Bay-Delta Update

Imported Water Committee
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Water Authority’s Support for a Bay-Delta Fix

- State policy to reduce reliance on the Bay-Delta in meeting California’s future water supply needs
- Water Authority has a long history of supporting efforts to develop viable Bay-Delta solution
- July 2019: Updates Bay-Delta policy and supports Gov. Newsom’s Executive Order N-10-19, multi-benefit approaches and a single-tunnel Bay-Delta project
  - Conditioned upon tunnel project costs being characterized as supply charges to ensure San Diego ratepayers bear proportional share of the project costs
Update on Activities

- Water Resilience Portfolio
- Voluntary Agreements
- Bay-Delta single tunnel
- State Water Project contract amendment (tunnel cost allocation)
- CVP and SWP operations (biological opinions/incidental take permit)
Water Resilience Portfolio & Voluntary Agreements

- Water Resilience Portfolio
  - Draft recommendations to Governor in fall
  - Finalized by end of 2019

- Voluntary Agreements
  - VA parties expected to submit recommendations to State Board this fall (delayed)
  - VAs need further scientific and environmental review before implementation in 2021
Bay-Delta Tunnel Project

- Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority
  - Engineering design and preparation for project environmental review
  - Established Delta Stakeholder Engagement Committee
  - Funding from DWR & participants

- Delta Conveyance Finance Authority
  - Discussing changes to its joint powers agreement to adjust for changes in project definition
SWP Contract Amendment Negotiations

- WaterFix AIP withdrawn with single-tunnel directive
- Contract amendment to allocate costs and benefits of Bay-Delta single tunnel
  - Negotiations July - November 2019
- New Agreement in Principle:
  - Opt-in approach
  - Contracted Proportionate Share of costs/benefits
  - Paid use of excess capacity

“The capacity of the SWP share of a potential Delta Conveyance Project assumed for this AIP is 6,000 cubic feet per second.”

- Draft AIP November 15, 2019
Bay-Delta Tunnel Project

- Likely not supporting the AIP:
  - North-of-Delta Contractors
  - Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
  - Central Coast Water Authority
  - Dudley Ridge Water District
  - County of Kings
  - Empire West Side Irrigation District

- AIP Remaining Issues:
  - Contractors funding participation level
  - Supply, transportation, or combination?

- Next Steps:
  - Complete AIP participation table
  - Late 2019: Notice of Preparation for a project EIR
  - Late 2020: Draft EIR
  - CEQA and permitting to last 2-3 years
CVP/SWP Operations

CVP

- OCT 2018: Presidential Memorandum
- MAR 2019: Modeling/Analysis
- JULY 2019: Public Draft EIS
- AUG 2019: End of Comment Period
- SEP 2019: Respond to Comments
- DEC 2019: Final EIS
- JAN 2020: Record of Decision

CVP

- FEB 2019: Final Biological Assessment
- JULY 2019: Draft Biological Opinion
- OCT 2019: Final Biological Opinion
- MAY 2019: Scoping Meeting
- APR 2019: NOP for EIR

SWP

- NOV 2019: Draft EIR
- JAN 2020: End of Comment Period
- FEB 2020: Respond to Comments
- MAR 2020: Planned Final EIS
- APR 2020: Notice of Determination

- DEC 2019: Current ITP Expires
- MAR 2020: Potential New ITP Application
Remaining Issues

- New SWP incidental take permit in 2020
  - Consistent with BiOps?
  - Gap in SWP operations before new ITP

- Bay-Delta project costs and cost allocation