

## California Department of Water Resources NEWS

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## **Workshops and Public Hearings Are Set In November For Interim South Delta Program Review**

Two workshops and two public hearings hosted by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) are scheduled during November to foster public review of the proposed Interim South Delta Program.

The Interim South Delta Program is a \$54 million proposal to improve water levels and flows in the South Delta to benefit local agriculture and fish habitat, and to enable the State Water Project (SWP) to increase water diversions during high winter flows. Surplus flows could be stored in reservoirs south of the Delta for delivery later in the year.

The proposed project is consistent with salmon protection mandates of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act and seeks objectives similar to those of CALFED's Bay-Delta Program, but on a more limited basis. DWR and Reclamation plan to share the funding for the program.

The program would provide:

- Three permanent control structures (barriers) in the South Delta--at Middle River, Old River near Tracy and Grant Line Canal. Cost: \$27.3 million.
- A fish control structure at the head of Old River. Cost: \$5.7 million.
- A new intake structure at the north end of Clifton Court Forebay. Cost: \$17.5 million.
- Dredging along five miles of Old River, north of Clifton Court Forebay. Cost: \$3.4 million

To provide a general overview of the program's Environmental Impact Report and Environmental

Impact Statement and answer questions from the public, two workshops are scheduled:

**Tracy**

**November 7**

Tracy Inn, 30 West  
30 West 11th Street  
7 to 9 pm

**Sacramento**

**November 8**

Resources Building  
Auditorium, first floor  
1416 9th Street  
1:30 to 4:30 pm

To receive formal oral and written comments, two public hearings will be held:

**Tracy**

**November 13**

Tracy Inn  
30 West 11th Street  
7 to 9 pm

**Sacramento**

**November 14**

Resources Building  
Auditorium, first floor  
1416 9th Street  
1:30 to 4:30 pm

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a cooperating federal agency on this program, with responsibility for permitting. A Corps representative will attend the workshops and public meetings to address questions.

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