



Update on California WaterFix

Special Committee on Bay-Delta
Item 3a
September 25, 2018

Overview

- Supplemental EIR
- Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority
- Finance Joint Powers Authority
- Finance Workshop
- State Water Resources Control Board
- Delta Stewardship Council
- Economic Analysis of the California WaterFix
- Continuing Efforts

Supplemental EIR

- Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS released July 18
 - Analyzed several proposed changes designed to reduce the project's footprint and costs, and minimize impacts
 - Proposed modifications did not change the impact conclusions for any resource areas
- Comment period closed September 17
- Next steps
 - Publication and review for NEPA compliance
 - Final Supplemental EIR/EIS

Delta Conveyance

Design and Construction Authority

August Meeting

- Adopted
 - Bylaws
 - Ethics Policy
 - Investment Policy
 - Protest Policy

Delta Conveyance

Design and Construction Authority

September Meeting

- Reviewed Conflict of Interest Code
- Authorized Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract to supply a project management information system
- Approved logo

Delta Conveyance

Design and Construction Authority

Future Activities

- Executive Director search
- RFQ/RFPs decisions/status
 - Engineering Design Manager Services
 - Survey, Mapping, Right of Way Engineering/Title Services
 - Geotechnical Engineering Services
 - Real Estate Services

Delta Conveyance

Design and Construction Authority

Metropolitan Staff

- Dee Bradshaw – Environmental Planning
- Adrian Brown – Contracting
- Nathan Purkiss – Outreach
- Harry Soo – Information Technology and Systems
- Sergio Valles – Interim Chief Engineer
- Pete Wiseman – Property Acquisition

Finance Joint Powers Authority

August Meeting

- Approved budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019
- Adopted
 - Debt management policy
 - Investment policy
- Appointed Treasurer/Controller

State Water Contractors Finance Workshop

August 2

- Reviewed and discussed financing structure and agreements
- Discuss Contractor Challenges
 - Participation by Agricultural Contractors
 - Contractor Default
- Next steps
 - Working Group to explore default concern/solutions
 - Continue discussion of multi-year transfers

State Water Resources Control Board

Change in Point of Diversion

- Part 2 rebuttal
 - Completed August 31
- Part 2 sur-rebuttal
 - Briefs due September 21
 - Hearing to commence on September 26
 - Scope limited to a list of topics
 - Anticipated completion in mid-October
- Closing briefs
 - Has not been scheduled

Delta Stewardship Council

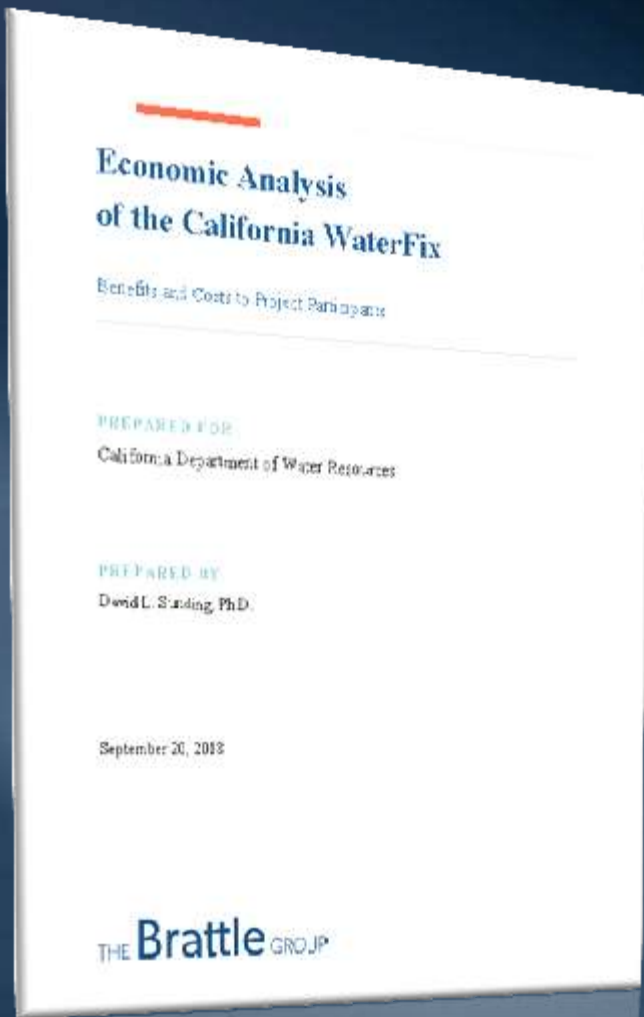
Certification of Consistency Appeals

- DWR submitted Certification of Consistency with Delta Plan
- 9 appeals by 26 parties filed by August 27 deadline
- Summary of Allegations
 - Premature because Supplemental EIR is not final and Delta Plan is invalid
 - Inconsistent with coequal goals
 - Inconsistent with Delta Plan policies (e.g. reduced reliance and flow criteria)
 - Does not protect and enhance the Delta as an evolving place

Delta Stewardship Council

Certification of Consistency Appeals

- Public hearing set for October 24-26, 2018
 - Limited to whether DWR's certification is supported by substantial evidence in DWR's administrative record
- Written submissions from parties and public due October 15, 2018
- Opportunity for public comment set for October 26 at 9:00 a.m.
- After the hearing, the Council has 60 days to issue a written ruling



Economic Analysis of the California WaterFix

California Department of Water Resources

State's Economic Analysis of CA WaterFix

Overview

- Report prepared by Dr. David Sunding, Professor, UC Berkeley
- Reports on cost-benefit analysis to SWP urban and agricultural agencies, and to CVP south of Delta Federal Water Service Contractors for the approved 9,000 cfs CA WaterFix project
- Monetized benefits include
 - Water supply reliability
 - Water quality
 - Seismic safety reliability
 - Climate change/sea level rise resiliency

State's Economic Analysis of CA WaterFix

Key Findings and Conclusions

- CA WaterFix benefits exceed costs to SWP urban and agricultural agencies, with or without CVP participation
 - Participating CVP agencies would also show benefits exceeding costs
- CA WaterFix helps to offset impacts from SGMA to agricultural agencies and is complementary to the state's goal of ensuring the sustainability of groundwater reserves
- CA WaterFix helps to offset impacts of climate change/sea level rise
- CA WaterFix cost to urban agencies is significantly less than alternatives such as seawater desalination or recycled water

Metropolitan's Continuing Efforts

- Negotiate and execute Master Agreement with DWR
- Execute Option Agreement with Santa Clara
- Multi-year transfers
- Contract amendment

