



DWR schedules Delta 'scoping' meetings statewide

DWR has scheduled 12 scoping meetings throughout California to share the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) environmental review process and to solicit comments from the public, agencies, and tribes about the scope of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). Delta-area meetings will be held in:

- Davis, Wednesday, March 18
- Sacramento, Thursday, March 19
- Brentwood, Monday, March 23
- Stockton, Tuesday, March 24
- Fairfield, Wednesday, March 25
- Clarksburg, Thursday, March 26

What is a scoping meeting?

The purpose of the scoping process is to determine the scope of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Statement (EIS) to ensure that issues are identified early and properly studied. The result of scoping is to ensure that the draft EIR/EIS produced for public review and comment is thorough and balanced.

Scoping should identify concerns of both the agencies and the affected public and should clearly define the environmental issues and alternatives to be examined in the EIR/EIS. If there are important environmental or social impacts that the public wants considered, the place to raise these issues is at a scoping meeting.

If there are alternatives to be considered, a scoping meeting is the place to ask that they be studied. If there are concepts for minimizing environmental harm that the public would like to see evaluated, these alternatives should be raised at a scoping meeting.

[You can download the meeting schedule here.](#) The meetings also will provide an opportunity to discuss the status of the BDCP. The open house will allow you to visit issue-focused stations and to submit your comments. You can find more information on the BDCP EIR/EIS on DWR's [Delta initiatives website](#).

Dredged material subject of meeting on March 12

A meeting about the Delta Long-Term Management Strategy (LTMS) for dredged material will be held on March 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Department of Water Resources, Sacramento. [Details of the meeting will be posted here.](#) Since 2004, the LTMS has been developing a way to beneficially reuse dredged materials in the Delta for levees, habitat, and subsidence control.

Delta team to review public comments about proposed plan

The Delta Protection Commission Management Plan Update, Planning Advisory Team meeting will be held Thursday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Sacramento offices of the Center for Collaborative Policy. [Details of the meeting are posted here.](#) The team will review what the public had to say during workshops about the proposed updated management plan. The advisory team is expected to revise a public review draft of the management plan for the full commission, which meets March 26.

State to take on harmful invasive species

The State last week announced a coordinated effort to get rid of harmful invasive species. The California Invasive Species Council will help minimize the negative effects of non-native species on the state's waterways, agriculture and lands. "The Invasive Species Council will protect California's consumers and our environment from destructive pests, plants and diseases that also threaten our food supply," said Secretary A.G. Kawamura of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Kawamura will chair the council and Mike Chrisman, secretary for the California Natural Resources Agency, will co-chair. [Read more.](#)



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