
State Water Resources Control Board

SUMMARY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) Administrative Hearings Office will hold a public hearing about the Delta Conveyance Project beginning on **January 16, 2025**. The hearing will address the water right change petitions filed by the Department of Water Resources to add two new points of diversion and redirection to the water rights associated with the State Water Project, Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively).

The proposed new points of diversion and redirection would consist of screened intakes 2.3 miles apart located on the lower Sacramento River between Freeport and Sutter Slough. These intakes would allow the Department of Water Resources to divert water from the Sacramento River in the northern portion of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Delta) and convey the water through a tunnel to existing water distribution facilities in the southern Delta.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather evidence to determine whether to approve these petitions and, if so, what specific terms and conditions, if any, should be included in the amended permits for the State Water Project. The Administrative Hearings Office will also hold a pre-hearing conference on **August 13, 2024**.

HEARING DETAILS

Date: Beginning January 16, 2025 with additional dates to be added as necessary

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Zoom teleconference (Join link: bit.ly/aho-dcp-zoom)

Call-in number: 1-669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 969 6180 8415 (Passcode: 750159)

For more information about the hearing, including the hearing schedule, ways to participate, and the deadlines summarized below, please refer to the full-length Notice of Public Hearing for this matter available at bit.ly/aho-dcp.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

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The pre-hearing conference will provide an overview of the hearing schedule and participation deadlines summarized below. For more information and how to participate, see the Notice of Assignment and Pre-Hearing Conference at bit.ly/aho-noa.

HEARING PARTICIPATION

Any person or entity who wants to participate in the hearing as a party, such as by presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses, **must** file a Notice of Intent to Appear (NOI) with the Administrative Hearings Office by **November 4, 2024** using one of the following methods:

Email (preferred): DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov

Mail: State Water Resources Control Board
Administrative Hearings Office
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Anyone who would like to watch this hearing without participating may do so through the Administrative Hearings Office YouTube channel at: bit.ly/aho-youtube.

LANGUAGE SERVICES

This summary notice is available in English and Spanish. This hearing will be offered in English. To request translation of a written document, interpretation services, or sign language services, please use one of the following options by **January 2, 2025**:

- Submit a Language Services Request online at bit.ly/LanguageAccessForm
- Call (916)-341-5254
- Email languageservices@waterboards.ca.gov

ACCESSIBILITY

Users of a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or the teletype (TTY) voice line at (800) 735-2922.

SUMMARY OF HEARING SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES

| Schedule / Deadlines | Date and Time |
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| Initial Pre-Hearing Conference | August 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. |
| Deadline to submit written comments on hearing issues | September 5, 2024 |
| Second Pre-Hearing Conference | October 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. |
| Deadline to submit Notice of Intent to Appear | November 4, 2024 |
| Deadline for parties to file case-in-chief exhibits, exhibit identification indices, and proposed permit terms | December 4, 2024 |
| Third Pre-Hearing Conference | December 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. |
| Hearing begins with policy statements | January 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. |
| Evidentiary portion of hearing begins | January 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. |

MORE INFORMATION

Full-length Hearing Notice

To learn more about these water right change petitions and this proceeding, including detailed information about hearing procedures and deadlines, please refer to the full-length Notice of Public Hearing, available at bit.ly/aho-dcp. You may also request a copy of the full-length Notice of Public Hearing by sending an email to DCP-WR-Petition@waterboards.ca.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions

For information about the Administrative Hearings Office and general hearing procedures, refer to the Frequently Asked Questions document at bit.ly/aho-faq.

E-mail List

Any interested person may sign up to receive communication related to this proceeding at bit.ly/swb-subscribe by selecting “Delta Conveyance Project Public Hearing” in the Administrative Hearings Office subscription topic group.

This notice is a summary for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a substitute for the full-length hearing notice posted to the Administrative Hearing Office’s webpage (bit.ly/aho-dcp).

Date of Notice: July 31, 2024