



Delta Counties Coalition Update Reaffirm Delta Strategies

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Delta Counties Coalition

Delta First – Improving the health of the Delta ecosystem and its communities while preserving and enhancing agriculture, historical, cultural environmental values.



Delta Counties Coalition Priorities

Key Strategies to Advance this Goal

Outreach:

- DCC Policy Summit
- Delta County Board Presentations
- Delta Tours

Sacramento County Delta Website Update

DCC Video

Legislative Efforts:

- Commercial Abandoned and Derelict Vessels - SB 1065 (Eggman) and Budget Ask \$25M
- Seeking a \$50M Water Resources Development Act authorization for an environmental infrastructure program for the Delta Counties and federal funding for invasive species and Harmful Algal Blooms

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SB 1065 (Eggman): CADV Program Status

- April 5 - Passed out of Senate Natural Resources, unanimous vote
- April 26 – Hearing Senate Judiciary Committee

Sacramento County Policy

November 18, 2008 – Resolution approval of 8 Delta – Centric Policies

July 24, 2012 – Resolution formalizing opposition to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan consistent with the goals of the Delta Counties Coalition:

“formally OPPOSES the current BDCP process which includes a range of significant and damaging proposed alternatives”

February 11, 2014 – Board discussion to continue policies and opposition, unifying message with DCC

Delta Counties Coalition Update

The DCC was formed in early 2008 and is an alliance of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo counties.

Goals:

- 1 Ensure the health and sustainability of the Delta and its communities.
- 2 Advocate for improved water supply, quality and reliability for the state through new water supply, thereby reducing reliance on the Delta.

Sacramento County as well as the DCC oppose isolated Delta conveyance

Isolated Delta Conveyance

Isolated Delta conveyance has evolved in name:

Peripheral Canal (1940's to 1982)

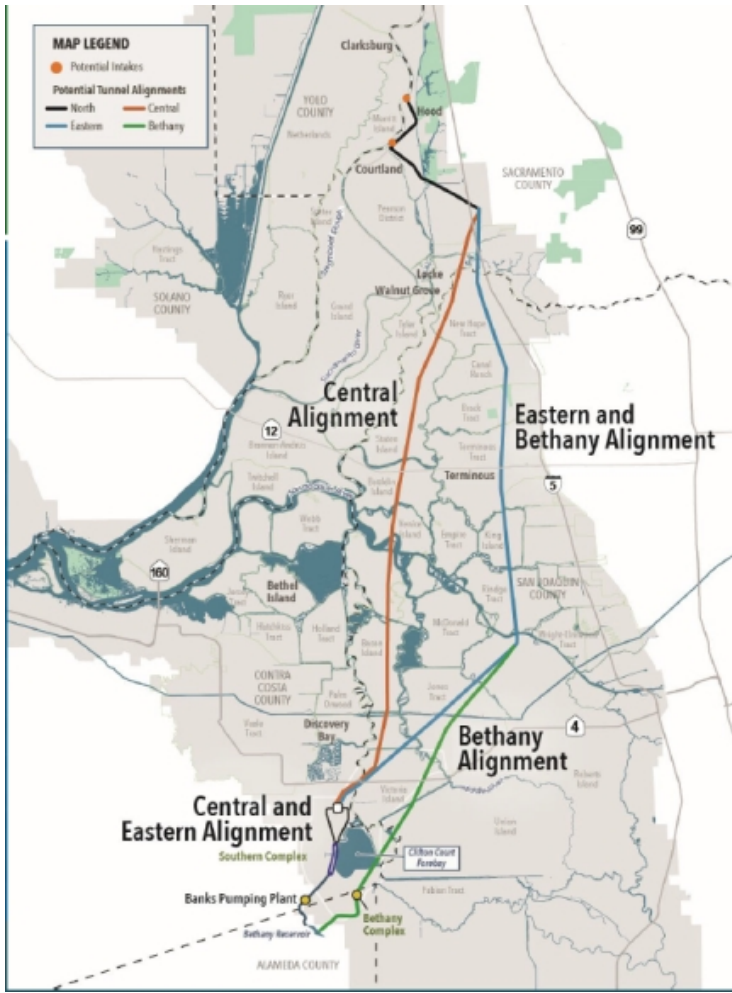
Bay Delta Conservation Plan (2008-2014)

California WaterFix (2015-2019)

Delta Conveyance Project (current)

The Delta Conveyance Project is the latest version of isolated Delta conveyance. It would divert water from the Sacramento River close to Hood and Courtland.

Delta Conveyance Project Map



Project could include:

- Two 3,000 cubic feet per second intakes at Hood and Courtland
- 30+ miles of 40 foot diameter tunnel
- 14 years of construction
- Heavy truck trips on I-5 and local roads

Delta Conveyance Potential Impacts

Potential impacts to Sacramento County include:

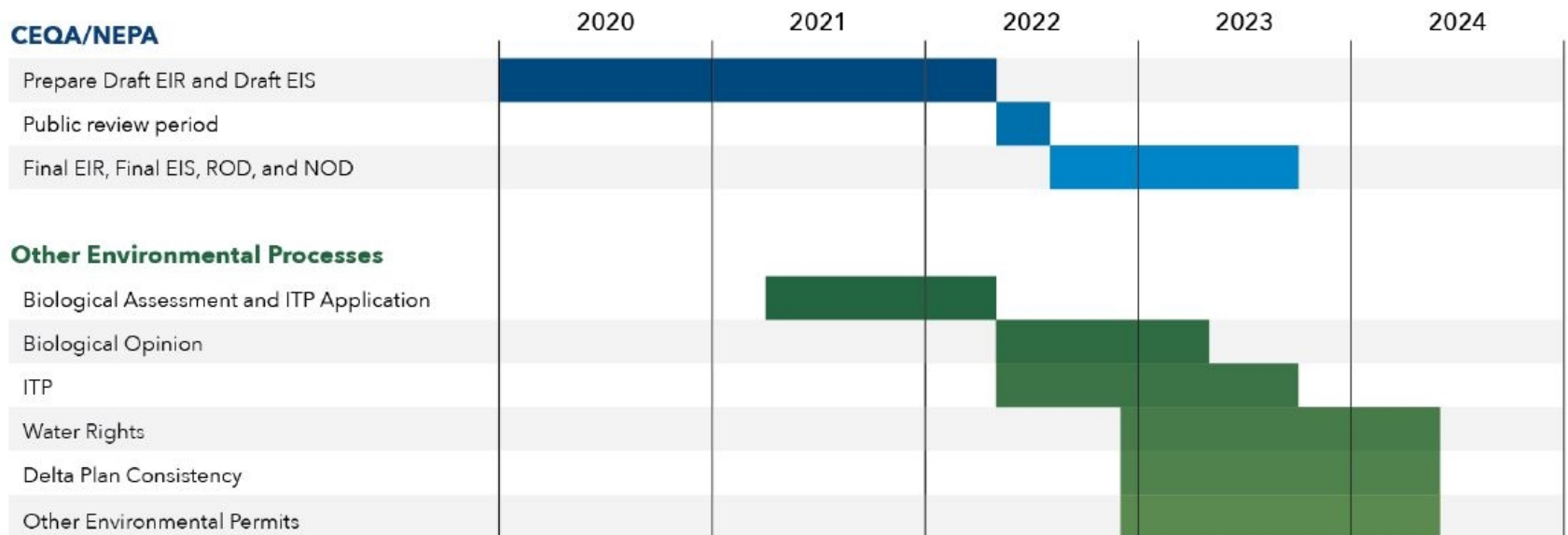
- Construction impacts (approximately 14 year project)
 - Economic loss
 - Roadway and traffic
 - Air Quality
 - Historical communities
- Conversion of agricultural land
- Recreational impacts
- Operational impacts to water supply (including groundwater)
- Social impacts to the local Delta communities
- Salinity changes
- Environmental impacts due to operation

Impacts evaluated in Environmental Impact Report

Delta Conveyance Project Timeline

California State Department of Water Resources' Review and Permitting Timeline for the Delta Conveyance Project:

Delta Conveyance Project Schedule



Staff Recommendation

Reaffirm County policy set forth in the following Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (Board of Supervisors) Resolutions:

- (1) Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2008-1171 (Nov. 18, 2008), adopting 8 Delta-centric policies;
- (2) Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 2012-0544 (July 24, 2012) opposing the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (Delta Tunnels);
- (3) February 11, 2014 Strategy for Delta protection
- (4) DCC Principles

The reaffirmation will authorize staff time and resources across multiple County Departments to be spent in furtherance of these policies. Specifically in opposition to the Delta Conveyance project.
