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Public Comment Period on Revised Delta Conveyance Document Extended 60 Days

Public Meetings in Sacramento and Walnut Grove Next Week

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Department of Water Resources and the Federal Bureau of Reclamation announced today a 60-day extension of the public comment period for the joint Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR)/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix.

The public comment period began July 10. Originally scheduled to end on August 31, 2015, it is being extended to October 30, 2015.

The two-month extension gives the public, government agencies, and independent scientists more time to consider refinements and changes made since last summer to the plan that seeks to secure California's water supplies and improve ecosystem conditions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Delta is the West Coast's largest estuary and is the hub of the state's water distribution system. It provides water to 25 million of California's 38 million residents and three million of roughly nine million irrigated acres of farmland. The Delta also harbors several threatened and endangered species.

To view or download the RDEIR/SDEIS, or for a list of locations to access a DVD of the document, please go to www.baydeltaconservationplan.com. If you encounter problems accessing the documents, please call 916-978-5100 or email mppublicaffairs@usbr.gov.

Upcoming Meetings

Two public meetings are scheduled for next week in Sacramento and Walnut Grove. The open house-style meetings will allow those with questions about the revised documents to speak individually to technical experts. A court reporter will be available for those who would prefer to submit comments verbally, rather than in writing.

Meeting information:

- Tuesday, July 28, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Magnolia Room, 1230 J Street, Sacramento.
- Wednesday, July 29, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Jean Harvie Senior and Community Center, 14273 River Road, Walnut Grove.

To Submit Comments

Written comments are due by close of business Friday, October 30, 2015. Comments should be mailed to BDCP/WaterFix Comments, P.O. Box 1919, Sacramento, CA 95812 or emailed to BDCPComments@icfi.com.

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