



PURPOSE:

- 1** Provide tools for the public to meaningfully navigate and participate in the environmental review process. Help the public better engage in the process and better understand the technical information and how to participate ahead of and after the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- 2** Continue advancement of required planning and regulatory processes, working toward eventual project decision in coordination with the appropriate agencies, key stakeholders and the general public.
- 3** Continue development of the Community Benefits Program that, if the project is approved, would provide local benefits beyond the scope of what is required by the various planning processes, including environmental mitigation, in close coordination with the community.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

► Provide informational resources to help the public review, understand and react to the Draft EIR prior to and after release.

- Online virtual briefings to organizations in the Delta, the Public Water Agency service areas, and statewide
- Present at conferences
- Publication of electronic updates and informational materials, including deep dive and other videos, fact sheets, FAQs, infographics, blogs, interactive online tools, etc.
- Social media, website, print and digital media
- Informational resources will cover general project progress, planning, updates, details, purpose and objectives, and how to participate in the Draft EIR process and what to expect. Information and materials specifically related to reading, understanding and commenting on the Draft EIR will be published in conjunction with the document.
- **Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Community Outreach:**
 - Virtual workshops, briefings and community events regarding proposed project, objectives, project-related impacts and benefits, and upcoming review opportunities
 - Ensure materials are distributed and accessible to EJ/DAC audiences
- **Timing:** ongoing

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/NOTIFICATION

► Provide meaningful opportunities to access public review documents and respond through formal public input processes.

- Formal public review and comment on the Draft EIR in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act
- Provide information and resources to assist in effectively reviewing and commenting on the Draft EIR, including but not limited to webinars, fact sheets, brochures, FAQs and a dedicated website
- Provide opportunities and ways to comment on the document, including via email, mail, website form, public meetings and the multilingual project hotline
- Provide opportunities to ask clarifying questions and request additional information useful in effectively reviewing and commenting on the document
- Notification of document availability through several channels, including legal newspaper notices, letters, eBlasts, flyers, postcards, social media, website and stakeholder/interested party outreach
- Ensure broad distribution, availability and digital access to the document by utilizing the website, flash drives and libraries
- Note selected resources and information will be translated into additional languages
- **Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Community Outreach:**
 - Provide information useful in effectively reviewing and commenting on the Draft EIR
 - Provide opportunities to access the Draft EIR and associated resources, and comment on the document, including digital and print materials and resources, and translators available at public hearings
 - Workshops designed to facilitate EJ/DAC comment on the Draft EIR
- **Timing:** Post-Draft EIR publication/public review period

AGENCY COORDINATION

► Ensure ongoing coordination on permit/planning processes and gain input from expert agencies

- Ongoing collaboration with the various federal and state agencies who serve in a regulatory or advisory capacity
- DWR will continue to engage with agencies for processes already in motion and initiate contact when appropriate for upcoming actions
- **Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Community Outreach:**
 - Consult with agencies to enhance issue identification and implementation of DWR commitments to EJ/DAC communities
- **Timing:** ongoing

PUBLIC OUTREACH

► Proactive outreach to inform and engage.
► Encourage and assist in participation.

- Audiences include but are not limited to local communities, resource-specific in-Delta interests, statewide organizations, service area organizations, Public Water Agency Boards, state and local elected officials and NGOs
- Outreach activities include but are not limited to calls, emails, briefings, presentations, meetings, media, community events and tabling, among others
- Audiences and outreach activities will be adapted and adjusted based on future needs and lessons learned
- **Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Community Outreach:**
 - Continued and proactive engagement with EJ/DAC communities
 - Public participation related to the Draft EIR will be designed to be responsive to EJ-specific needs
 - Incorporate outreach found to be most effective based on the EJ survey (e.g. tabling, food banks, school meal distribution, etc.)
- **Timing:** pre-and-post Draft EIR publication

TRIBAL CONSULTATION AND OUTREACH

► Comply with AB 52.
► Seek input and engagement across all public information and public participation activities program wide.

- Formal consultation through AB 52 and DWR's Tribal Engagement Policy
- Informal outreach and discussions with Tribes and Tribal members through various channels, including larger scale informational sessions and other input/engagement opportunities as requested by Tribes and Tribal members
- Annual Tribal Informational Meeting
- Assist with federal process Tribal outreach, as appropriate
- During the Draft EIR public review period, ensure Tribes are properly notified of document availability, how to access and comment and are given specific opportunities to request additional information and ask questions
- **Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Community Outreach:**
 - Coordination with DWR Tribal Liaison regarding intersection with EJ/DAC outreach, as needed
- **Timing:** ongoing

COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAM

► Continue program development in coordination with the local community by initiating the process to identify and outline implementation approaches.
► Encourage a review and public comments on the Community Benefits Program framework in the Draft EIR.

- Information sharing related to program updates, progress and potential implementation process(es), including events and materials
- Information gathering related to implementation process(es) development, including small group and individual meetings and other identified input mechanisms
- Provide information about program-specific information in the Draft EIR for use in effectively reviewing and commenting on those elements (e.g. Community Benefits Program chapter and draft framework)
- **Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged Community Outreach:**
 - Liaise with EJ/DAC leaders to support approach identified above
 - Ensure active EJ/DAC participation in implementation process development through various channels to provide information and resources, and solicit feedback
- **Timing:** ongoing

