

end of the comment period?

Will the public review and comment period for the Draft BDCP and EIR/EIS be extended?

Seismic Concerns

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How many seismic faults will the proposed tunnels cross? At what depth?

Because there's uncertainty about seismic risk, should we do nothing to address it?

Is the Delta an active seismic region?

State Water Management Portfolio

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Would conservation and improved water use efficiency of existing water supplies replace the need for the BDCP?

Will Delta levees continue to be maintained with or without BDCP?

What is the California Water Action Plan, and how does the BDCP fit into it?

Why can't the BDCP be replaced by desalination?

Surface Water and Storage

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Why is additional storage not considered as a component of BDCP?

While water storage is a critically important tool for managing California's water resources, developing new water supplies and including new storage is not part of the BDCP purpose and need. Additional water storage was eliminated from consideration in the BDCP EIR/EIS through the alternatives development and screening process.

The BDCP is a stand-alone project that demonstrates independent utility just as future storage projects would demonstrate. However, without improvements to the existing conveyance system, the ability to capture and deliver additional water supplies from north of the Delta to two-thirds of the state will continue to be constrained by pumping restrictions in the south Delta. Public water agencies are investing in the BDCP to secure existing water supply against future risk, including climate change and earthquakes.

The need for storage is being addressed outside of the BDCP planning process. Expanding water storage and capacity and improving groundwater management are among the actions identified in the [California Water Action Plan](#) to address California's overall water needs.

Where will the project store the extra water that comes in wet years?

The BDCP does not propose any new south Delta storage facilities as part of project implementation. The BDCP also does not call for any more water diversions than is authorized by state and federal law, but it does propose to make water deliveries when the water is available, depending on variety of operational considerations, including time of year, Delta water levels, and needs for fish.

With existing Delta regulatory constraints, the existing SWP and Central Valley Project (CVP) storage south of the Delta is not used to full capacity every year (e.g. San Luis Reservoir). In addition, there are a number of other ways water can be stored south of delta for use. For example, local projects already exist for storage through groundwater banking programs.

The California Natural Resources Agency, California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Food and Agriculture recently released a draft Water Action Plan to identify actions to implement water policy in California. Aimed at providing the foundation for sustainable water resource management, specific actions include expanding water storage capacity.

Why is no nonstructural alternative for achieving habitat and species restoration being considered?

Will the BDCP affect upstream reservoirs or cause "dead pool" conditions?

Can the BDCP Drain the Sacramento River?

Would BDCP Divert More Water from the Delta?

Water Quality

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Will BDCP cause a higher concentration of bromide (which contributes to salinity) in the Delta?

Will the BDCP increase salinity in the Delta?

What is the timetable for the State Water Resources Control board to place and enforce limits on water that can be exported from the Delta so that outflows and water quality will be preserved?



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