



Delta Cross Channel Gate Upgrades Project

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Background

As part of the Central Valley Project (CVP), the Bureau of Reclamation operates the Delta Cross Channel to manage water quality throughout the central part of the Delta and at the Federal and State pumping facilities. Located near Walnut Grove, the facility has two radial gates that when open, provide up to 3,500 cubic feet per second from the Sacramento River into the Lower Mokelumne River which flows into the central part of the Delta and to the pump facilities of the State Water Project (SWP) and CVP.



Reclamation recently initiated the Delta Cross Channel Gate Upgrades Project (Project), which will evaluate alternatives to:

- Provide for remote and more frequent operations of the gates consistent with the October 2019 Proposed Action on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project and State Water Resources Control Board Decision D-1641
- Improve safety at the site, including boater safety
- Increase operational life of facility and reduce ongoing operations and maintenance costs

Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Reclamation intends to engage the public and stakeholders during the planning and implementation of the Project. Anticipated engagement activities, including National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) related meetings during development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), are summarized below.

Timeline	Engagement/ Audience	Topics
Fall 2020/ Winter 2021	2 Stakeholder Workshops 1 Public Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide background on facility history and operations, and planning and environmental compliance process • Focus on goals/objectives for Project, key considerations and constraints for alternatives development, and range of alternatives
Winter 2021 – Spring 2022	4 NEPA Cooperating Agency Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on alternatives development, including potential impacts and mitigation
Winter 2022	NEPA Public Scoping Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on NEPA Purpose & Need, and potential range of alternatives and impacts
Summer 2022	Draft EIS Public Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on NEPA process, alternatives, impacts and mitigation measures

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