



# Delta Conveyance Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

Tribal Representatives Virtual Meeting  
**October 12, 2022**



# Hearing Format



- All participants can use cameras, raise hands, or unmute
- The chat feature has been disabled
- This meeting will not be recorded but a court reporter will be transcribing comments
- There will not be a 3-minute time limit for comments

# Hearing Procedure



- Be respectful of all participants' time and allow for the opportunity for others to speak
- Respect the opinions of others
- All comments provided during the comment session will be part of the public record and will be responded to as part of the Final EIR
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# Hearing Overview



## Overview Presentation

- Delta Conveyance Project
- California Environmental Quality Act / Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

## Verbal Public Comment

- Overview
- Comment



# New Climate Normal Reinforces Project Need



- Less snow and more rain expected over shorter and less predictable durations
- Frequent drought and flood cycles expected
- Our goal: capture water when it is available to potentially store for later use
- Adding points of diversion—creating flexibility—promotes a more resilient and flexible State Water Project in the face of unstable future conditions



# Purpose and Objectives of the Delta Conveyance Project



## Purpose

Modernize the aging SWP infrastructure in the Delta to restore and protect the reliability of SWP water deliveries in a cost-effective manner, consistent with the State's Water Resilience Portfolio.

## Objectives

- **Address** sea level rise and climate change
- **Minimize** water supply disruption due to seismic risk
- **Protect** water supply reliability
- **Provide** operational flexibility to improve aquatic conditions

# Proposed Project (Bethany Reservoir Alternative)

## Proposed Project

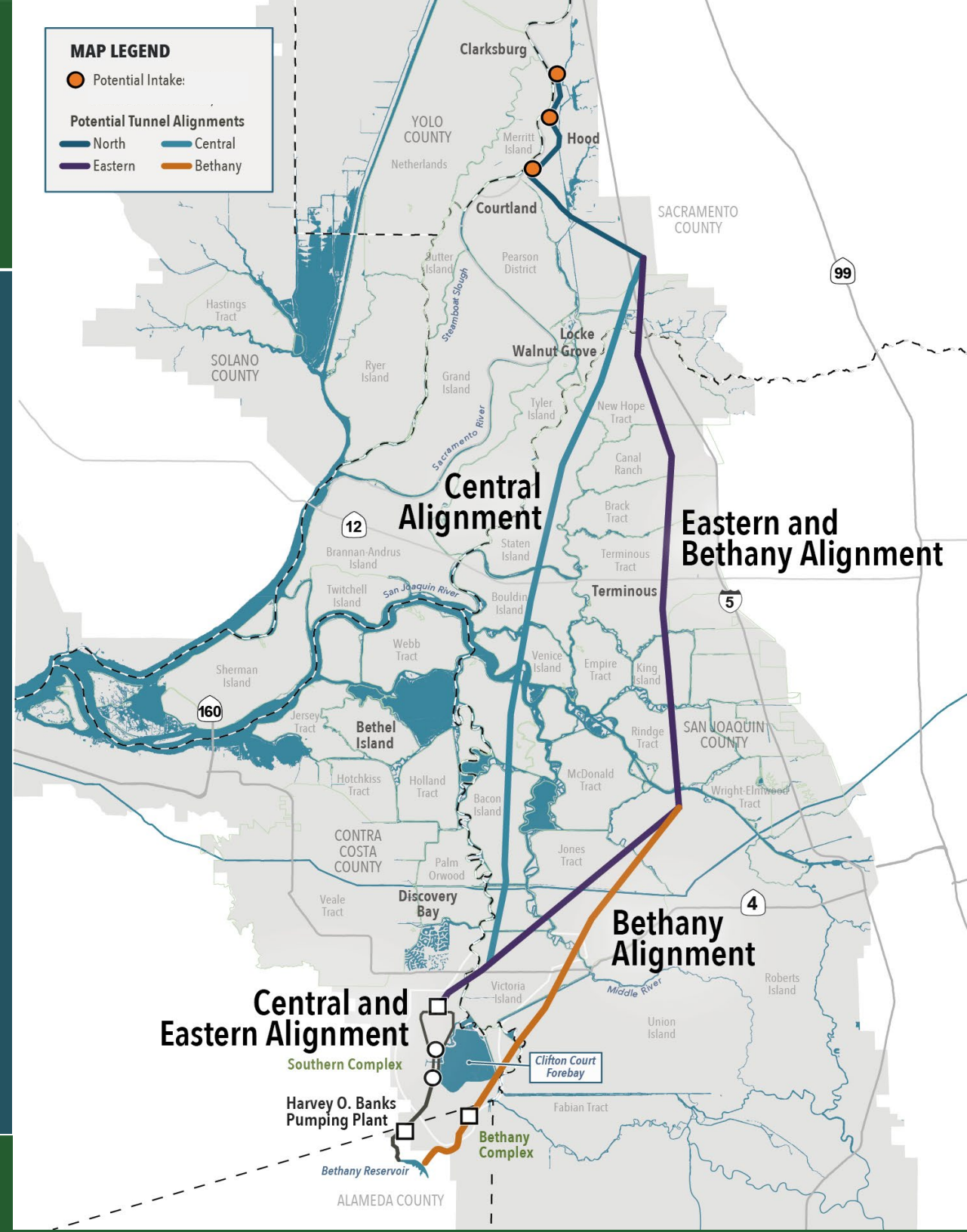
- Bethany alignment
- 6,000 cfs
- 2 intakes
- Pumping plant connects the tunnel directly to the existing Bethany Reservoir

## Alternatives

- Central or Eastern alignment
- 1, 2 or 3 intakes
- 3,000, 4,500, 6,000 or 7,500 cfs
- Southern complex with pumping plant and forebay

## No Project Alternative

- Likely conditions if the project is not implemented, including reasonably foreseeable changes in existing conditions and potential alternate actions that may be taken absent a project, such as increased conservation, recycling and desalination





# Draft EIR Public Review Period



## Draft Environmental Impact Report

- Prepared to comply with requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act
- Evaluated the effects of the proposed project, examined a range of feasible alternatives that meet the project's objectives, and identified mitigation measures to lessen impacts
- Available for public review and comment through December 16, 2022
- All comments submitted on the Draft EIR will be considered by DWR, and all substantive comments will be responded to in the Final EIR and will help inform decision makers



# Tribal Consultation



Pursuant to AB 52 and State consultation policies, DWR initiated formal consultation by sending project notification letters on January 15, 2020. In total, 121 Tribes were notified. DWR is currently consulting with 13 Tribes.

## AB 52

- California Valley Miwok Tribe (Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California)
- Lone Band of Miwok Indians
- Northern Valley Yokuts Tribe
- Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
- United Auburn Indian Community
- Wilton Rancheria
- Winnemem Wintu

- Wintu Tribe of Northern California
- Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

## DWR's Tribal Engagement Policy

- Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
- Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
- Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- Yurok Tribe



## Chapter 32: Tribal Cultural Resources



- Identifies and analyzes the Delta as a Tribal Cultural Landscape (TCL)
- Analyzes impacts that could result from construction, operation, and maintenance
- Proposes mitigation measures to reduce the effects of any potentially significant impacts to Tribal cultural resources
- DWR is continuing to consult with Tribes

# Additional Commenting Methods



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# Verbal Public Comment Overview



- Raise Hand
  - Via Zoom: Use “Raise Hand” feature and unmute mic when called on
  - Via Phone: Press \*9 to raise hand and \*6 to unmute

# Comment Session

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# Contact Information



## If you need further assistance, contact

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**Thank you!**