

FAST FACTS

PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Since 2006, state and federal agencies have pursued an ambitious and comprehensive conservation plan under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act intended to both secure water supplies and restore Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta habitat in one regulatory package. As part of that effort, public comments were solicited through July 2014 on a draft plan and environmental review document. A thorough review of public comments and a re-evaluation of project assumptions was made after July 2014. The review drew upon eight years of scientific inquiry and extensive modeling. The revised proposal represents a prudent, realistic, science-driven and achievable approach to address water supply reliability and habitat protection.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as state and federal lead agencies under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), have issued a joint Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) for the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/ California WaterFix.

The primary purposes of the RDEIR/SDEIS are to provide the public and interested agencies with updated environmental analysis to address certain revisions to the Draft BDCP, to introduce new sub-alternatives (Alternatives 4A, 2D, and 5A), and to address certain issues raised in comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS.

PROPOSED PROJECT: ALTERNATIVE 4A (CALIFORNIA WATER FIX)

Alternative 4A (California WaterFix) has been developed as the new CEQA and NEPA Preferred Alternative, replacing Alternative 4 (the proposed BDCP). Alternative 4A includes the conveyance facilities proposed under Alternative 4 and those mitigation measures and environmental commitments needed to obtain necessary permits and authorizations for implementation under Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act and through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2081(b) process. Alternative 4A (California WaterFix) achieves the co-equal goals by:



Securing state water supplies from climate change and seismic risk



Improving operations and environmental criteria to benefit fish species

More information on Alternative 4A, California WaterFix is available online at: www.californiawaterfix.com.

WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE THE 2013 BDCP DRAFT EIR/EIS?

- ▶ **Design modifications to Alternative 4 (also applied to new sub-alternatives)** to reduce impacts to Delta communities, minimize disturbances or dislocation to greater sandhill cranes, and improve the long-term reliability and operation of the conveyance facilities.
- ▶ **Introduction of three new sub-alternatives**, including Alternative 4A (California WaterFix) as the new preferred alternative. Alternatives 4A, 2D, and 5A were designed to reduce environmental effects, respond to public and agency input, and explore multiple regulatory approaches.
- ▶ **Updated environmental analysis** includes:
 - Fish and Aquatic Habitat – includes additional rationale for impact conclusions and methods for determining impacts. Revisions serve to better articulate the analysis.
 - Water Quality – describes additional analyses and modeling updates undertaken to more accurately characterize the potential for exceedances of water quality standards. Constituent sections that received the most updates are electrical conductivity, chloride, selenium, bromide, and *Microcystis*. The additional analysis resulted in the reduction of several water quality impacts to less than significant.
 - Effects Downstream of the Delta - includes an assessment of water quality and fish and aquatic resources in the San Francisco Bay.
 - Air Quality, Health Risk Assessment, Traffic and Noise – includes the latest engineering design changes, construction assumptions, performance standards and air quality models for impact analysis.
 - Geotechnical Investigations – provides an explanation about the method for incorporating analyses of geotechnical investigations into the analysis of the water conveyance facilities construction.
 - Inclusion of Additional NEPA Determinations – includes NEPA determinations on conclusions previously deemed “No Determination.”

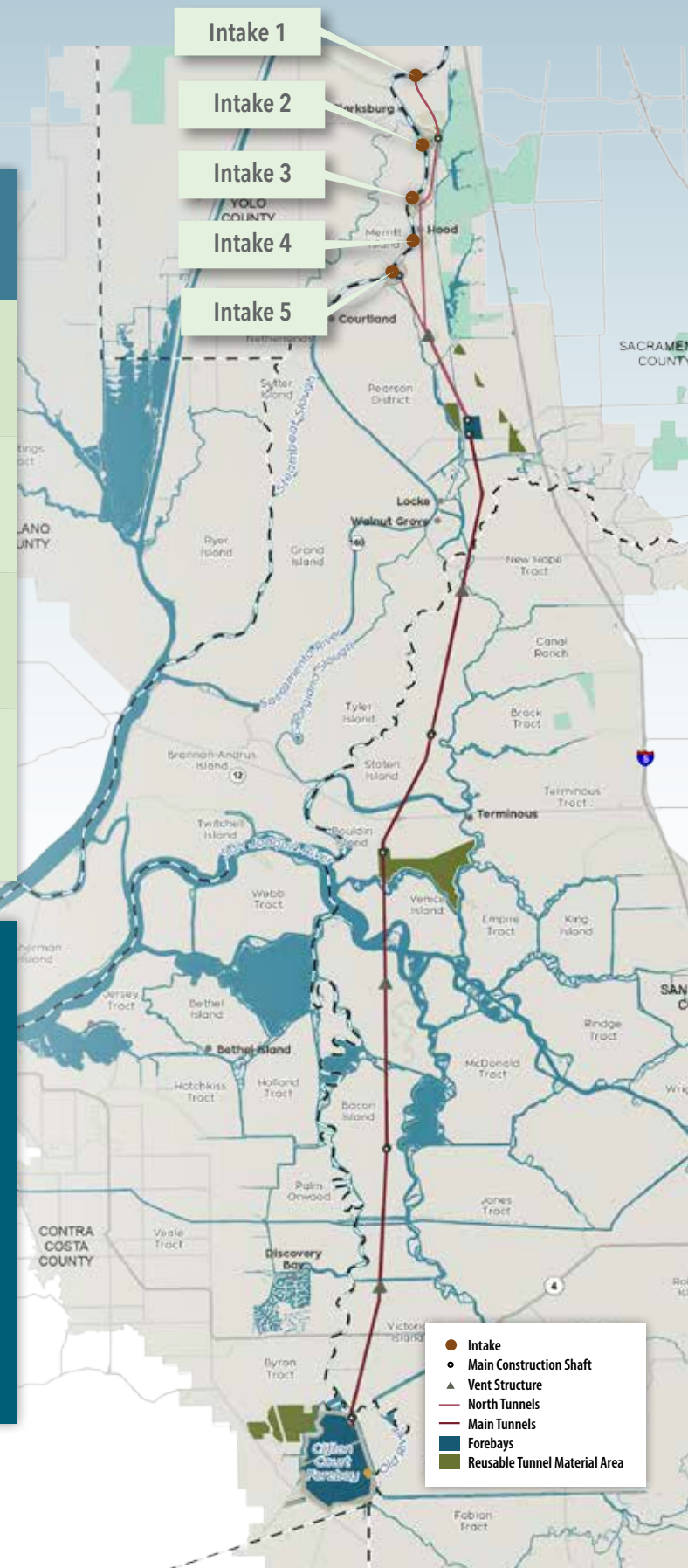
RDEIR/SDEIS ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS OBJECTIVES



RDEIR/SDEIS ALTERNATIVES

The RDEIR/SDEIS alternatives are designed to ensure the provision of a reasonable range of alternatives by which to compare and evaluate the proposed project, Alternative 4A (California WaterFix), and fully explore multiple regulatory approaches.

Alternative	Maximum North Delta Diversions	Intakes	Regulatory Approach
4 Modified Pipeline/Tunnel	9,000 cfs	2, 3 & 5	Section 10 (HCP)/NCCPA (NCCP)
2D Modified Pipeline/Tunnel	15,000 cfs	1-5	Section 7/ 2081(b) permit
4A Modified Pipeline/Tunnel	9,000 cfs	2, 3 & 5	Section 7/ 2081(b) permit
5A Modified Pipeline/Tunnel	3,000 cfs	2	Section 7/ 2081(b) permit



More than 30,000 acres of Delta habitat restoration will occur separately through California EcoRestore.

These activities will be streamlined and implemented on an accelerated timeline independent of the proposed water conveyance facilities, with additional habitat restoration measures being planned and funded in the near future. Learn more about California EcoRestore at:

<http://resources.ca.gov/ecorestore/>

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN / CALIFORNIA WATER FIX

COMMENTING ON THE BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN/CALIFORNIA WATER FIX
PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/
SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (RDEIR/SDEIS)

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) is being made available to the public July 10, 2015-October 30, 2015 for review and comment¹. The RDEIR/SDEIS is available at the Department of Water Resources, 3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 117, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and at the Bureau of Reclamation, MP100, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, on the project website at www.BayDeltaConservationPlan.com and at libraries throughout the state. Visit www.BayDeltaConservationPlan.com to find a location near you. Electronic copies of the documents referenced in the RDEIR/SDEIS will be available at the DWR Office at 3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 117, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

HOW TO MAKE EFFECTIVE COMMENTS

Comments received on the RDEIR/SDEIS will be considered in the Final EIR/EIS² and decision-making process. Commenters may want to consider the following guidelines when providing comments:

- The most effective comments focus directly on the analysis in the RDEIR/SDEIS and should not provide comments on any issues not directly included in the RDEIR/SDEIS, including those sections of the Draft EIR/EIS that are not being recirculated for review.
- Comments should identify the specific part of the RDEIR/SDEIS at issue and should include supporting evidence and facts.
- The commenter should provide complete references and/or citations, particularly when referring to websites (that is, provide a specific URL address rather than simply citing "DWR website," for example).

The comment period is from
July 10, 2015 - October 30, 2015

Comments must be received
electronically or postmarked on or
before October 30, 2015

HOW TO COMMENT



Mail to:

BDCP/WaterFix Comments
P.O. Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812



Email to:

BDCPComments@icfi.com

**In person at a public
meeting (see below)**

PUBLIC MEETINGS

You are invited to attend a public open house meeting to learn more about the RDEIR/SDEIS and submit comments.

SACRAMENTO

Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Magnolia Room
1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

WALNUT GROVE

Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Jean Harvie Senior and Community Center
14273 River Road, Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Public meetings will be an open house format. There will not be any formal presentations or panel to receive public comments. Informational exhibits and project team members will be available throughout the meeting for one-on-one discussions and a sign-up sheet will be provided for those wishing to give verbal comments to a court reporter. Those wishing to give verbal comments will have a three minute time limit so that others may also provide verbal comments. Written comments of any length may be submitted. In order to encourage full participation, video recording will not be permitted.

For more information, assistance in locating the documents or if you have special needs, contact 1-866-924-9955.

Para más información por favor llame al 1-866-924-9955

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¹The RDEIR/SDEIS are being made available for public review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The comment period ends 45-days after the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Federal Register notice. No final decisions have been made regarding going forward with the proposed project or in selecting an alternative; those decisions will only occur after completion of the CEQA and NEPA processes.

²The Final EIR/EIS will consider substantive comments received during the public review periods for the Draft EIR/EIS (December 13, 2013 through July 29, 2014) and the RDEIR/SDEIS (July 10, 2015 through October 30, 2015).