



What People Are Saying

Today the state and federal governments released the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. These documents, along with a summary of what has changed in the documents and additional informational materials can be found [here](http://www.baydeltaconservationplan.com). For more information about the BDCP visit www.baydeltaconservationplan.com. Below are a number of quotes about this release from California stakeholders.

“The release of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Report represents a huge step in securing our state’s water supply for millions of Californians. The Inland Empire Economic Partnership works hard to make sure the Inland Empire is a great place to work, live and invest – and water is crucial to that mission. We are encouraged by this step and encourage the state and federal governments to continue working toward a secure water future for the Inland Empire and all of California.”

**Paul Granillo, Chief Executive Officer
Inland Empire Economic Partnership**

“A safe, secure water supply is absolutely vital to the health, welfare and economy of the San Gabriel Valley and all of Southern California. Unless we protect our water supply, we jeopardize the long-term success of the entire state. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan will secure our water supply for our needs today and for generations to come.”

**Brad Jensen, Director of Public Policy
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership**

“California’s water supply system has become unreliable and needs upgrading for the current and future demands of its residents. Farmers don’t have the water they need to grow food on hundreds of thousands of acres of productive farmland. Consumers face uncertainty when supplies from the Sierras are interrupted. Today’s release of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Draft EIR/EIS is another step toward balancing both water supply reliability and costs for millions of Californians and the farmers that grow our food.

“Reliable water supplies also mean better employment opportunities and economic benefits for California. Millions of jobs, business development and affordable housing are created when we have a reliable water supply. A variety of safe, affordable food comes from local farms. Without dependable water supplies, the food we buy will have to be sourced from other states or other countries that don’t have the same strict pesticide and worker safety laws we rely on here in California.”

**Mike Wade, Executive Director
California Farm Water Coalition**



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“On average, 55 percent of our county’s water supply now comes from Sierra Nevada watersheds, most of it through the Delta; the health of the Delta is of vital concern to Santa Clara County.

“The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is not a magic bullet, but it is aimed at addressing many complicated and long-standing issues -- restoring the reliability of imported supplies and contributing to a comprehensive, long-term plan for recovery of 56 threatened and endangered species that depend on the Delta.

“As we continue a transparent process to evaluate the Bay Delta Conservation Plan’s components and analyze costs and benefits to the Silicon Valley, we must also reflect on the costs of doing something different and the costs of doing nothing.”

**Beau Goldie, CEO
Santa Clara Valley Water District**

“We at the Desert Water Agency are committed to providing a safe, reliable water supply to the area we serve. The recent release of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Report is an important step in protecting our interests in the State Water Project and fulfilling our commitment to our customers. We look forward to seeing this process continue and eventually securing a more reliable water system for millions of Californians.”

**David K. Luker, General Manager
Desert Water Agency**

“California’s business community directly benefits from a safe, secure water supply. The release of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan illustrates that the state and federal governments are committed to working toward achieving such a supply for our state. Industries across California, including here in the San Fernando Valley, need water to thrive and we applaud the progress being made for California’s water future.”

**Stuart Waldman, President
Valley Industry and Commerce Association**

“Water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is vital to the well-being of businesses here in the South Bay. That is why the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is crucial to our region’s future. We continue to support the efforts being made to provide a more reliable source of water for our state – we all depend on it.”

**Donna Duperron, Board Chair
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce**

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“The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is the comprehensive and long-term focus that has been missing to address California’s decades old water challenges. While we continue to focus on conservation and broadening local water supply sources, we are keenly aware of the importance of the co-equal goals of providing a more reliable and sustainable water supply to California and restoring and enhancing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem. We are pleased to see the process continue.”

**Ron Davis, General Manager
Burbank Water and Power**

“The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is our best chance to improve California’s water supply reliability and the health of the Delta, but comes with a large price tag. The Kern County Water Agency and its Member Units will need to confirm affordability, water yield and related assurances.

“There is a possibility that the Bay Delta Conservation Plan could relieve water supply shortages. This year the initial State Water Project allocation is just 5 percent, yet State Water Project contractors are contractually obligated to pay 100 percent for its entire State Water Project allocation of water. The Kern County Water Agency is committed to thoroughly examining this BDCP draft to fully understand whether it can mitigate the current unbalanced ratio of cost to water supplies for water districts in our area.”

**Ted Page, Board of Directors President
Kern County Water Agency**

“An important conversation about California water management and the real-life choices we face begins in earnest. The basics of a Delta solution are now on the table, with a full vetting of numerous alternatives. This is both a milestone and a reminder that the status-quo in the Delta is unacceptable for both the environment and the California economy. Metropolitan is grateful that the Brown and Obama administrations have advanced this process to a formal public draft which initiates the official 120-day comment period this Friday. Metropolitan pledges to work collaboratively with the administrations, fellow public water agencies and other key stakeholders to craft a final plan that addresses the co-equal goals enacted by the 2009 Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act legislation: restoring water supply reliability and enhancing the Delta ecosystem.”

**Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**



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“At Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, we know the importance of a safe, secure water supply. That is why we are pleased to see the release of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the associated Environmental Impact Report. This release is an important milestone in the process to ensure that California protects this water supply for the 25 million Californians that depend on it – including the residents we serve who rely on it for all of their drinking water. We look forward to seeing this process continue and to a more reliable water supply for the future.”

**David W. Pedersen, P.E., General Manager
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District**

“We should never lose sight of the role water plays in the health and well-being of the business community. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the important steps made in continuing this process are critical to moving California toward a more reliable and sustainable water system. These steps are also necessary to ensure a healthy economic outlook for Burbank businesses and residents and the millions of other Californians that rely on this water.”

**Gary Olson, President and CEO
Burbank Chamber of Commerce**

“The Inland Empire’s economic development and success is directly linked to a reliable and secure water supply – something that is currently lacking. However, the release of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the Environmental Impact Report moves our state in the right direction. We encourage the state and federal governments to stay the course and continue striving for a reliable and secure water supply for the Inland Empire and all of California.”

**Deborah Barmack, Executive Director
Inland Action Committee**

“All of us at the Coachella Valley Water District have been making every drop count since 1918 and continue to do just that by supporting the Bay Delta Conservation Plan process. The release of the public draft of the plan and the Environmental Impact Report are important steps in that process. Coachella Valley residents, like two-out-of-three Californians, are reliant on the water in the Delta and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan will ensure it is safe for generations to come.”

**Jim Barrett, General Manager
Coachella Valley Water District**



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“The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is crucial to securing the water supply for 25 million Californians, including the cities we serve at the Las Virgenes – Malibu Council of Governments. Having a reliable water supply is absolutely critical to our communities and businesses. We encourage the state and federal governments to continue with this process so steps continue to be taken to ensure our water supply is safe, secure and reliable.”

**Stuart Siegel, President
Las Virgenes – Malibu Council of Governments**

"We must take action to secure sustainable water supplies for California's cities. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is a responsible solution to achieve this goal. It protects the hub of our State's water supply system - the Bay Delta - from natural disasters and ensures reliable, affordable water for communities across the state. As a result, our quality of life and local economies can continue to thrive, and vital water supplies can be secured for our communities now and into the future."

**Lacy Kelly, Chief Executive Officer
Association of California Cities – Orange County**

“25 million Californians, millions of acres of farmland and countless businesses across the state depend on the Delta for water. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is an important step in shoring up this water supply source. It is important to the region we serve, that a plan is being crafted to protect this water for the future. We hope that everyone will review this public draft of the Plan and learn that California’s water supply is a resource that serves the entire state and it is in need of maintenance and upgrades”.

**Rick Hansen, General Manager
Three Valleys Municipal Water District**

“It is critical to our region’s future that we have a secure water supply in the Delta. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is pursuing a path that will provide this security for Western Riverside County and millions of other Californians. Ensuring this important element of our water supply will be around for the future is in all of our interests.”

**Jeff Stone, Executive Committee Chair
Western Riverside Council of Governments**



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“Eastern Municipal Water District relies on water that travels through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta which is why we are encouraged to see the progress made with the release of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The current antiquated system of levees should no longer be trusted to protect the drinking water for so many Californians. The time is now to update California’s water supply system.”

**Paul D. Jones II, General Manager
Eastern Municipal Water District**

“The release of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Report is an important step forward in securing the water supply for so many California businesses and residents. For too long one of our most precious natural resources has been protected by 100-year-old levees. We must update the system with today’s technology to ensure a safe, secure water supply for the future.”

**Jennifer Wells, Board President
Chambers of Commerce Alliance – Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties**

“The importance of water to the Los Angeles community is no secret. A safe and adequate supply of water is vital to ensuring a robust business community here, and throughout the state. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is being crafted to do just that and make sure businesses can continue operating knowing that the water being ushered through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is protected.”

**President, Mary Leslie
Los Angeles Business Council**

"The water supply system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is in dire need of an update. The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is critical to doing this and protecting the water supply. We support the work that has been done to develop this document and look forward to the opportunity to thoroughly review it in order to identify a long-term solution for the Delta."

**Executive Director, Andrea Miller
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**

“Water is crucial to maintaining Orange County’s excellent quality of life. An important element of our water supply comes from the vulnerable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and that is why we are excited to see the progress being made with the release of the public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. This plan will ensure this major water supply source is made safe and reliable for the future.”

**Lucy Dunn, President & Chief Executive Officer
Orange County Business Council**

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