



# Delta Conveyance Project Quote Sheet

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## Alameda County Water District (ACWD)

“The state’s existing water storage and delivery infrastructure, the State Water Project, and the planned Delta Conveyance Project are important components of the water system that is vital to ACWD’s customers and millions of Californians, now and for generations to come. The Delta Conveyance Project is a significant step toward a more resilient and prosperous future for all Californians.”

— *Paul Sethy, Alameda County Water District Board President*

“Long-term water supply planning is crucial for sustainable water management in California. The state’s water supply is vulnerable to climate change, drought, sea level rise and seismic events. Imported supplies from the State Water Project and enhanced reliability that will come with the Delta Conveyance Project help safeguard the state’s water, assisting agencies in meeting our customers’ demands.”

— *Laura Hidas, Director of Water Resources, Alameda County Water District*

“The Delta Conveyance Project is a critical step in modernizing a water delivery system that 27 million Californians rely on, including Alameda County Water District’s customers. For 60 years, the State Water Project has served us well and advancing the DCP will enhance the water supply reliability our state needs as we face more extreme shifts in weather and changing climate.”

— *Ed Stevenson, General Manager, Alameda County Water District*

## Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)

“We applaud the release of the Delta Conveyance Project’s Final EIR, which represents a significant milestone in modernizing our water infrastructure. Water delivered through the State Water Project has been instrumental to the state’s economic growth since the 1960s when the initial State Water contracts were signed, which helped propel California to fifth place in the global economy. However, dramatic swings in climate patterns have shown significant investments are needed to modernize the infrastructure to cope with the challenges of 21st-century water management. We look forward to the certification of the FEIR to help secure California’s water future.”

— *Robert Cheng, General Manager for CVWD and Board President of the State Water Contractors*

## Desert Water Agency

“Sustainability demands an all-of-the-above approach. Investing in the Delta Conveyance Project is one thing we are doing in California to make our communities more sustainable as well as providing a more reliable and resilient source of water in the future, in the event of disruptions such as earthquakes. We are excited that the project is in this phase and look forward to seeing it built and serving California.”

— *Paul Ortega, Board President, Desert Water Agency*

“Just like we maintain and upgrade our groundwater wells and water mains, we must invest in maintaining the State Water Project’s aging infrastructure. Having a functional statewide system is critical to helping our desert community weather climate extremes.”

— *Steve Johnson, Assistant General Manager, Desert Water Agency*

## Kern County Water Agency (KCWA)

“The Delta Conveyance project provides a modernization of the State Water Project. The State Water Project is a fundamental piece of infrastructure for the economy of Kern County and the food supply for the Nation. Modernization of the State Water Project will improve the reliability of water delivery by capturing, moving and storing water to make the most of large storm events.”

— *Martin Milobar, Director for Kern County Water Agency and Director for the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority*

## Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

“Today marks a significant milestone in our state’s effort to address the impacts that climate change is exacting on California’s water supply. The recent drought was a powerful indicator of just how vulnerable the State Water Project is – deliveries were so low last year that some Southern California communities could only get a fraction of the water they normally rely on. Preventing this from happening again will take bold action and a clear recognition of the challenges we face.”

Metropolitan is taking steps to reduce its reliance on the Delta, through increased conservation, water recycling and storage. Still, the water imported through the State Water Project will always be an essential component of Southern California’s supply. Ensuring its future reliability must be consistent with the state’s coequal goal of ecosystem restoration for the Delta. The finalization of the DCP EIR, along with a comprehensive mitigation plan, will help make sure the actions we take to protect our water supply are done in an environmentally responsible way.”

— *Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager, MWD*

## Mojave Water Agency (MWA)

“The Delta Conveyance Project isn’t about access to additional water. This project supports the investments we have already made in imported water, making its delivery to our region more resilient.”

— *Adnan Anabtawi, General Manager, MWA*

“Mojave Water Agency’s options for replenishing our groundwater are limited. For example, because we are non-coastal, desalination is cost-prohibitive. This makes imported water not only vital, but our only affordable option to replace the water we need for our communities.”

— *Mike Page, Board of Directors, MWA*

## Palmdale Water District (PWD)

“Palmdale Water District receives about 55% of its water supply annually from the State Water Project to meet the needs of its customers. We are reliant on the Delta to get those water deliveries to Lake Palmdale. Without a strong infrastructure at the Delta, disruptions would prove to be disastrous. We want to see the Delta Conveyance Project completed.”

— *Dennis D. LaMoreaux, General Manager, PWD*

“It is critical that water infrastructure in the Delta is improved to ensure the future availability of water in Palmdale and its surrounding communities. We support the Delta Conveyance Project and its plan to modernize the infrastructure in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. It’s important to have the foresight to plan accordingly so that the state’s water delivery system is improved and maintained for future generations.”

— *Don Wilson, Board President, PWD*

## San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District

“By modernizing and improving the conveyance system, the Delta Conveyance Project helps safeguard against disruptions in water delivery, mitigating the risks associated with challenging climate patterns and earthquakes which could lead to levee failure in the delta. This project is vital for securing a more consistent and dependable water supply for the needs of the San Gabriel Valley, fostering the region’s economic stability and long-term health.”

— *Darin Kasamoto, General Manager for San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District*

## Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water)

“It is important to recognize the essential role played by water sourced from the State Water Project in the overall supply portfolio that sustains our community. The State Water Project is a significant ongoing investment our community has made over decades. The Delta Conveyance Project further reinforces this lifeline, and in conjunction with water storage and banking investments offers critical support during dry periods in our Valley. These vital initiatives ensure a reliable and resilient water supply, safeguarding our future and providing for the well-being of the people we serve in the Santa Clarita Valley. In the intricate dance of water management, these projects are the choreography that keeps our community flourishing and thriving.”

— *Matt Stone, General Manager, SCV Water*

## Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)

“Santa Clara County relies on water imported through the Delta’s aging infrastructure. We could lose this water supply because of sea level rise or levee failures due to earthquakes or flooding. The Delta Conveyance Project will protect and maintain these imported water supplies that are vital to Silicon Valley’s economy and will create 5,000 jobs for our region.”

— *David Bini, Executive Director, Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council*

“Amid the intensified storms and prolonged droughts of climate change, water supply reliability is more critical than ever. To address these challenges, Valley Water is expanding recycled water, stormwater capture, and groundwater recharge, but the Delta Conveyance Project is needed to protect our low-cost imported supplies and keep water affordable for our disadvantaged communities.”

— *John L. Varela, Valley Water Board Member*

## Zone 7 Water Agency

“The Delta Conveyance Project is vital as an integral part of the future of California’s water infrastructure. The Project will not only serve the Bay Area in water resilience in light of climate extremes, it will be an important part of serving over 27 million Californians and California agriculture.”

— *Sarah Palmer, Director, Zone 7 Water Agency*

“The State Water Project is vital to our community as it provides 70% of the water supply used to enhance the quality of life, economic vitality and environmental health to our region. The Delta Conveyance Project will modernize the State Water Project and ensure water supply reliability.”

— *Valerie Pryor, General Manager, Zone 7 Water Agency*