



Meeting Announcement

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DWR and Reclamation Announce BDCP Scoping Meetings

Sacramento – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) will hold a series of public scoping meetings on the environmental impacts of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The BDCP is intended to identify actions to improve water supply reliability and ensure the long term sustainability of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

A joint Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) will be prepared by DWR, Reclamation, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“The Delta is the largest estuary in the western United States that also supports numerous threatened and endangered species,” said DWR Director Lester A. Snow. “We must take action now to preserve this valuable ecosystem and protect the Delta as a principal source of water for the state.”

The BDCP is a collaborative effort by state and federal agencies and stakeholder groups to develop a conservation plan for the Delta aimed at addressing the current conflict between the protection of at-risk fish species and water supply. The EIR/EIS will also address water conveyance options, habitat restoration and management, and other ecological problems including invasive species and toxic pollutants.

Conflicts in the Delta between the requirements of the environment and water supply needs have never been more evident. In December 2007, federal Judge Oliver Wanger imposed pumping restrictions to minimize impacts to the threatened Delta smelt by operations of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project. On April 16, 2008, Judge Wanger rejected a federal biological opinion authorizing pumping from Delta facilities due to potential adverse impacts on Central Valley salmon and steelhead. Pending remedy hearings, it is unknown if further pumping restrictions will result from this decision.

The public scoping meetings are being held to allow public review, comment and participation in the BDCP process. For more information about the BDCP, visit http://baydeltaoffice.water.ca.gov/sdb/bdcp/index_bdcp.cfm#Overview

Initial scoping meetings for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan:

April 28, 2008 – Sacramento

10 am

Resources Building Auditorium
1416 Ninth Street

April 29, 2008 – Chico

5 pm

Chico Masonic Family Center
1110 West East Avenue

April 30, 2008 – Clarksburg

6 pm

Clarksburg Middle School,
52870 Netherlands

May 5, 2008 – Stockton

6 pm

San Joaquin Farm Bureau
3290 N. Ad Art Road

May 6, 2008 – San Jose

6 pm

Santa Clara Valley Water District
5700 Almaden Expressway

May 7, 2008 – Los Banos

6 pm

City of Los Banos Public Services Department
Senior Center-Miller & Lux Building

830 6th Street

May 8, 2008 – Los Angeles

1 pm

Junipero Serra State Building
320 West Fourth, Carmel Room 225

May 12, 2008 – San Diego

6 pm

Marina Village Conference Center
1936 Quivira Way

May 13, 2008 – Fresno

6 pm

Sheraton Four Points
3737 North Blackstone

May 14, 2008 – Bakersfield

6 pm

Board of Supervisors Chambers
1115 Truxtun Avenue

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.