



Bay Delta Plan gets \$4 million in federal recovery funds

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday joined U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar for an aerial tour of the Delta where they discussed the challenges faced by California's water system. After the tour, Salazar announced \$260 million in economic stimulus projects, including \$4 million for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan for improving water supply reliability and restoring habitat. "This is exactly the kind of immediate federal action we've been seeking," said Lester Snow, director of the state Department of Water Resources. "This money (about \$260 million for all California water projects) will help California work toward a comprehensive solution to providing clear, reliable and sustainable water supplies to our people, farms and businesses and will create needed jobs up and down the state." [Read Snow's statement.](#) [Read the governor's press release.](#)



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar tour the Delta from a helicopter on Wednesday.

Comments about scope of BDCP environmental reports due May 14

For those who attended one of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's (BDCP) 12 scoping meetings and would like to comment about the meetings and scoping process, the deadline is May 14 (you need not have attended a meeting to comment). To send a comment, [click here](#). Also, the nine maps and 13 informational posters used in the scoping meetings are now available online. The concept-level conveyance [maps can be found here](#). The posters include such topics as climate change, land use and recreation. [The posters can be found here](#). DWR held the meetings throughout the state, including five in and around the Delta, to allow the public, agencies, and tribes to review the scope of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

SWRCB to discuss Delta salinity at public workshop

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a workshop next Wednesday, April 22, in Sacramento to get public comments and discuss possible changes to the southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flow objectives. These objectives are included in the *2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* and their implementation. [Read more.](#)

Bay Area panel to focus on the Delta and next 30 years

The Bay Area Water Forum will present "The Delta in California's Future: The Next Three Decades and What It Means for the Bay Area" on Monday, April 27. Speakers will include John Kirlin, executive director of Delta Vision; Jim Levine, chair of the Bay Area Council Water Committee; and Gary Bobker, program director of The Bay Institute. [You can find details here.](#)



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