

GLOSSARY	
Component Facility	In a water conveyance system, a part of the conveyance process that requires a physical structure or facility.
Delta	The meeting point of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers at the western edge of the Central Valley in Northern California.
Delta exports	Water exported from the Bay Delta through the North Bay Aqueduct, Contra Costa Canal, the CVP at Jones pumping plant, or the SWP at Banks pumping plant.
Delta imports	The total streamflow entering the Bay Delta from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, Yolo Bypass, and eastside streams.
Delta outflow	The net amount of water (not including tidal flows) at a given time flowing out of the Delta toward the San Francisco Bay. The Delta outflow equals Delta inflow minus the water used within the Delta and exported from the Delta.
diversion	The action of taking water out of a river system or changing the flow of water in a system for use in another location.
fish screen	Barrier on the front face of a water intake facility to prevent fish and debris from being drawn into the intake.
forebay	A man-made reservoir in a conveyance system.
inflow	Water that flows into a body of water. The amount of water entering a reservoir expressed in acre-feet per day or cubic feet per second.
intake	Any structure through which water can be drawn from a waterway.
Lead Agency	The agency that, according to CEQA, is responsible for approving a project that may have a significant impact upon the environment.
mitigation	An action taken to reduce or avoid a significant impact resulting from a proposed project.
refugia	Protected fish resting areas along the face of an intake structure.
Responsible Agency	Under CEQA, a public agency with some discretionary authority over a project or a portion of it, but which has not been designated the Lead Agency.
Scoping	The period of the CEQA process during which agencies and the public provides input on the impact analyses should be included in the EIR.
Siting Drivers	General considerations that will determine where facility components could be located.
Table A Water	Maximum amount of water that is allocated and delivered under SWP water supply contracts.
Trustee Agency	Under CEQA, a state agency having jurisdiction by law over natural resources that are held in trust for the people of California, and which may be affected by a project.
water conveyance	The act of transporting water from one place to another.
water right	A legal entitlement, granted as a permit or license from the California State Water Resources Control Board, authorizing water to be diverted from a specified source and put to a beneficial, nonwasteful use.

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AF	acre-foot	The amount of water that would cover one acre in one foot of water; approximately 326,000 gallons.
Banks	Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant	A facility that diverts water from the Delta into the California Aqueduct for delivery through the State Water Project's 700 miles of conveyance system.
BiOps	Biological Opinion	Document that states the opinion as to whether or not the Federal action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.
CALFED	California Bay-Delta Authority	A cooperative effort of multiple state and federal agencies administered under the California Resources Agency that addresses water quality, reliability and supply in the Delta.
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	State agency that manages and protects California's fish, wildlife, plant and native habitats.
CER (see also EPR)	Conceptual Engineering Report	A document that provides technical and implementation analysis on the engineering details of a proposed project.
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	A California state law that requires state and local agencies to analyze and disclose anticipated environmental impacts of proposed projects.

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CESA	California Endangered Species Act	California environmental law that conserves and protects plant and animal species at risk of extinction.
CFS	cubic feet per second	A rate of the flow, in streams and rivers, for example. One cfs is equal to a volume of water one foot high, one foot wide, and one foot long flowing past a point in one second.
CVP	Central Valley Project	A federal power and water management project that conveys water from northern California to the Central Valley region.
DCA	Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority	A joint powers agency formed in May 2018 via a Joint Powers Agreement between participating Public Water Agencies (PWAs) for the purpose of design and construction of the Delta Water Conveyance Project.
DCFA	Delta Conveyance Finance Authority	An agency formed by a Joint Powers Agreement that secures funding and oversees finances for the design and construction of a Delta conveyance project.
DEIR	Draft Environmental Impact Report	A draft of the CEQA-required EIR that is released for public review and comment.
DWR	California Department of Water Resources	The state department responsible for managing the water resources in California.
EIR/EIS	Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement	The legal documents required by CEQA and NEPA that provide a technical analysis of environmental impacts of a proposed project.
EPR (see also CER)	Engineering Project Report	A document that provides technical and implementation analysis on the engineering details of a proposed project.
ESA	Endangered Species Act (federal)	Provides a program for the conservation of threatened and endangered plants and animals and the habitats in which they are found.
FEIR	Final Environmental Impact Report	A final version of the EIR that includes and addresses public comments received in response to the DEIR.
FFTT	Fish Facilities Technical Team	A collaborative group convened at the direction of regulatory agencies to study and develop intake design concepts and potential facility locations of a proposed conveyance project.
IF	intermediate forebay	A reservoir between the starting and ending points of a water conveyance system that can help balance volume and controls of upstream intakes and downstream pumping plant facilities.
JEPA	Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement	An agreement that authorizes two or more public agencies to jointly exercise a common power.
Jones	C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant	A facility that diverts water from the Delta into the Delta-Mendota Canal for delivery through the Central Valley Water Project.
MND	Mitigated Negative Declaration	A document that states upon completion of an initial study, that there is no substantial evidence that a proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment provided specified mitigation measures are implemented.
NCCF	North Clifton Court Forebay	An intake reservoir for the State Water Project's Banks pumping plant.
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act	Legislation intended to preserve historical and archaeological sites in the U.S.
ND	Negative Declaration	A document that states upon completion of an initial study, that there is no substantial evidence that a proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment.
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	A federal law that requires federal agencies to analyze and disclose anticipated environmental impacts on proposed projects.
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service	Federal agency responsible for the stewardship of the nation's ocean resources and their habitat.
NOA	Notice of Availability	A legally-required formal announcement that a draft EIR is available for viewing.
NOC	Notice of Completion	A brief notice released by a lead agency as soon as it has prepared a draft EIR.
NOD	Notice of Determination	A brief notice filed by a public agency after it approves or determines to carry out a project subject to the requirements of CEQA.
NOP	Notice of Preparation	A legally-required document stating that an EIR will be prepared for a particular

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		project.
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	A provision of the Clean Water Act that prohibits discharge of pollutants into waters of the U.S. unless a special permit is issued by the EPA, a state, or a tribal government.
NTP	Notice to Proceed	A notice issued to contractors that work can begin on a project.
PP	pumping plant	Facilities that consist of pumps and equipment for pumping water from one place to another.
PRA	Public Records Act	A California state law that requires that records of public agencies be made accessible to the public upon request, unless otherwise exempted by law.
Reclamation	United State Bureau of Reclamation	A federal agency under the Department of Interior responsible for resource management, oversight and operation of federal water diversion, delivery and storage projects throughout the United States.
ROD	Record of Decision	A statement that includes the lead agency's decision regarding a project and documents mitigations.
ROW	right-of-way	A legal right of passage over a defined area of real property. In transit usage, right-of-way refers to the corridor along a roadway or track alignment that is controlled by a transit or transportation agency/authority.
RTM	reusable tunnel material	The soils excavated from tunnels and shafts construction projects that can be reused for other purposes such as constructing basins.
SWC	State Water Contractors	A collection of public water agencies throughout the state that purchase water from the State Water Project.
SWP	State Water Project	A water storage and delivery system of reservoirs, aqueducts, power plants and pumping plants extending more than 700 miles.
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board	State water board with regulatory responsibility for protecting the water quality of California's lakes, bays and estuaries, rivers and streams, and coastline.
TBM	tunnel boring machine	The machine used to excavate an underground tunnel.
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Federal agency that oversees dams, canals and flood protection in the United States, as well as a wide range of public works throughout the world.
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal agency dedicated to the management of fish, wildlife and natural habitats.