



Delta Conveyance Project Update

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Creating a Community Benefits Program for the Delta Conveyance Project is an acknowledgment that:

1

The direct project benefits related to SWP water supply reliability do not directly benefit the communities of the Delta;

2

The project, if approved, could have potential adverse effects that Delta communities experience through the term of construction; and

3

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and other required environmental mitigation typically do not address all adverse effects on the local communities.



Components of the Community Benefits Program

Delta Community Fund

Proposed overarching fund to support community-prioritized projects in the Delta

Economic Development

- Hiring targets, jobs training and education
- Local business utilization

Integrated Benefits

- Infrastructure and facilities

*Community Benefit Agreements provide an opportunity for more targeted collaboration with communities (local entities) and can cover consideration of all program components



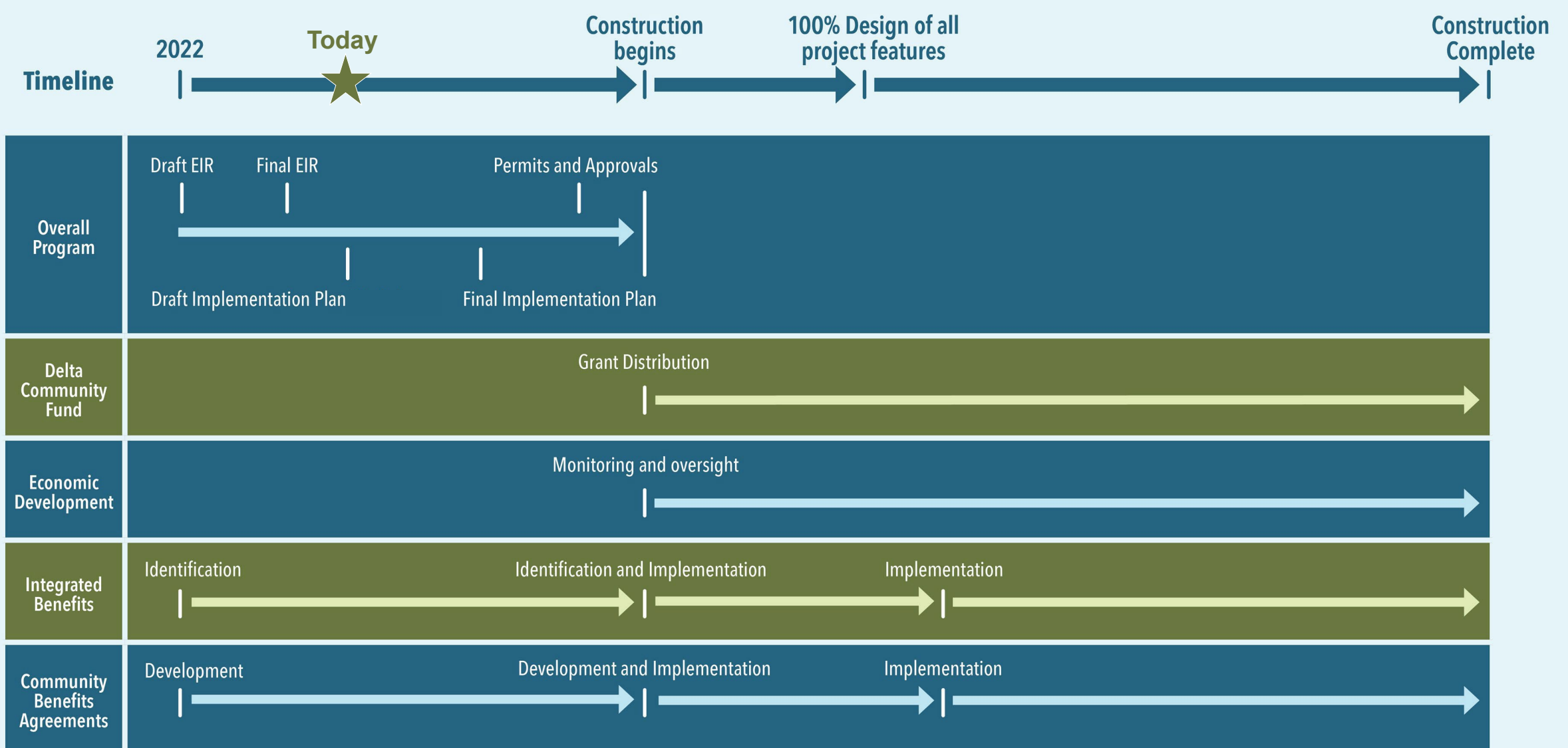


CBP Implementation Plan

A potential way to

- Structure the three components of the Community Benefit Program.
- Scheduling of grant solicitation periods, identification of integrated benefits, and development of community benefit agreements
- Screen and score grant proposals for eligibility and prioritization

Timeline for Development and Implementation of the Community Benefits Program





CBP Implementation Plan - Timing

- Publish guidelines (*Fall 2024*)
- Solicit feedback online through a digital feedback form (*through early 2025*)
- Compile comments, update the guidelines and publish a “final” version (*late 2025*)



CBP Implementation Plan – Outreach materials

- Post on the project website
- Send e-blast
- Direct emails to County Board of Supervisors
- Focused EJ Eblast and phone calls
- Focused Tribal outreach
- Hood focused outreach via postcard
- Hard copy flyer Posted in English/Spanish/Chinese on bulletin boards throughout the Delta



DCP Permit Update

California Endangered Species Act

- Incidental Take Permit anticipated fall 2024

Endangered Species Act

- Biological Opinions anticipated late 2024/early 2025

Water Rights

- Change in Point of Diversion hearing anticipated to start early 2025

Delta Plan Consistency

- 2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities
- DCP implementation



2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities Certification of Consistency

- In compliance with the June 20, 2024, court ruling.
- Because the 2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities proposed action only concerns data collection it is completely severable and independent of implementation of the Delta Conveyance Project itself.
- DWR has conducted early consultation with the Delta Stewardship Council regarding the 2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities certification.



2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities

The 2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities will generate information to:

- 1) Refine Delta Conveyance Project feature layouts and configurations, and to develop design and engineering criteria for Delta Conveyance Project facilities; and
- 2) Support applications and requests to other agencies for permits, authorizations, or conditional approvals. One such authorization would be a future certification of consistency with the Delta Plan for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the DCP.

Geotechnical information collected from the 2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities will help maintain the overall program design schedule.



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Proposed
Geotechnical
Activities

Final EIR project description “FIELD INVESTIGATIONS”

GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS

- PRE-CONSTRUCTION INVESTIGATIONS to support design, planning, and permitting.
 - **2024-2026 PROPOSED GEOTECHNICAL ACTIVITIES**
 - This subset will **NOT** include:
 - work on levees,
 - overwater activities,
 - activities that involve trenching (i.e., “test trenches”),
 - or permanent facilities.



2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities

- Borings
- Borings with water quality testing
- Cone Penetration Tests (CPTs)



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[A Closer Look: Soil Testing \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com)



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DWR anticipates posting a draft of the certification on September 27, 2024, at least 10-days prior to formal submission, for public review and comment.

The certification timeline for the construction, operations, and maintenance of the DCP is unchanged and expected to be submitted in mid to late 2025.



Questions?