

This summary is provided as a resource for committee members and the public to have brief highlights following SEC meetings. In addition to this summary, detailed meeting minutes, question and answer documents and full meeting video will be available on the dcdca.org website.

MEETING OVERVIEW

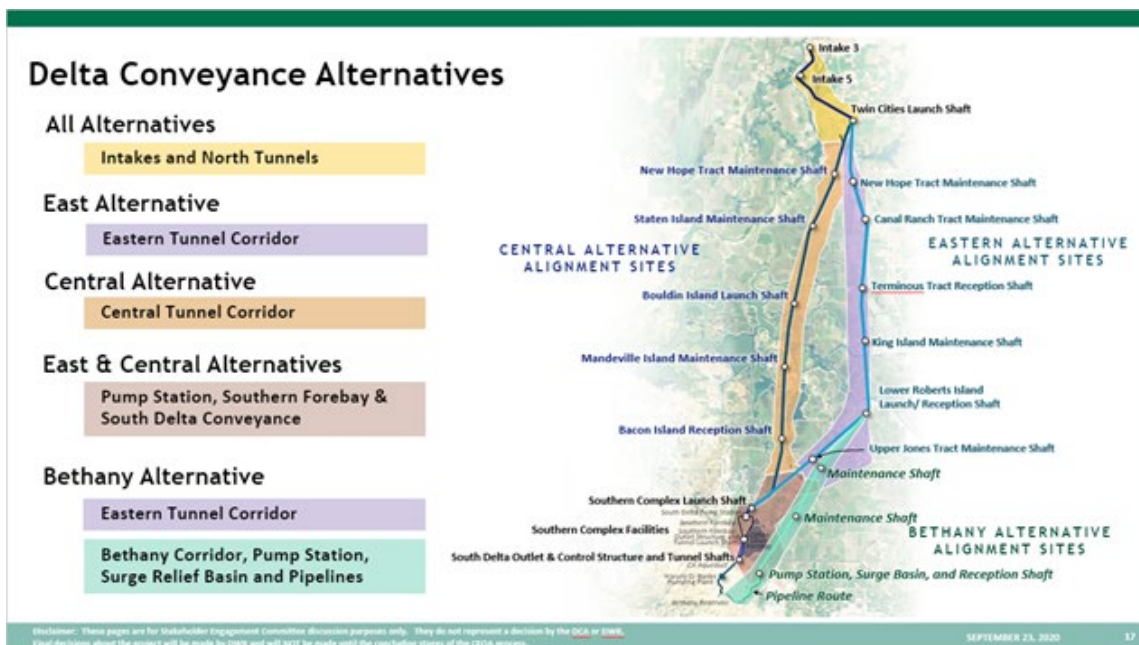
The 12th meeting of the Stakeholder Engagement Committee (SEC) was held via video conference on September 23. The meeting video, agenda, presentation and supplemental materials are available for review on the dcdca.org website.

DWR Updates and Environmental Justice Survey Overview

- ◆ CEQA work has begun and data is currently being collected that will inform the work of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- ◆ The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has released a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Study for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project; scoping comments are due to USACE by Oct. 20. More information is available on the USACE [website](#).
- ◆ Soil investigations on properties of private landowners will begin in early October. DWR is contacting landowners via mail and phone to provide information, address temporary entry permits (TEP's), and explain the compensation provided to participating landowners. Please contact DWR or DCA with any questions.
- ◆ DWR is developing the framework for beginning community benefits discussions by formulating goals and objectives, evaluating processes, and determining procedures that can be shared with DWR, public water agencies, the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Protection Commission. The intent is to introduce community benefits at the SEC meeting in December. Community benefits can then be a focus for the SEC in early 2021.
- ◆ DCA will provide DWR with full engineering reports on the proposed Eastern & Central corridors by the end of 2020. The full engineering report for the Bethany Alternative will be provided to DWR by April 2021.
- ◆ DWR will be releasing an Environmental Justice (EJ) Survey in the coming weeks. Purpose is to have robust understanding of baseline values to conduct an analysis of disproportionate impacts to disadvantaged communities in the Delta. The survey will help identify ways in which the project may affect important Delta places and resources and consider options to reduce these impacts or benefit Disadvantaged Communities in the Delta.
- ◆ Genevieve Taylor, Ag Innovations, explained the survey design, effort to market the survey, and said the survey targets everyone who lives, works and plays in the Delta. This survey will not replace AB 52 tribal engagement outreach. SEC members are asked to provide the survey to their respective community groups.

Bethany Alternative- Siting and RTM Management Plan Updates

- ◆ Graham Bradner provided an overview of the Bethany Alternative, highlighted its features, explained the siting analysis and results, and reviewed where the DCA was proposing to locate the facilities.



NEXT MEETING

DATE*:

SEC members will receive an availability survey via email from Ms. Parvizi.

TIME:

3-6 p.m.

LOCATION:

RingCentral Video; TBD

POSSIBLE MEETING TOPICS:

- Outstanding SEC Questions Deferred to Future Meetings
- Bethany Alternative Truck Traffic & Logistics

* DCA will comply with public health recommendations regarding public meetings and social distancing efforts. Any meeting changes or cancellations will be communicated to members and the public.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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At Large - Yolo

Angelica Whaley
North Delta Local Business

Barbara Barrigan Parrillo
Environmental Justice

Cecille Giacomini
Public Safety

David Gloski
At Large - Contra Costa

Douglas Hsia
At Large - Sacramento

Gilbert Cosio
Ex-Officio

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Environment NGO - Aquatic

Jim Cox
SportsFishing

Jesus Tarango
Tribal Government Representative (Alternate)

James (Jim) Wallace
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Karen Mann
South Delta Local Business

Lindsey Liebig
Agriculture

Mel Lytle
Delta Water District

Michael Moran
Ex-Officio

Malissa Tayaba
Tribal Government Representative

Peter Robertson
Recreation

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At large - San Joaquin

Sean Wirth
Environmental NGO - Terrestrial

Mike Hardesty
At large - Solano

David Welch
Ex-Officio

Bethany Alternative- Siting and RTM Management Plan Updates continued...

- ◆ The siting analysis was broken into three sections: 1) siting of the Pump Station Complex; 2) siting of the pipeline corridor extending from the Pump Station to Bethany Reservoir, and siting of the Tunnel Alignment and Maintenance Shafts from the Lower Roberts Island Launch Shaft to the Pump Station Complex. Feedback on the selected sites was solicited from the SEC Members.
- ◆ Approximately 14Mil cubic yards of RTM material is expected to be generated in the Bethany Alternative. RTM Management on the Bethany alternative differs from the East and Central Corridor options in that there is little “in-project” need for the material. The Bethany Alternative does not require construction of the Southern forebay which is a significant recipient of RTM generated from tunneling operations in the East and Central Corridor alternatives.
- ◆ Mr. Bradner presented two major alternatives for RTM Management; 1) on-site drying and stockpiling; and 2) off-site hauling. Photo renderings were shared from various vantage points of the stockpiling alternatives. The DCA is interested in hearing from SEC members regarding their preference of higher RTM stockpiles that take up less acreage, or shorter stockpiles that cover a broader area.
- ◆ Offsite RTM storage would require hauling via rail or truck to a disposal site with adequate capacities to accept the material. For purposes of CEQA analysis, the Vernalis Site Quarry Pits were recommended as it is a conservative location in terms of impact and has a substantial long term need for material.
- ◆ The pros and cons of both onsite storage and offsite disposal RTM were reviewed. Onsite storage would require more land use while offsite disposal would create a high number of truck trips. The DCA team recommended proceeding with on-site stockpiling, largely to reduce hauling impacts on traffic, air emissions and carbon footprint. Again, the SEC was solicited for feedback on this recommendation.

SEC Member Thought Exchange

- Mr. Wallace noted that Environmental Justice is not an aspect required by CEQA. The survey may encounter resistance if it is perceived as invasive and duplicative of the census.
- Ms. Barrigan Parilla commended DWR for their efforts regarding environmental justice even though there is not a CEQA requirement to do so. She also questioned the need to translate into Tagalog because most speakers are bilingual and asked if Hmong or other southeast Asian languages would be beneficial.
- Ms. Swenson recommended having a paper alternative to the digital survey.
- Mr. Cox suggested the Delta Protection Commission could help get the EJ survey out to more people.
- Mr. Hsia said there is a large Chinese population in Elk Grove that should be involved in the EJ survey.
- Ms. Tayaba said Tribes are very interested in participating in the EJ survey.
- Mr. Moran noted there are considerations regarding the weight of the stockpiles and how they will affect the Twin Cities area. Mr. Bradner mentioned there is a lot of testing on the ground conditions preceding construction to ensure suitability of the site for stockpiling.
- Dr. Lytle said there need to be site plans for onsite stockpiling, detailing whether the sites will be lined, capped, or vegetated.
- Mr. Wirth suggested exploring the possibility of creating a permanent upland forage area with RTM for the Sandhill Cranes who are flushed to the north and east of their habitat area every 7-10 years when the Cosumnes River floods.



SEC AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Up to four different SEC members are invited each month to present to the DCA Board of Directors about the SEC process. SEC members interested in presenting at the September Board of Directors meeting should contact nazliparvizi@dcdca.org.

VIRTUAL TOURS NOW AVAILABLE

- [Virtual Tour](#) video links are now available on [YouTube](#).
- A video of the SEC's T-screens facility tour is being developed and will be made available for SEC members to share with stakeholders.



Made great progress....

- Reduced site footprints throughout
- Maximized reclamation of impacted agricultural land
- Shifted facilities away from natural areas including Stone Lakes and Woodbridge Reserves
- Eliminated barging and associated affects to recreational boating
- Reduced traffic along Hwy 4 by eliminating structures
- Reduced traffic along Byron Hwy by adding infrastructure and shifting material to rail
- Reduced borrow requirements to reduce traffic loads
- Added rail and expanded roads to maintain acceptable levels of service

Moved shaft one mile from Woodbridge Reserve Boundary to Canal Ranch Maintenance Shaft Site

Eliminated the Barge Landing at Bouldin Island Launch Shaft Site



Disclaimer: These pages are for Stakeholder Engagement Committee discussion. Locations are shown for conceptual, preliminary purposes only. Final decision about the project will be made by DWR and will NOT be made until concluding stages of the CEQA process. DWR and DCA have NOT begun real property acquisition, and DWR will follow state law for land acquisition if a site become part of an approved project, including procedures for property owner notification and outreach.

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Bethany Alternative

- Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the Bethany Alternative, which is still in preliminary development.
- The key benefits of the Bethany Alternative are the elimination of the balancing reservoir and ability for the State to more easily take Banks Pump Station or Clifton Court forebay temporarily out of service for maintenance or repair.
- The key challenges of the Bethany Alternative are navigating the pipelines around conservation easements, managing a reduced need for RTM and, at this point, having little geotechnical information available.