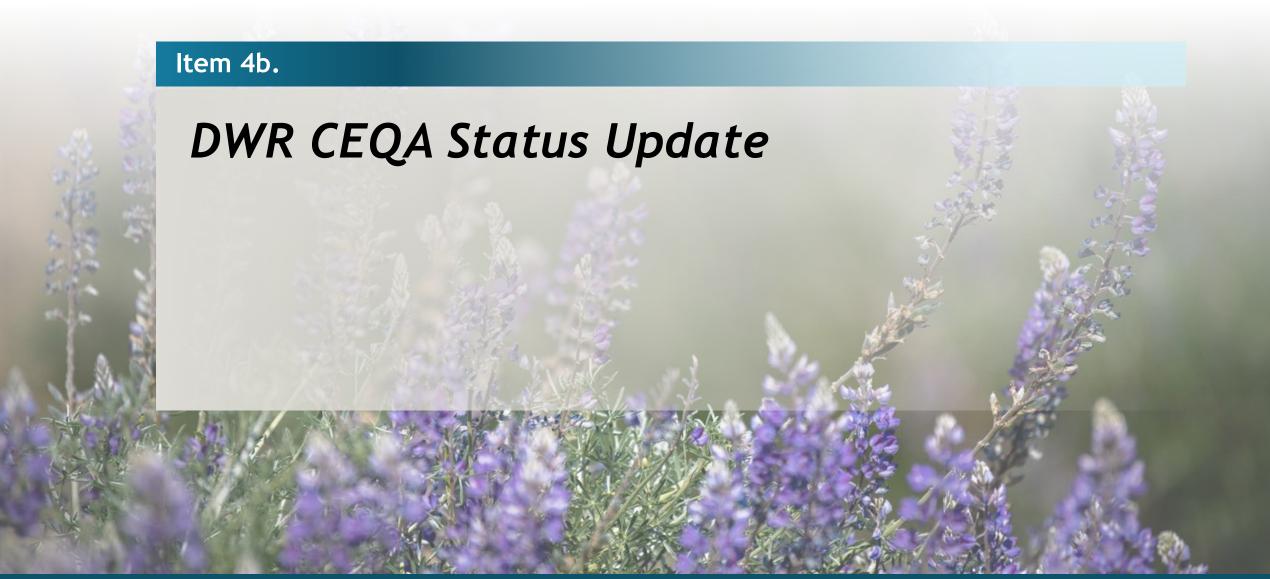
Consider use of rail for bulk deliveries to minimize road traffic

- Adjustments to location of Staten Island and Canal Ranch maintenance shafts
- Twin Cities Complex adjustments to remove Lambert Rd maintenance shaft
- Southern Complex adjustments to remove shafts on Byron Tract and Victoria Island and reduce construction requirements on Hwy 4

Anticipated DCA Planning Phase Schedule







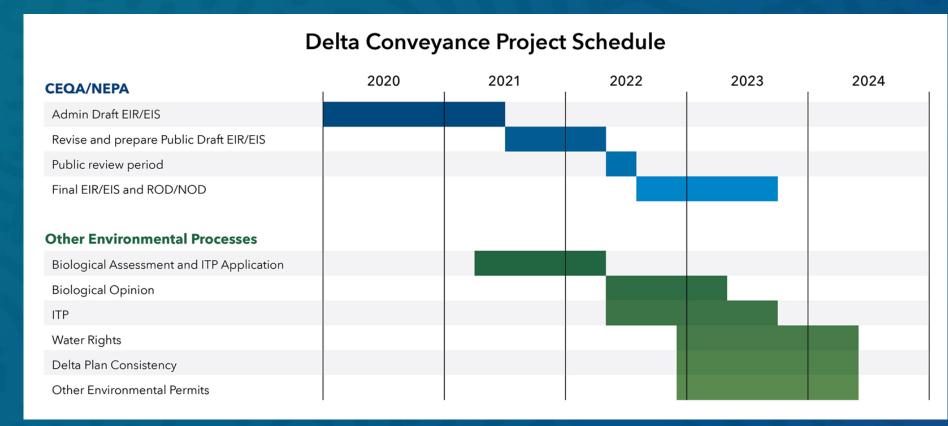
Delta Conveyance Project: Environmental Review Update

Carrie Buckman

Environmental Program Manager



Updated Project Schedule







Environmental Planning Update

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): technical studies and impact analysis
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): United States
 Army Corps of Engineers proceeding to develop EIS
- Soil Investigations: field work under Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration started in March, two-week look-ahead available on Delta Conveyance Public Information site https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Public-Information
- Community Benefits Program Framework: three public workshops and one tribal workshop in April/May



Ways to Stay Informed



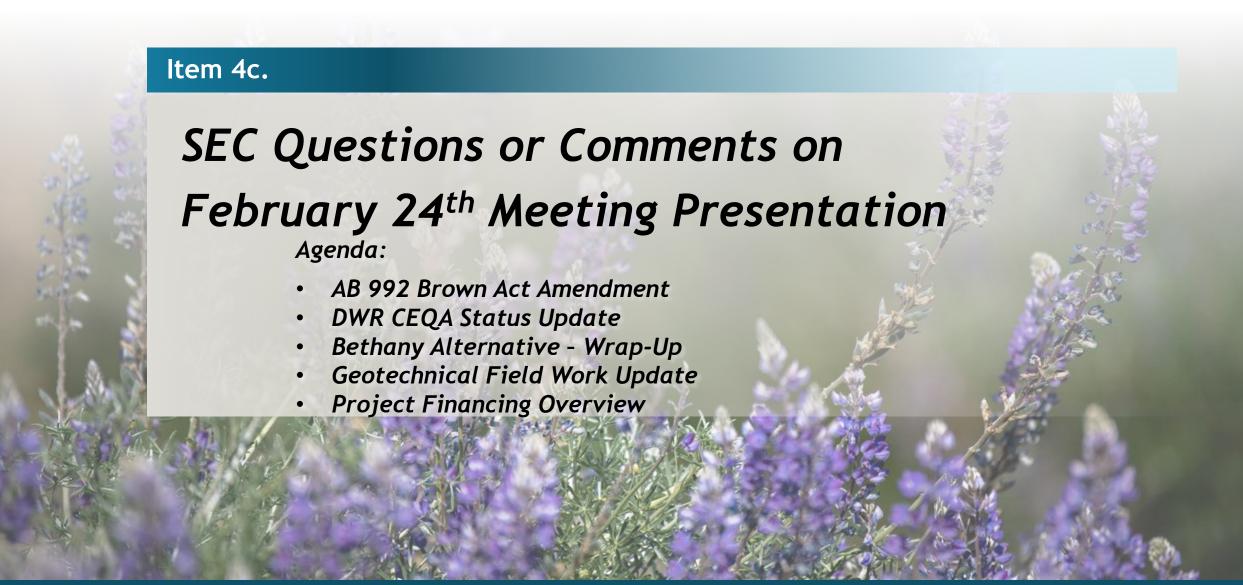
- > Programs
 - State Water Project
 - Delta Conveyance

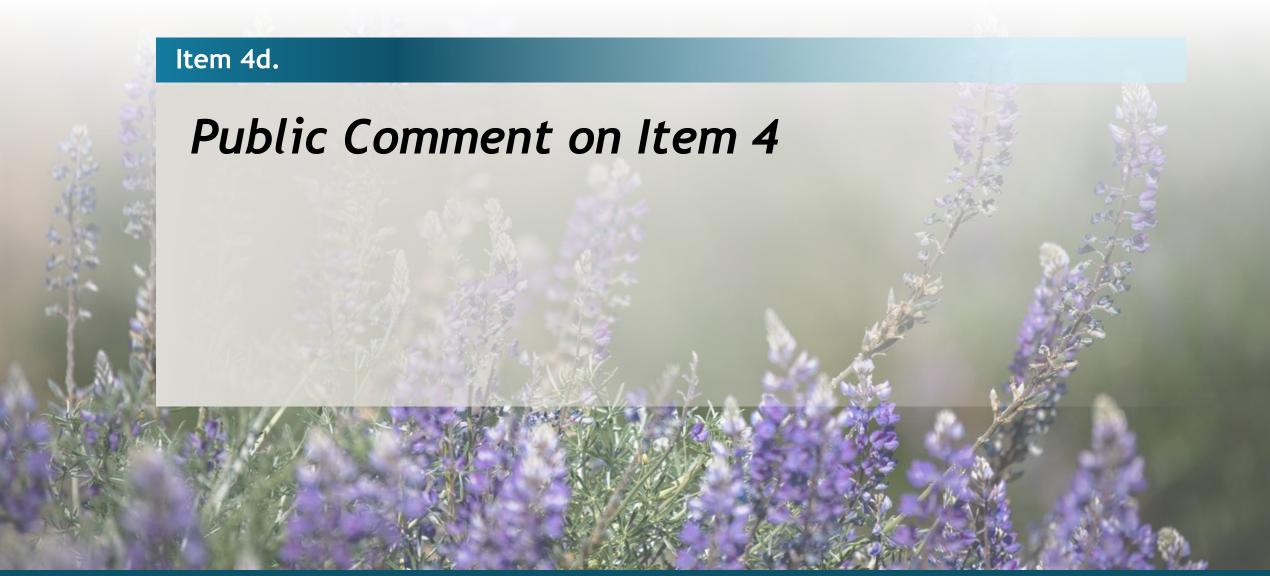








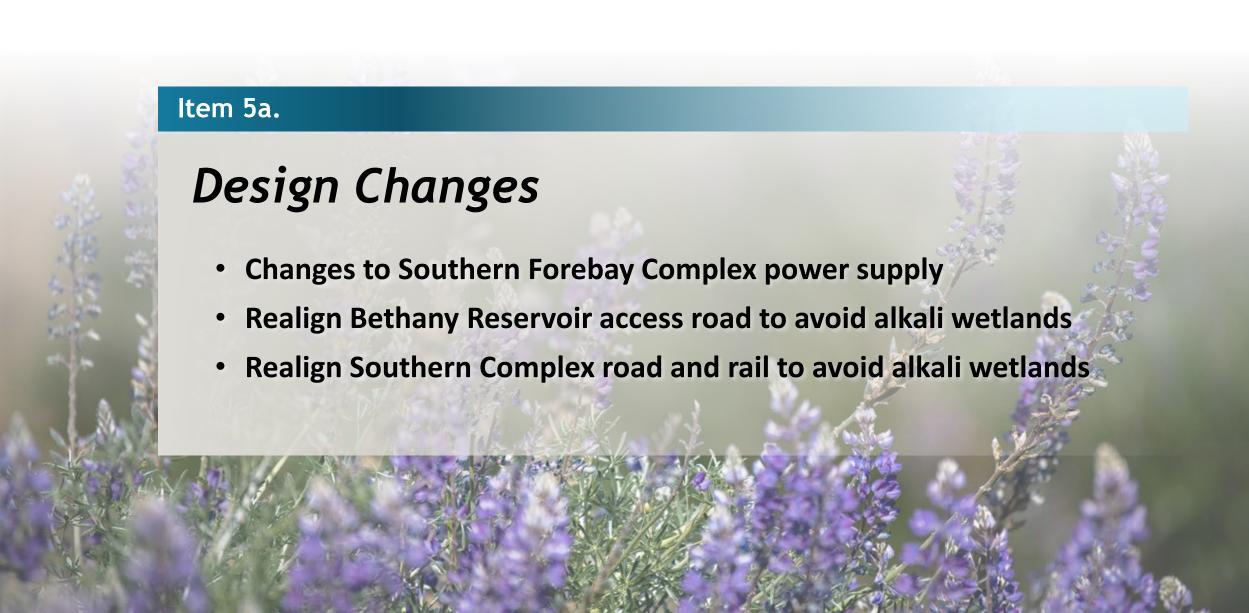




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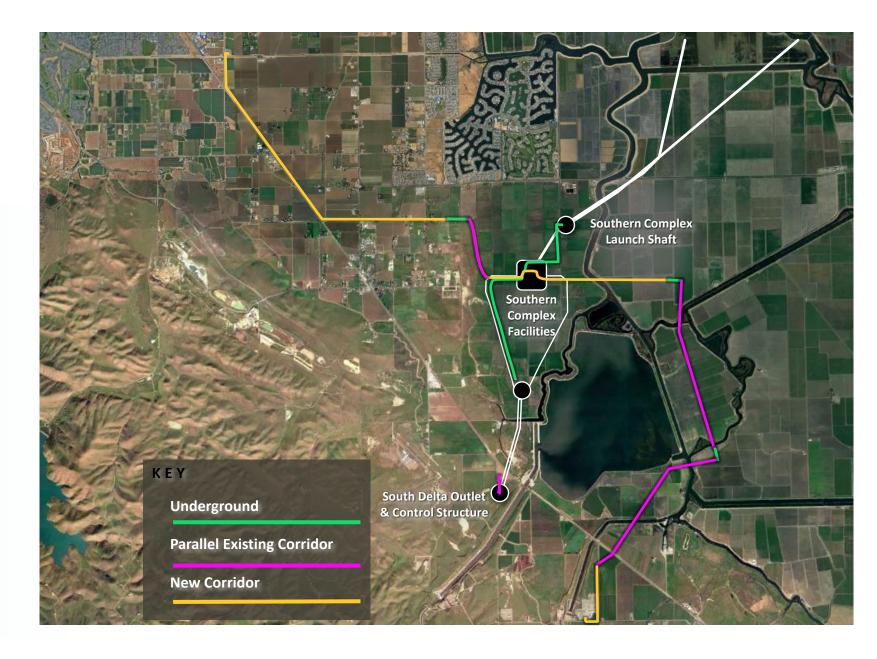
Updates & Committee Discussion

- Design Changes
- Ongoing Outreach Efforts
- Environmental Justice Survey Results
- Community Benefits Program Update



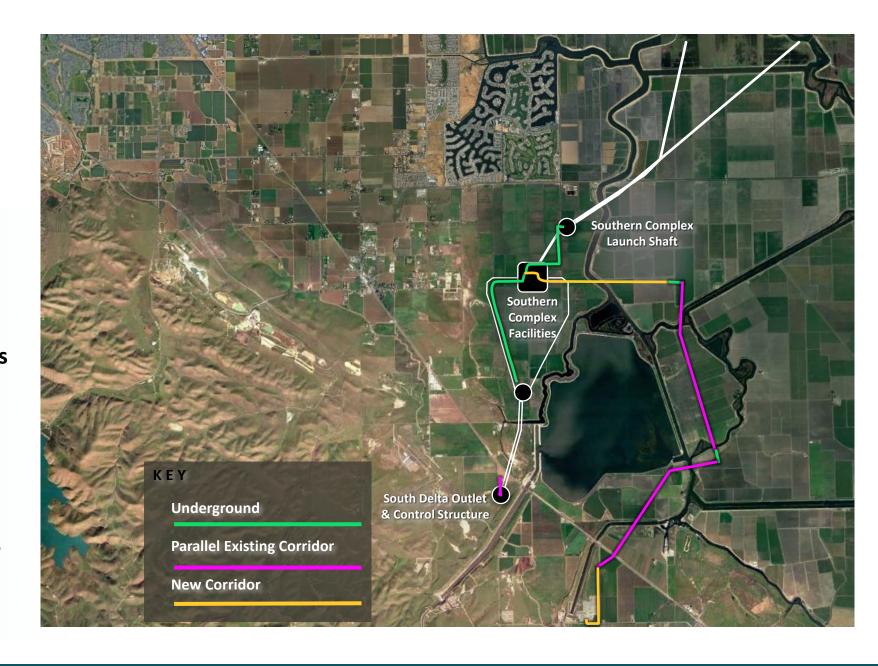
Changes to Southern Forebay Complex Power Supply

- Revised power alignments to reflect WAPA as the only power provider to facilities in the South Delta
- Original plan was to have power provided by both PG&E and WAPA



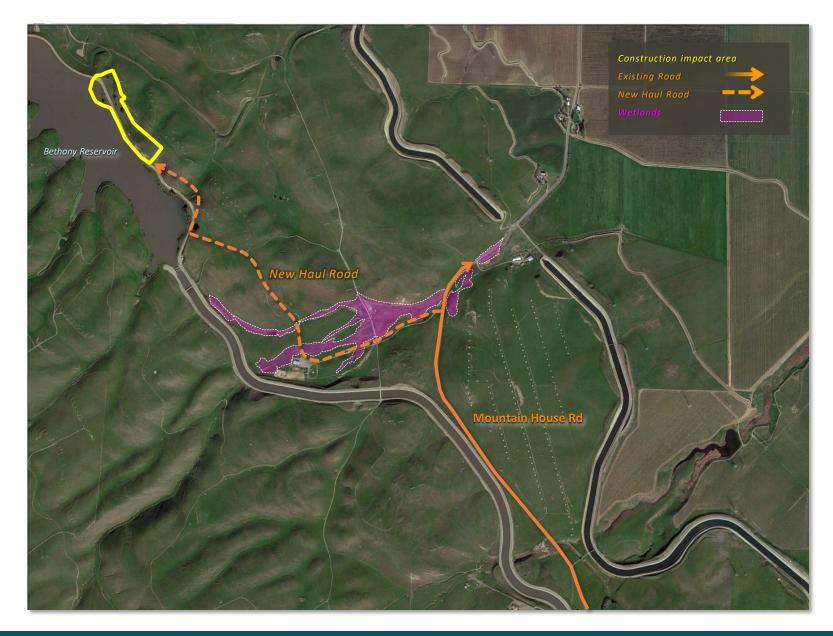
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- Changes would remove about 7 miles of previously proposed new powerlines to connect to existing PG&E facilities
 - Eliminates most of the urban/rural residential footprint
 - Eliminates most of the new corridor



Realign Bethany Reservoir access road to avoid alkali wetlands

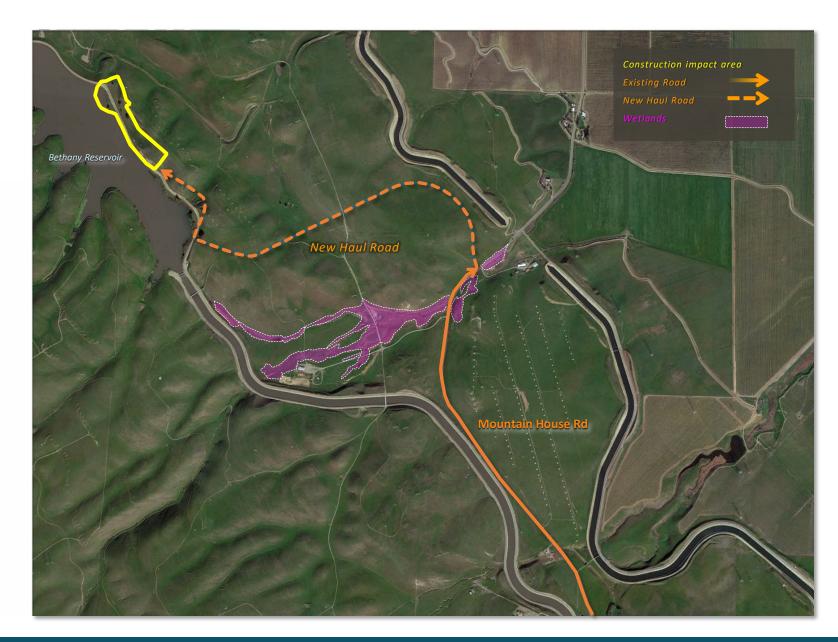
- Original alignment:
 - Followed existing roads
 - Required widening for 2-way construction traffic
 - Involved large road cuts to accommodate appropriate road grade
 - Road construction would affect areas of existing sensitive wetland



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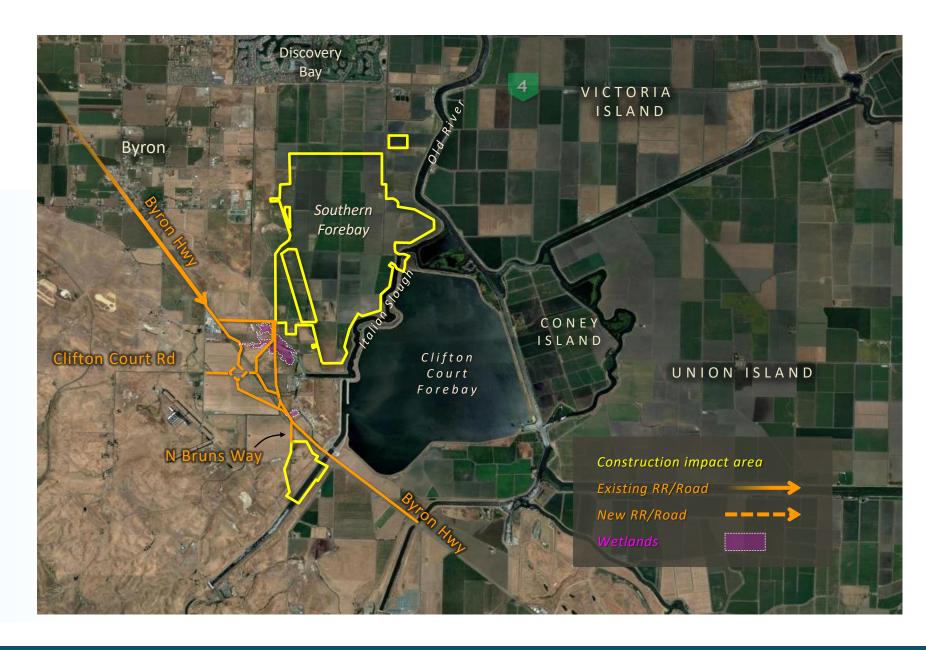
New alignment:

- Only about 0.1 mile longer
- Completely avoids sensitive wetland areas
- Minimizes road cuts which will result in less visibility from a distance
- Reduces excavation and earthwork by following existing topography
- Reduces haul of excess excavated soil to Bethany Complex stockpiles



Realign Southern Complex road and rail to avoid alkali wetlands

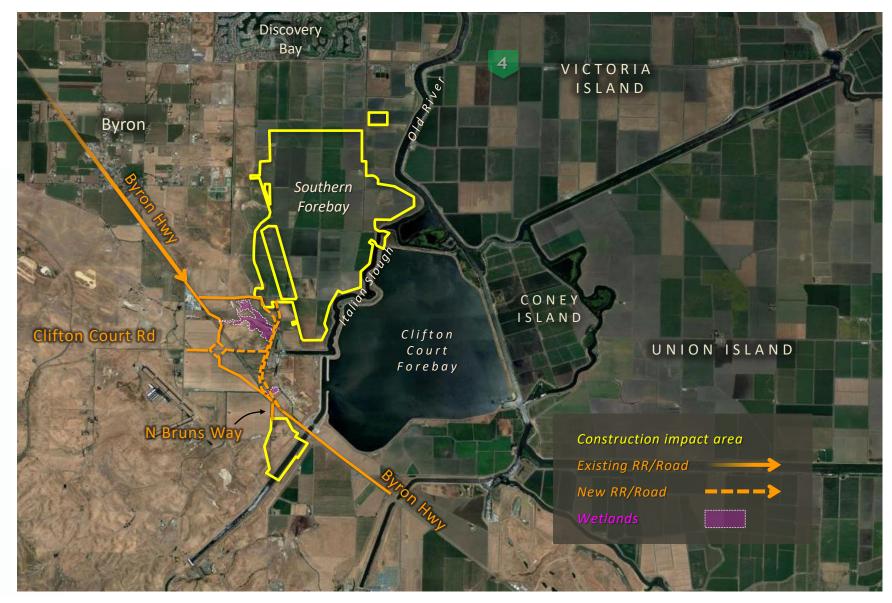
- Original alignment:
 - Configured to minimize rail spur and access road distances
 - Rail and road use separate routes to enter/exit site



Realign Southern Complex road and rail to avoid alkali wetlands

New alignment:

- Common curved rail and road alignment
- Adjusted a few road intersections
- Relocated segment storage pad, rail spurs, first aid/heliport, and contractor staging
- Significantly reduces effects to sensitive wetland areas





Delta Conveyance Project Communications Plan 2021-2022

Janet Barbieri

Communications Manager



Public Outreach Goals

- Provide tools through <u>public information</u>; build awareness and capacity
- Provide avenues to the planning process; encourage <u>public</u>
 <u>participation</u>
- Seek <u>public input</u> on community benefits and the Draft Environmental Impact Report

Public Outreach and Community Engagement Plan Overview: 2021-2022

Public Information	Informational tools
Informational Webinars	A deeper dive into topics of interest in advance of the Draft EIR
Community Benefits Program	Create a framework and process—with community input
Design-Focused Stakeholder Engagement	Further reduce impacts or improve mitigation
Public Participation	DEIR public review draft planned for mid-2022
Agency Coordination	Ensure permit/planning process moves forward with efficiency





Tribal Outreach

- Ensure compliance with AB 52 through formal consultation.
- Ensure input and engagement across all public information and public participation activities program-wide.
 - Informal discussions with Tribes and Tribal members
 - Tribal Engagement Committee
 - Annual Tribal information meeting



Environmental Justice

- Special focus across all activities to ensure outreach follows best practices for engagement with disadvantaged communities.
- Organize virtual workshops in coordination with EJ-focused organizations
- Design public participation for the DEIR to be responsive to EJ needs

Public Outreach Activities

Public Information

E-blasts, blogs, fact sheets, videos, presentations, briefings, media

Informational Webinars

Provide background, assumptions, preliminary findings; Q&A

Community Benefits Program

Interviews, workshops, briefings

Design-Focused Stakeholder Engagement

Presentations to DCA's Stakeholder Engagement Committee

Public Participation

Public review and comment

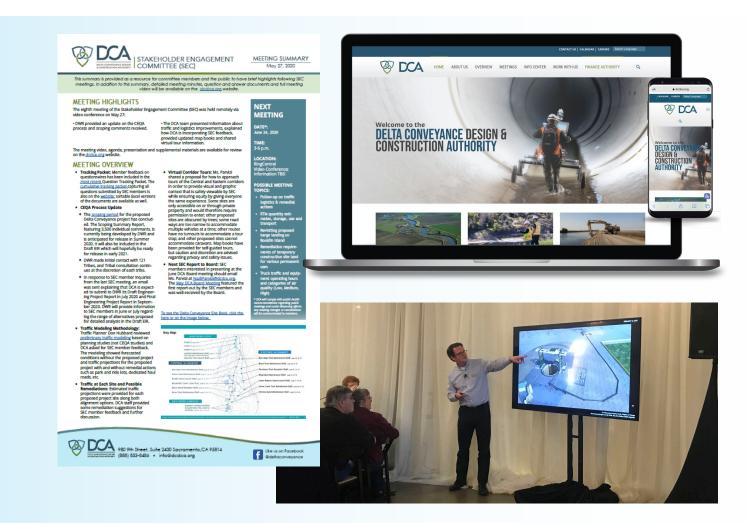
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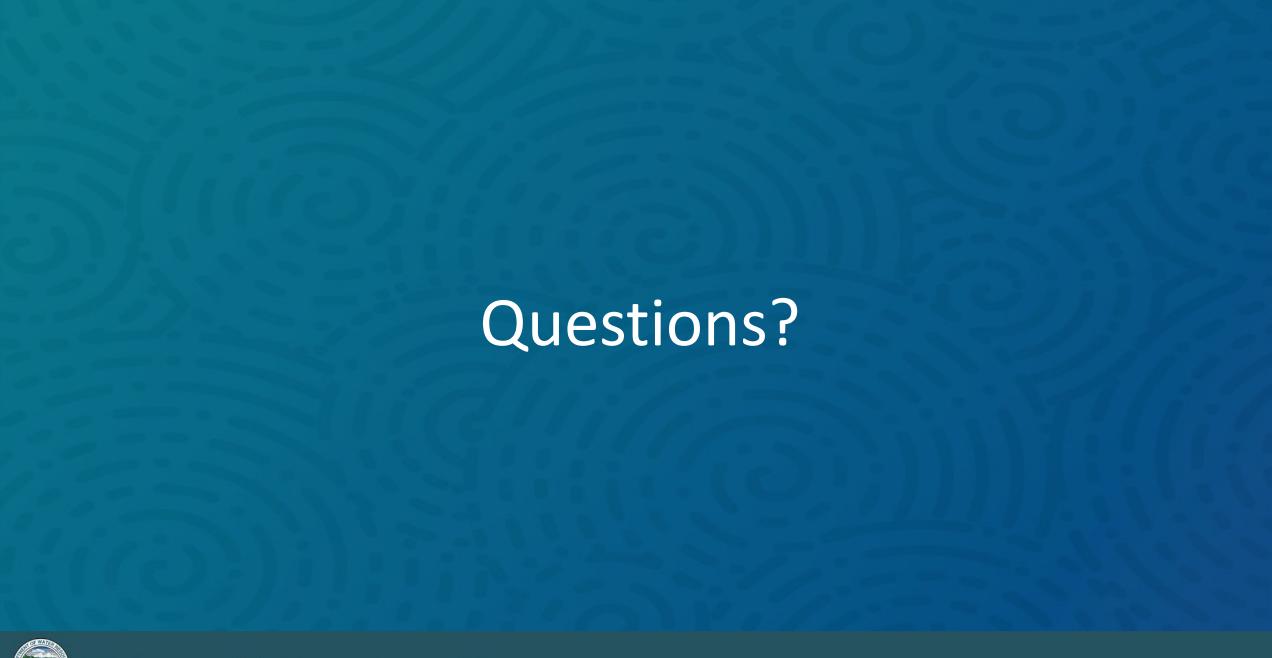
Consultation or meetings as needed



DCA's Ongoing Outreach Efforts

- Stakeholder Engagement Committee and collaborations
- Virtual Tours, with translations
- Informational video series
- Website content updates, optimization, and expansion
- Social media updates and information sharing
- Monthly Newsletter
- SEC Meeting Summaries
- Presentations/materials for community groups as requested











PRESENTED BY:

WATER RESOURCES



Your Delta Your Voice Environmental Justice Community Survey

April 28 2021



Photo: The Mercury

To gather direct input from disadvantaged (DAC) communities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region about how they work, live, recreate, and experience the Delta

Focus on communities that are historically burdened, underrepresented, people of color, and low-income communities of interest, including indigenous and tribal members.



Who responded?

REPORTING SETS FOR ALL SURVEY FINDINGS:

2117 total participants

540 Delta Region DAC Participants

DAC is defined as:

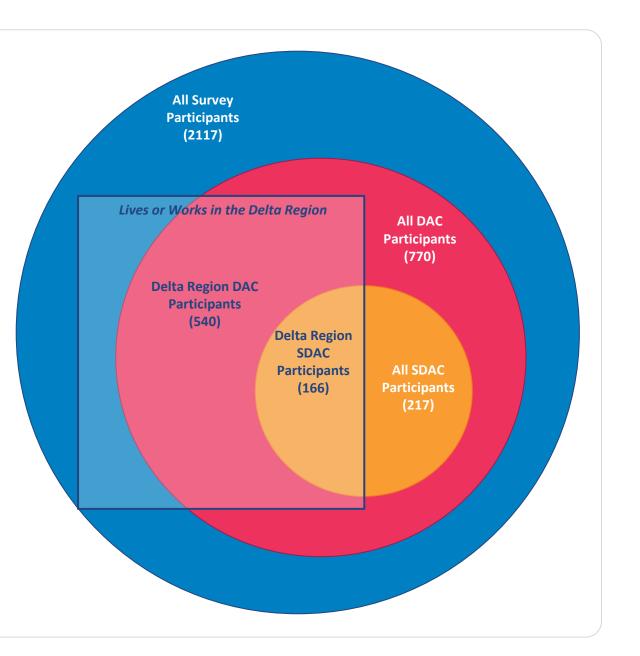
- Non-white or
- Household income is less than \$60,000 or
- By zip code and household income is less than \$75,000

DAC includes 166 Delta Region SDAC Participants

SDAC is defined as

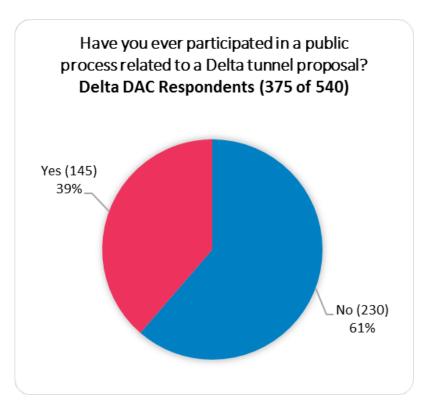
- Household income is less than \$45,000 or
- By zip code and household income is less than \$60,000

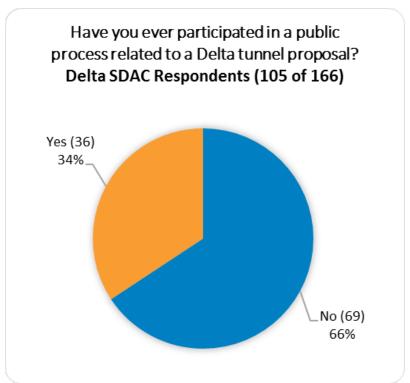
Chinese Survey Respondents: 311 Spanish Survey Respondents: 12

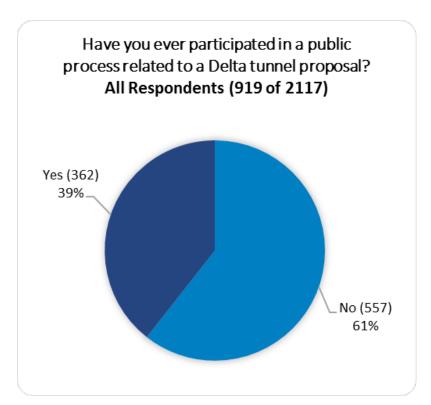




Have you ever participated before?

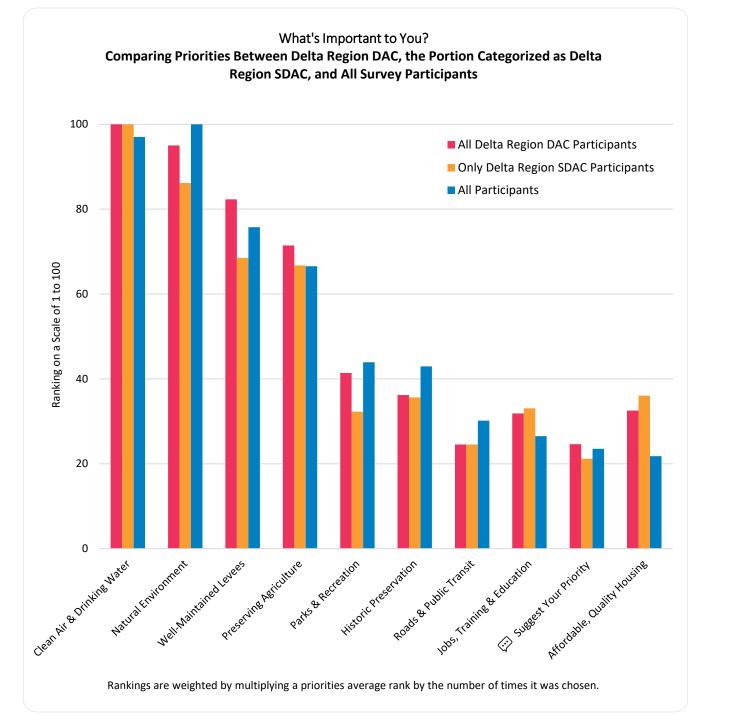








What's most important to you?



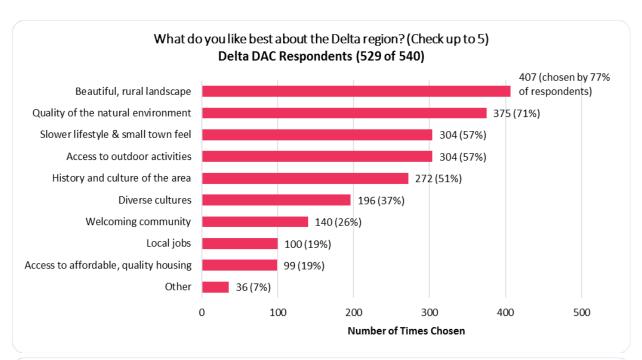


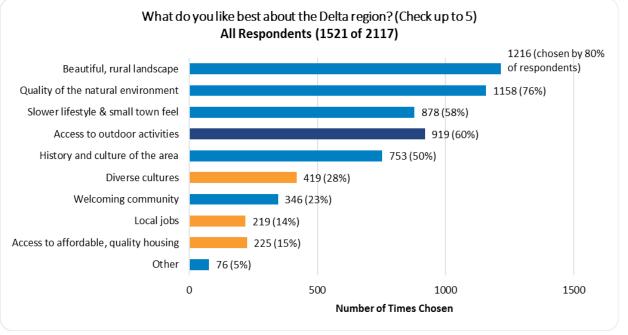
What do you like best about the Delta region?

Top 5 Priorities are the same for DAC, SDAC, and ALL

SDAC and DAC differ on...

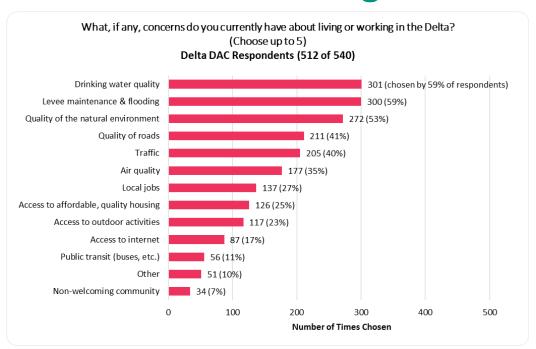
- 1. Diverse cultures
- 2. Welcoming community
- 3. Local jobs
- Access to affordable quality housing





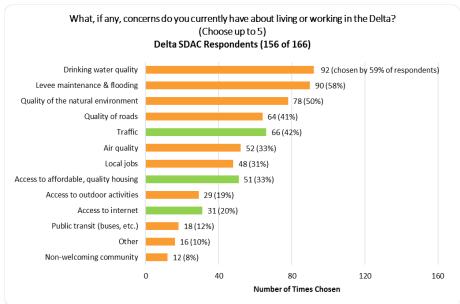


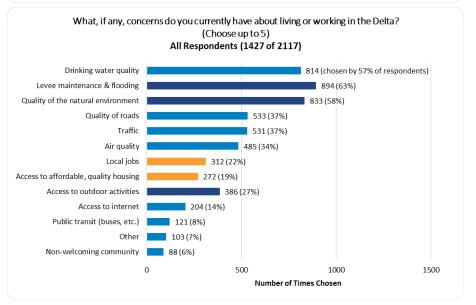
What, if any concerns do you currently have about living or working in the Delta?



Top concerns are drinking water quality, levee maintenance and flooding, and quality of the natural environment.

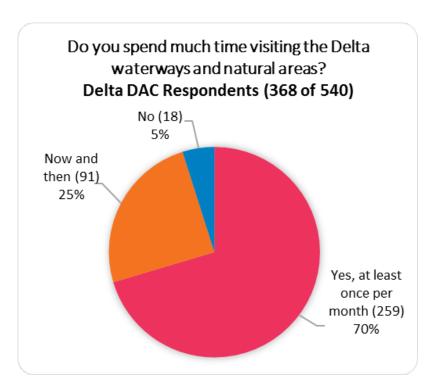
"Protecting the Natural Environment of the Delta. It's healthiness affects the entire region."

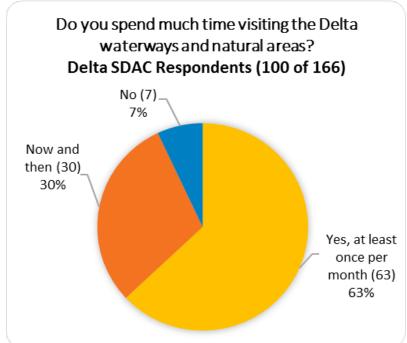


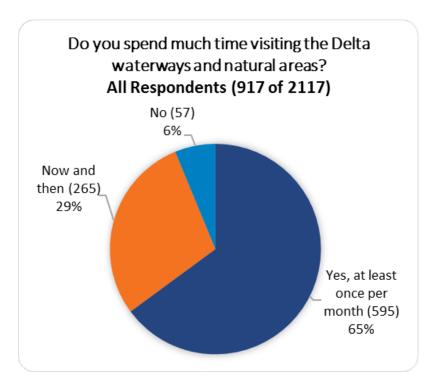




Do you spend much time visiting the Delta waterways and natural areas?

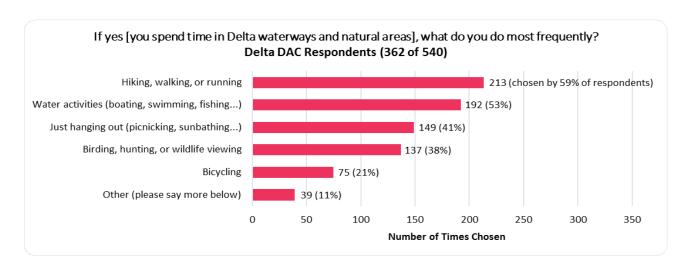




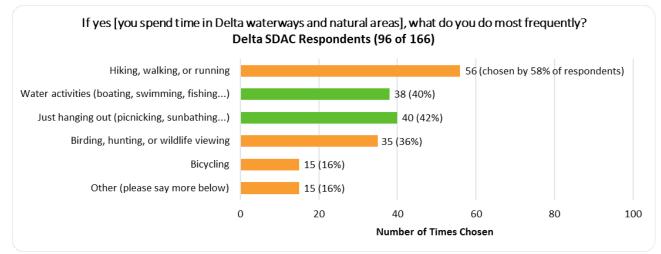


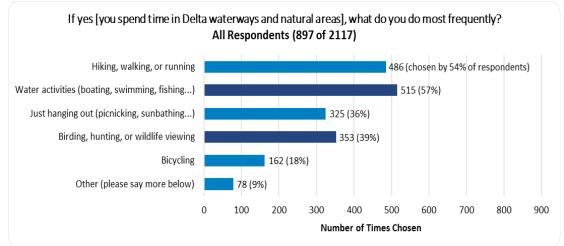


What activities do you do most frequently in the Delta?



Hiking, walking and running was most frequently selected for outdoor recreation for DAC and SDAC.







All Special Places by Map Marker

Outdoor Activities: 28%

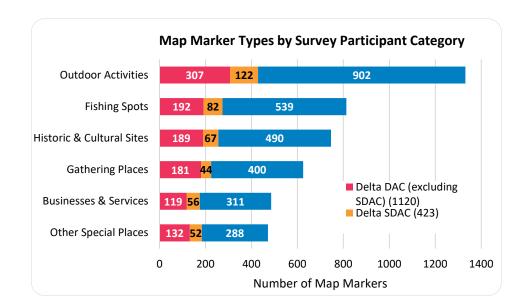
Fishing Spots: 18%, Historic &

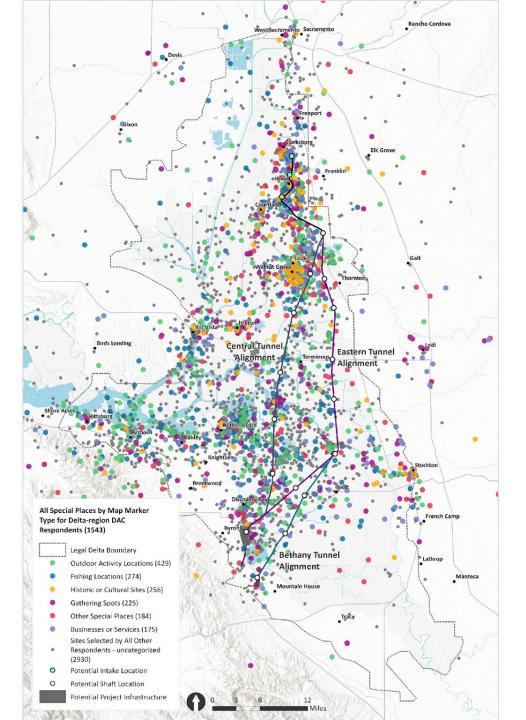
Cultural Sites: 17%

Gathering Places: 15%

Businesses & Services: 12%, and

Other Special Places: 11%







Highlights from "Special Places" Mapping





Are there services needed in your community?

Social services are needed in the Delta (55% of Delta-region DAC comments).

Top services identified include:

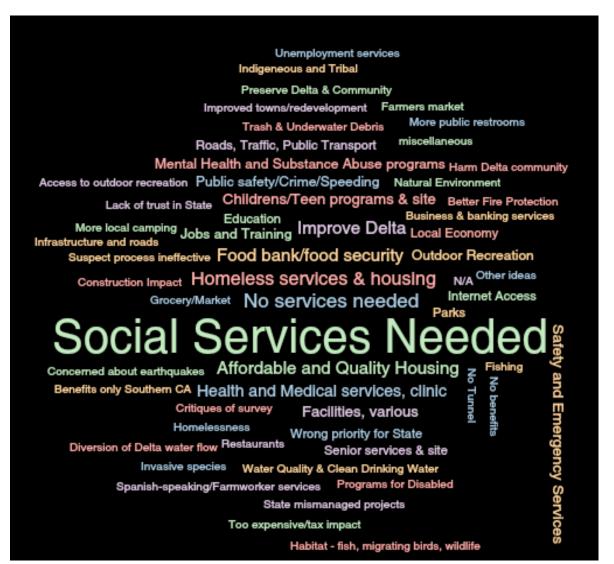
Homeless services (13%)

Food banks/food security (13%)

Other issues:

Affordable and quality housing Children's and teens programs Health and medical services No Services needed (15%)

"The city of Stockton's homeless population has steadily grown in recent years. Many of the camps are located along waterways that feed the Delta including the Calaveras River and Mormon Slough. Limited opportunities for education, high poverty, chronic unemployment and soaring housing costs along with mental health and substance abuse issues all contribute to this growing challenge. Short term, a large construction project in the Delta might give some relief. It will not solve the problem."



What potential benefits of the proposal could you see for your community?

More than two thirds (71%) of Delta-region DAC respondents commented that there are no benefits that will come from the project.

Other responses included jobs & training (11%) and improving natural environment (9%)

*Note – the DWR Community Benefits Program was not formulated at that time of the survey.



Figure 2. Themes from Delta-region DAC comments on "What potential benefits of the proposal could you see for your community?"



Some Takeaways

- Delta DAC participants have strong interests in the natural environment and preserving the Delta and its community, agriculture, and heritage. For many, their quality of life is interwoven with "life on the water."
- Outdoor activities are important to Delta DAC participants, including hiking, walking, running and water activities.
- Services are needed, with a strong emphasis on homelessness.







Community Benefits Report Out

Taller De Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios



Presentation Overview Descripción General de la Presentación

- Review ideas from community benefits interviews
- Provide opportunity for input on community benefits program and project ideas

- Revise las ideas de las entrevistas sobre beneficios para la comunidad
- Brindar la oportunidad de discutir el programa de beneficios comunitarios y proyectos.



Community Interview Summary Resumen de la Entrevista Comunitaria

Forty-four interviews, from 2/1/21-3/19/21

- Majority support the concept of a community benefits program
- Concerns included:
 - Complexity and feasibility
 - Trust; need for oversight and enforceable commitments
 - Lack of in-Delta capacity
 - Will projects last throughout construction and after?
 - Wanting more CEQA information first (impacts assessment; mitigation)

Cuarenta y cuatro entrevistas desde el 2/1/21 - 3/19/21

- La mayoría apoya el concepto de un Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios
- Inquietudes incluidas :
 - Complejidad y viabilidad
 - Confianza; necesidad de supervisión y compromisos exigibles
 - Falta de capacidad en el Delta
 - Longevidad del programa
 - Desear primero más información de CEQA (evaluación de impactos; mitigación)



Community Interview Summary, continued Continuacion del Resumen

Recommendations included:

- Fund existing programs / avoid competing with existing programs
- Use existing community action plans, other Delta project plans
- Fund savings accounts for residents to use for education/job training
- Provide lump sums for legacy communities
- Ensure planning and oversight are locally driven
- Solicit broad input about different types of projects to consider

Recomendaciones incluidas

- Financiar programas existentes / evitar competir con programas existentes
- Utilizar planes de acción comunitarios existentes, otros planes
- Fondos de cuentas de ahorro para que los residentes las utilicen con fines educativos o de capacitación laboral
- Financiar sumas globales para comunidades de legado
- Asegúrar de que la planificación y la supervisión se realicen a nivel local
- Ampliar información sobre diferentes tipos de proyectos a considerar



SEC Input Aportación SEC

Opportunity to provide input on: Brindan informacion sobre:

- What do you think about the community benefits concept?
- What should the program's purpose and objectives be?
- 3. What is your reaction to the proposed program components?
- 4. What do you think about the proposed categories of benefits?
- Do you have any project suggestions?

- ¿Qué opinas del concepto de beneficios comunitarios?
- ¿Cuáles deberían ser los objetivos de un programa de beneficios comunitarios?
- ¿Cómo podrían beneficiarse las comunidades de Delta al participar en el programa?
- 4. ¿Qué opinas de las categorías propuestas de tipos de proyectos?
- 5. ¿Tiene alguna sugerencia de proyecto?



Next Steps Proximas Pasos

- Meeting report summarizing all input
- Workshop May 6, 6:00-8:00 pm (focusing on ideas for project types)
- Tribal Member Workshop May 17, 1:00-5:00 (Tribal Members only)
- Workshop May 25, 6:00-8:00 (focusing on implementation commitments and public participation process)
- Draft Community Benefits
 Program Framework will be included as an appendix in the Draft EIR, expected mid-2022

- Informe de la reunión que resume
- Participación en el Taller de Categorías el 6 de Mayo, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Taller Tribal el 17 de Mayo 1:00-5:00
- Taller de Implementación de Compromisos el 25 de Mayo, 6:00-8:00
- Marco del Programa de Beneficios Comunitarios de Junio del 2021
- El proyecto de marco se incluirá como revisión del impacto ambiental., en mid-2022.







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Future Agenda Items & Next Meeting

Date: June 23rd

Agenda Items*

- Community Benefits Framework
- Design Change Updates

*(subject to change)

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