

From: [Jensen, Laura@DWR](mailto:Jensen.Laura@DWR)
To: [Shoemaker, Brianna@DWR](mailto:Shoemaker.Brianna@DWR)
Cc: [Yun, Joseph@DWR](mailto:Yun.Joseph@DWR)
Subject: FW: California Water Commission - Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs - a couple of additional comments
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:52:12 PM

Another comment.

From: Sharon Farrell <SFarrell@ParksConservancy.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Jensen, Laura@DWR <Laura.Jensen@water.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: California Water Commission - Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs - a couple of additional comments

Hi Laura

Please let me know if I should be providing comments differently. I had a chance to talk to Kevin Wright (Steering Committee for the Ca. Network and Policy Co-Chair) about the paper and your work – he presented to the Commission several years ago on behalf of the Network. We are both excited and committed to support increased integrated approaches. We walked through the paper together and he had some additional insights, specifically areas that he noticed that were missing from the document and/or could be strengthened in the text:

- Page 2, Benefits to society at large: The role of state funding to incentivize and leverage local and regional funding, including taxes, local government contributions as match
- Page 3, financing partner: Access to recreation as a community benefit and local economic driver
- Exec Summary overall: Vision for which state agencies will work together to ensure water conveyance is part of larger climate resilience work leading to multibenefit projects and landscape-scale approaches
- Page 7, silos are not resilient: Work across areas of government and sectors; invest in convening to build shared regional culture and relationships

When he presented there was a lot of discussion about SGMA. He recommended that the paper articulate what an integrated approach to SGMA implementation and this conveyance white paper includes. It would help for the paper to identify how these two areas of water will be coordinated for an overall shared result.

I am also sharing a link to a paper Kevin authored with Network contributors – [Advancing Collaboration in California](#). You may have seen it, as it has a number of recommendations that are synergistic with yours.

Cheers Sharon

From: Jensen, Laura@DWR <Laura.Jensen@water.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Sharon Farrell <SFarrell@ParksConservancy.org>
Subject: RE: California Water Commission - Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs

Sharon,

Thanks so much for your congrats and your comment. We have shared the comment with Commissioners and will post it to our website this week.

Best,

Laura

From: Sharon Farrell <SFarrell@ParksConservancy.org>

Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:23 AM

To: Jensen, Laura@DWR <Laura.Jensen@water.ca.gov>

Subject: RE: California Water Commission - Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs

Hi Laura

I hope you had a good weekend. Thank you again for the opportunity to join the Commission meeting. Your report looks really good, congrats.

Two suggested edits in red on page 20 when you discuss assessing resilience –

- Partnerships. How is the project engaging partners and collaborating with stakeholders? Does the project promote partnerships across land and water management? Across water management functions? Across jurisdictions and geographies? **Is the project a priority for an existing regional partnership or network? Would the project's implementation strengthen and broaden existing regional partnerships?**

I think the inclusion of these will support capacity and also sustainability.

Cheers Sharon

From: Jensen, Laura@DWR <Laura.Jensen@water.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:49 AM

To: Jensen, Laura@DWR <Laura.Jensen@water.ca.gov>

Cc: Yun, Joseph@DWR <Joseph.Yun@water.ca.gov>

Subject: California Water Commission - Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs

Thank you for participating in the Commission's recent efforts to assess a state role in financing conveyance to meet the needs of a changing climate by presenting at a Commission meeting or a public workshop. Below is a link to the Commission's draft white paper on conveyance. This topic will be discussed at next Wednesday's Commission meeting. I welcome your thoughts and input on the draft document prior to or at next week's meeting.

Sincerely,

Laura Jensen

Assistant Executive Officer

California Water Commission

(916) 712-7051

From: California Water Commission <CWC@WATER.CA.GOV>

Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:18 AM

To: DWR_CWC_ANNOUNCEMENTS@LISTSERVICE.CNRA.CA.GOV

Subject: California Water Commission - Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs



Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs

As part of the California Water Commission's work assessing a state role in financing conveyance projects, Commission staff will present a [draft white paper](#) containing preliminary findings and conclusions for Commission discussion at the May 19, 2021, [meeting](#).

As directed by the [Water Resilience Portfolio](#), the Commission assessed a state role in financing conveyance projects to meet the needs of a changing climate. The Commission hosted expert presentations at Commission meetings and regional public workshops, and used the information gathered from experts and public stakeholders to inform a white paper describing key issues and findings and conclusions for state policymakers to consider as they weigh the financing options for water conveyance infrastructure. In developing its findings and conclusions, the Commission considered:

- The characteristics of resilient conveyance and how a conveyance project demonstrably contributes to climate resilience.
- The public benefits associated with conveyance projects, which ones the state may want to fund, and how the state might value those benefits.
- Financing mechanisms that project proponents may use to help advance conveyance projects that help meet needs in a changing climate.

Commission staff will incorporate feedback received from the Commission and the public to produce a final draft of the white paper that will be presented to the Commission at the June meeting for approval. The paper focuses on conveyance other than the pending proposal to improve State Water Project conveyance through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

###

The nine-member California Water Commission uses its public forum to explore water management issues from multiple perspectives and to formulate recommendations to advise the director of the California Department of Water Resources, and as appropriate, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Governor and Legislature on ways to improve water planning and management in response to California's changing hydrology. For more information regarding the California Water Commission visit cwc.ca.gov.

Contact: Paul Cambra

(916) 834-3177

paul.cambra@cwc.ca.gov

