

Notice of Validation Action for Delta Conveyance Program Bond Financing

Dear Interested Party:

You are receiving this information because you previously indicated your interest to the California Department of Water Resources (Department) regarding Delta water conveyance facilities. The information below relates to a judicial validation proceeding for the proposed revenue bond financing for the environmental review, planning, and if ultimately approved, construction of such conveyance facilities.

Since 1960, the Department has approved, planned, and constructed a system of water storage and transportation and power generation facilities (the State Water Project). Currently, State Water Project water is conveyed across the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta through the natural channels of the Delta formed by the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, as those channels have been modified over the past 150 years.

The Department has undertaken to develop a comprehensive plan for the effective delivery of State Water Project water across the Delta. The Department is currently undertaking planning and design activities regarding potential new Delta conveyance facilities which would transport water from new intake points on the Sacramento River at the northern edge of the Delta through a tunnel running below the Delta to State Water Project export facilities at or below the southern edge of the Delta. These facilities would be a further modification of the Feather River Project authorized pursuant to the Central Valley Project Act, Water Code sections 11100 et seq.

The Department has established a proposed revenue bond financing to finance the cost and expense of the environmental review, planning, engineering and design, and if and when appropriate, the acquisition and construction of Delta water conveyance facilities. On January 6, 2025, the Department adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for those purposes. On January 7, 2025, the Department filed a validation action to confirm the legal validity of the Department's proposed bond financing, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV000704.

A validation action is a judicial proceeding in which a governmental agency, like the Department, can confirm the validity of a proposed bond financing before it commits to or undertakes the transaction. The Department is not seeking in the validation proceeding a determination that it has complied with legal prerequisites that may apply to approval and/or implementation of any Delta conveyance facility.

Any interested person may appear and contest a validation action, subject to specific time limits and procedural requirements. In the Department's validation proceeding, interested persons must appear, in conformance with applicable legal and procedural requirements, not later than March 25, 2025.

The Department's validation complaint, the bond resolution, and a copy of the summons are available on the Department's internet website at: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Public-Information>.