



# Update on Delta Conveyance

Special Committee on Bay-Delta  
Item 3b  
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# Overview

- Governor's Executive Order (April 29)
- Delta Conveyance Planning
  - Department of Water Resources Announcement (May 2)
- Updates
  - Delta Conveyance Finance Authority
  - Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority

# Executive Order (April 29)

- Policy directive
  - Develop water resilience portfolio meeting the needs of California's communities, economy, and environment through the 21st century
  - Adapt to climate change effects
  - Assess current planning to modernize conveyance through the Delta with a new single tunnel project

# Governor Newsom

## Water Policy Vision for California

- Reinforces the need to modernize water supply infrastructure
- Make California's water supplies more climate resilient for people and the environment
  - Modernizing the State Water Project's infrastructure
  - Careful consideration of a strategically designed single tunnel to deliver water through the Delta
- State Water Project in particular must be updated to respond to climate change
  - Protect against potentially calamitous effects of an earthquake
  - Reliably, safely, and cost-effectively serve two-thirds of all Californians and hundreds of thousands of acres of agricultural lands

# Department of Water Resources Announcements (May 2)

- DWR withdrew approval of California WaterFix, decertified the EIR, and rescinded approvals based on the EIR
- DWR and BOR withdrew petition before SWRCB for Change in Point of Diversion
- DWR and BOR requested that FWS and NMFS withdraw the California WaterFix BiOps
- DWR requested that CDFW withdraw the California WaterFix Incidental Take Permit
- DWR withdrew application for 404 permit and other COE applications
- On May 7, DWR rescinded California WaterFix Bond Resolution



# Delta Conveyance Planning Process

Approximate

## Project Cost Allocation

- Public Negotiations
- Agreement in Principal

EIR  
Notice of  
Preparation

Environmental Review  
including EIR and Permits

Technical/Engineering

Outreach

2019

2020

2021

2022

# Upcoming Delta Conveyance Efforts Actions

- California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources and Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority
  - Complete budget and timeline
- State Water Project Contract Amendment
  - Public negotiations
  - Agreement in Principal
- Engineering/Planning Funding
- Delta Conveyance Notice of Preparation

# Delta Conveyance Finance Authority

May 16, 2019

- Approved the 2019/20 proposed budget
- Authorized the Executive Director to execute an agreement for audit services with Richardson & Company, not to exceed \$8,800 for fiscal year 2019/20



# Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority May 16, 2019

- Adopted the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Purchasing and Procurement Policy
- Report on an Amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for Planning and Environmental Services in Support of the Environmental Analysis for a Potential Delta Conveyance Project
- Discussion of creation of an Environmental Committee of the Board of Directors

