



## RELIABLE WATER SUPPLIES FOR ABOUT \$5 PER MONTH

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) seeks to protect the reliability of California's two largest water projects that tap a major source of supply – the Sierra Nevada mountains – by improving how water moves through the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta). The price of reliable water supplies from BDCP implementation is projected at about \$5 a month for urban water users. Ratepayers from the Bay Area to San Diego who rely on water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains, by way of the Delta, will pay for the water delivery improvements – an estimated \$14.5 billion over the project's 50-year implementation period.

As one part of the state's overall water plan, the BDCP's proposed water delivery improvements seek to stabilize Delta water supplies, respond to climate change, and

protect against natural disasters. For farming communities that depend on imported Delta supplies in the San Joaquin Valley, the potential for new local supplies, particularly groundwater, is limited. For urban communities facing population growth, climate change and other pressures, BDCP does not eliminate the need for investment in conservation and local water supplies such as recycling, groundwater cleanup and desalination. The BDCP is expected to provide, on average, supplies comparable to those delivered over the last 20 years at the cost of about \$800-900 per acre-foot of water<sup>1</sup> for urban areas. (One acre-foot is about as much water as two California households use each year).

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<sup>1</sup> Urban water treatment and transportation is factored into cost range.

### ABOUT BDCP

The BDCP proposes to environmentally retrofit and modernize California's primary water delivery system – the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta – and restore approximately 150,000 acres of habitat for fish and wildlife.

The BDCP is one part of California's overall water portfolio. It aims to protect California's unique Delta ecosystem and secure water supplies for 25 million homes and businesses, and a vast part of the California economy.

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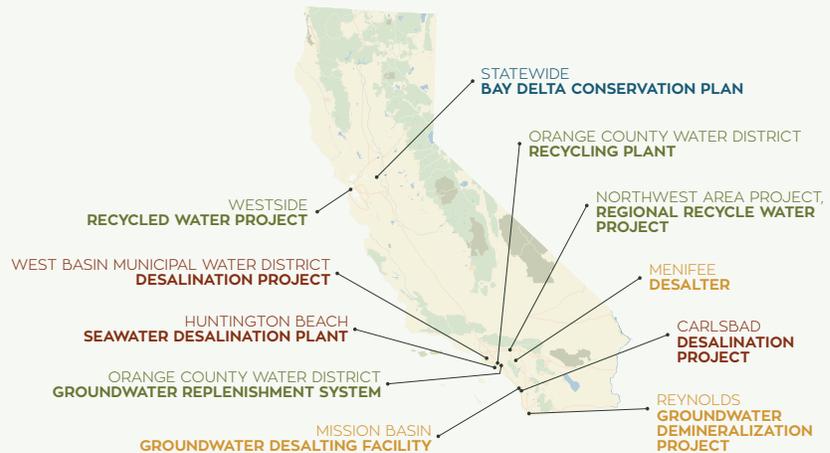


**RELIABLE WATER SUPPLIES FOR ABOUT \$5 PER MONTH** CONT

Although essential to meet expected demand growth, urban water supply alternatives are much more expensive than the BDCP, and do not produce nearly the amount of existing Delta water supplies. For example, recycled water projects range in cost from \$850-8,200 per acre-foot of water. Seawater desalination is also an expensive alternative, producing water at a cost of \$1,750-2,300 per acre-foot.

The BDCP water delivery system improvements secure existing water supplies by reducing impacts to endangered species and making deliveries more predictable and reliable for more than 25 million Californians, thousands of businesses, and three million acres of irrigated farmland.

For urban centers throughout California, new local supplies are increasingly an important part of maintaining reliability in the face of population growth, climate change, and limitations to imported and groundwater supplies. Shoring up the reliability of imported supplies through the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is a cost-effective way of maintaining reliability in a way that complements local efforts to diversify suppliers.



*Ranges developed based on sampling of California projects depicted on map above. Yield and cost ranges do not directly correspond to one another.*

	 <b>WHOLESALE COST</b> (PER ACRE FOOT)	 <b>ANNUAL YIELD</b> (ACRE FEET)
<b>STATE WATER PROJECT</b> <small>(AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF BDCP)</small>	<b>\$800 - \$900</b> <small>(PER ACRE FOOT)</small>	<b>~1.8 - 2.3 MILLION</b> <small>(TOTAL URBAN &amp; AGRICULTURAL DELIVERIES OF 47 - 56 MAF)</small>
<b>RECYCLING</b>	<b>\$850 - \$8,200</b>	<b>1,200 - 72,000</b> <small>ACRE FEET PER PROJECT</small>
<b>GROUNDWATER DESALINATION</b>	<b>\$750 - \$1,200</b>	<b>1,500 - 3,500</b> <small>ACRE FEET PER PROJECT</small>
<b>SEAWATER DESALINATION</b>	<b>\$1,750 - \$2,300</b>	<b>20,000 - 56,000</b> <small>ACRE FEET PER PROJECT</small>

**NOTES**

- State Water Project costs displayed are specific to Southern California costs including conveyance and treatment
- State Water Project yields are deliveries to urban areas assuming implementation of the BDCP. This is the urban share of the total 47 - 56 maf of BDCP deliveries



**COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT, DRAFT BDCP AND ASSOCIATED DRAFT EIR/EIS**

The U.S. Department of the Interior and the California Natural Resources Agency released the [Draft Implementing Agreement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan \(IA\)](#) for a 60-day public review and comment period.

Lead state and federal agencies have also extended the public comment period for the Draft BDCP and associated Draft EIR/EIS by an additional 46 days to allow the public more time to review and comment. The comment period began on December 13, 2013 and will conclude on July 29, 2014.

**YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

**WHAT DOES THE DRAFT IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT DO?**

The BDCP draft Implementing Agreement defines the obligations of the Department of Water Resources, the participating public water agencies, the state and federal fish and wildlife agencies, the State of California, and the United States regarding the implementation of the BDCP. Many key elements of the draft BDCP are incorporated by reference, such as the conservation strategy, governance structure, implementation schedule, and public funding to be made available by state and federal governments. The draft IA also includes new and supplemental information, including the relationship of the BDCP to future regulatory processes; regulatory assurances that are anticipated to be provided to the Department of Water Resources and the public water agencies; remedies and procedures in the event of a funding shortfall or a failure to comply with the terms of the Agreement, the Plan or the associated Permits.

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