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5 KEY FACTS

About the Latest Proposal to Modernize Delta Conveyance

Municipal Water District of Orange County

On July 27, the Newsom administration released draft environmental documents detailing its proposal to modernize the conveyance system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the State Water Project (SWP). The milestone represents an important opportunity for the interested public to review and comment on the proposal. The preferred alternative is unlike any proposal that has preceded it.

Five facts that give this Delta solution the best chance to move forward:

1 **THE PROPOSAL**

at less than a third of the capacity of the so-called Peripheral Canal of the 1980s, advances a unique route that avoids the central Delta and reduces impacts to Delta communities and wildlife.

2 **ADDING NEW NORTHERN INTAKES TO THE SYSTEM AND THE SINGLE-TUNNEL CONVEYANCE**

is intended to more reliably capture stormwater moments in the Delta while meeting environmental and water quality regulations.

3 **THE TUNNEL, WITH A CAPACITY OF 6,000 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND**

takes a different route, largely staying near highways and interstates, avoiding the Central Delta and the existing intakes and forebay complex in the southern Delta, which is at an elevation of 3 feet above average sea level.

4 **THE NEW ROUTE PRESENTS FEWER IMPACTS AND A SMALLER FOOTPRINT**

The number of tunnel installment shafts has been reduced from six (6) to two (2). Construction traffic will be concentrated on specific routes and dedicated haul roads. Most conduits to power the tunnel boring machines will be buried, and the project proposes a community benefits program to directly fund new initiatives within the Delta.

5 **HAD THE PROJECT BEEN IN OPERATION OVER THE PAST YEAR**

the state estimates that more than 235,000 acre-feet of water could have been captured during storms in October and December-January. That is roughly equivalent to enough water to sustain 2.5 million Californians for a year.

For more information on the proposal and public comment opportunities, visit:

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