



MODIFIED PIPELINE TUNNEL OPTION



The proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) water delivery facilities have been further refined based on engineering and in consideration of feedback received during the 2014 public comment period. Proposed changes are designed to:

- ▶ Reduce construction impacts on Delta communities and the environment
- ▶ Increase use of DWR-owned property
- ▶ Standardize tunnel segment design
- ▶ Improve long-term reliability and operation of the tunnels
- ▶ Reduce power requirements
- ▶ Allow for gravity flow at certain river conditions

These changes, along with others, will be available for formal review and comment in the Partially Recirculated Draft BDCP and a Partially Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) expected for release in 2015.

In 2013, significant changes to the proposed water facilities and operations reduced the overall footprint by one-half of its original size to decrease impacts in the Delta.

In addition to issuing the Partially Recirculated EIR/Supplemental EIS, much work remains to reach a final project. Over the coming months, state and federal agencies will carefully evaluate and address thousands of public comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS as well as the expected comments on the Recirculated EIR/Supplemental EIS, and incorporate appropriate changes into the final analysis.

COMMENT REVIEW IS UNDERWAY

The Department of Water Resources and the other state and federal agencies are currently reviewing the comments received through the public review period that ended on July 29, 2014. Proposed changes to the BDCP take into account comments and concerns gathered during the recent comment period. The agencies leading the BDCP will publish the proposed changes in the Partially Recirculated Draft BDCP and Implementing Agreement and associated Partially Recirculated EIR/Supplemental EIS in 2015.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS & IMPROVE OPERATIONS



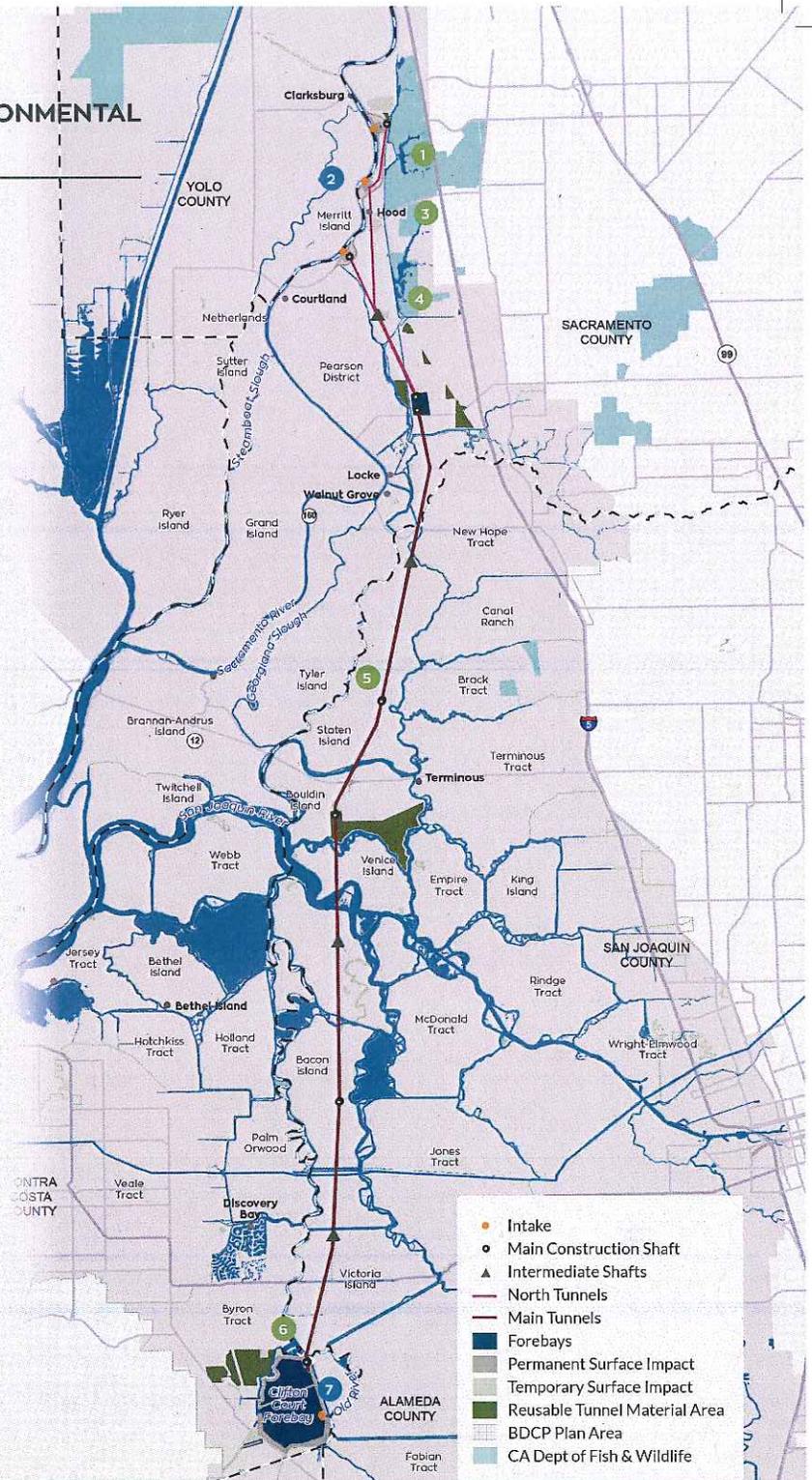
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- 1 Eliminate the northern pumping plants, and reduce the need for permanent power near the northern intakes.
- 3 Reduce visual impacts near the town of Hood.
- 4 Remove permanent transmission lines near Stone Lakes Wildlife Refuge to reduce environmental impacts.
- 5 Reduce impacts on Staten Island wildlife habitat by removing the proposed tunnel launch facilities, large reusable tunnel material storage areas, a barge landing site, and high voltage transmission lines. This change also reduces the overall construction time on Staten Island.
- 6 Eliminate environmental impacts on Italian Slough by removing an underground siphon.



OPERATIONAL BENEFITS

- 2 Gravity-fed operation during times of high river flow improves tunnel operation and maintenance, reduces power requirements at the northern intakes, and improves long-term tunnel reliability by reducing internal pressure.
- 7 Consolidate pumping plants previously proposed at the three northern intakes to one combined pumping facility located on existing DWR-owned property at Clifton Court to reduce environmental and construction impacts.



COLLABORATIVE EVOLUTION

The BDCP reflects more than seven years of collaboration, hundreds of public meetings, unprecedented scientific input, and ongoing coordination with stakeholders. The BDCP has continued to evolve since the enactment of the 2009 Delta Reform Act and has most recently been informed by the formal public review period for the Draft BDCP and associated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

