

From: Nina Hawk, COO

Delta Conveyance Authority (DCA)

Board of Directors Meeting

Report out for Director Estremera

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2020

2:00 p.m.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Stakeholder Engagement Committee Update

Stakeholder meetings are being held, fifth one will be next week (Wednesday, February 26, 2020). Last stakeholder meeting the discussion was regarding the tunnel shaft location and discussions on siting. Ms. Mallon stated that overall, we are trying to focus on key issues and how to resolve them. Ms. Mallon stated that attendance has been excellent, members are very engaged and have constructive comments.

They did agree to organize a tour of an existing intake so they can get a sense of the scale and operations of one of these large intakes on the Sacramento River. We are also considering tours of an operating launch shaft to be able to go down and see the tunnel boring machine, the operations of the liner installation, and the tunnel spoils conveying out stock piling operation. The more we can show people what we're doing, the more they will be able to understand the project.

b. Findings of the Independent Technical Review (ITR) Committee Report

Report was completed last month. Slides were presented on the findings. The tunnel drive lengths are 10 to 15 miles in length and are acceptable based on Delta soil condition.

Alignment review

- Central corridor is impractical
- Eastern corridor is logistically better

c. Intakes Update

Reviewed key items in the Notice of Preparation:

- Facilities that comprise the proposed Delta Conveyance Project
- Delta Corridor Map for Tunnel Alignments and Facility Siting
- Range of flows for study.

Intakes Update (CONTINUED)

Siting study determined that one to three intakes will be needed based on tunnel size. Identified five potential locations, but two were determined “least favorable” and not recommended. The five potential sites were the same locations identified in the previous version of the project. Also reviewed types of intakes and the logistic alternatives. Construction noise is a key concern, looking at options for noise control.

c. Launch Shaft Update

Key components of a tunnel drive include:

- Tunnel Launch Shaft
- Maintenance Shaft
- Tunnel Retrieval Shaft.

Reviewed siting methodology, including configurations for a central alignment versus an east alignment.

9. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

c. DWR Environmental Manager's Report

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has initiated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for a single-tunnel solution to modernizing and rehabilitating the water distribution system in the Delta.

DWR released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the proposed Delta Conveyance project on January 15 to document the intent to develop an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under CEQA. The scoping period started with release of the NOP and continues until March 20, 2020. During the scoping period, DWR is seeking input on the scope of the EIR, including the range of alternatives, the types of impacts, impact methodology, and potential mitigation measures.

Scoping meetings are being held from February 3 to March 2.

The next meeting of the DCA will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 2:00 pm at the Sacramento Public Library, Tsakopoulos Library Galleria 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.