

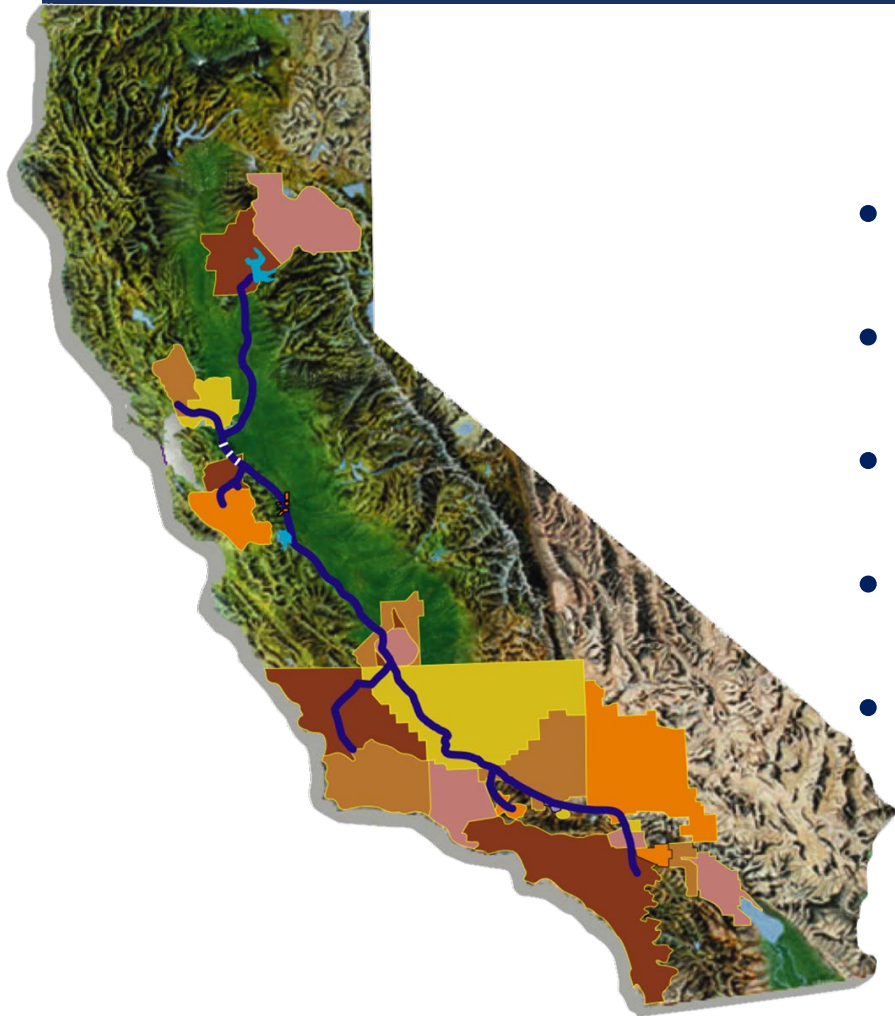
UPDATE ON STATE WATER CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES

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THE “STATE WATER CONTRACTORS”



- Distinct from individual SWP contractors
- Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporation
- Membership open to all Contractors
- 27 of 29 Contractors represented
- Board of Directors (San Gorgonio represented by 2 Board members)

STATE WATER CONTRACTORS APPROACH

- Limited Staff (9)
- “Translate” to/from DWR
- Emphasis on leveraging staff efforts through working with DWR
- Eyes, ears, mouth of the SWP contractors
- Work with DWR staff and executives



6 STATE WATER CONTRACTOR OBJECTIVE AREAS

- Business Practices
- **Energy**
- Infrastructure
- Outreach
- Science
- **Water Supply**



Addressing Affordability

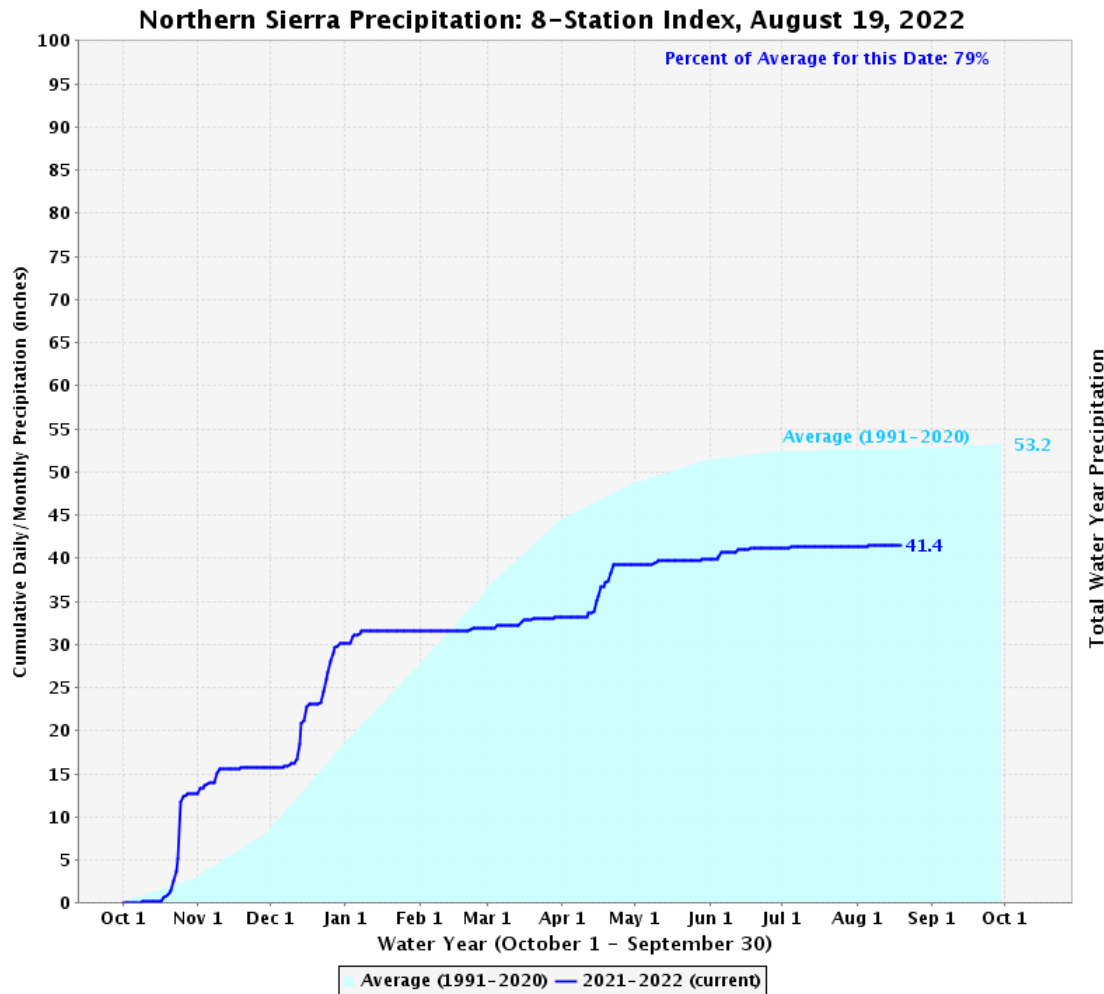
- Increase supply, including reliability
 - Climate-responsive operational rules
 - Delta Conveyance Project
 - Conveyance repairs
 - Increased storage capacity
- Managing costs
 - DWR asset management and planning
 - Appropriate statewide investment for public benefits
 - Efficient planning and permitting
 - Ensuring increasing energy costs are not solely placed on water users

ENERGY

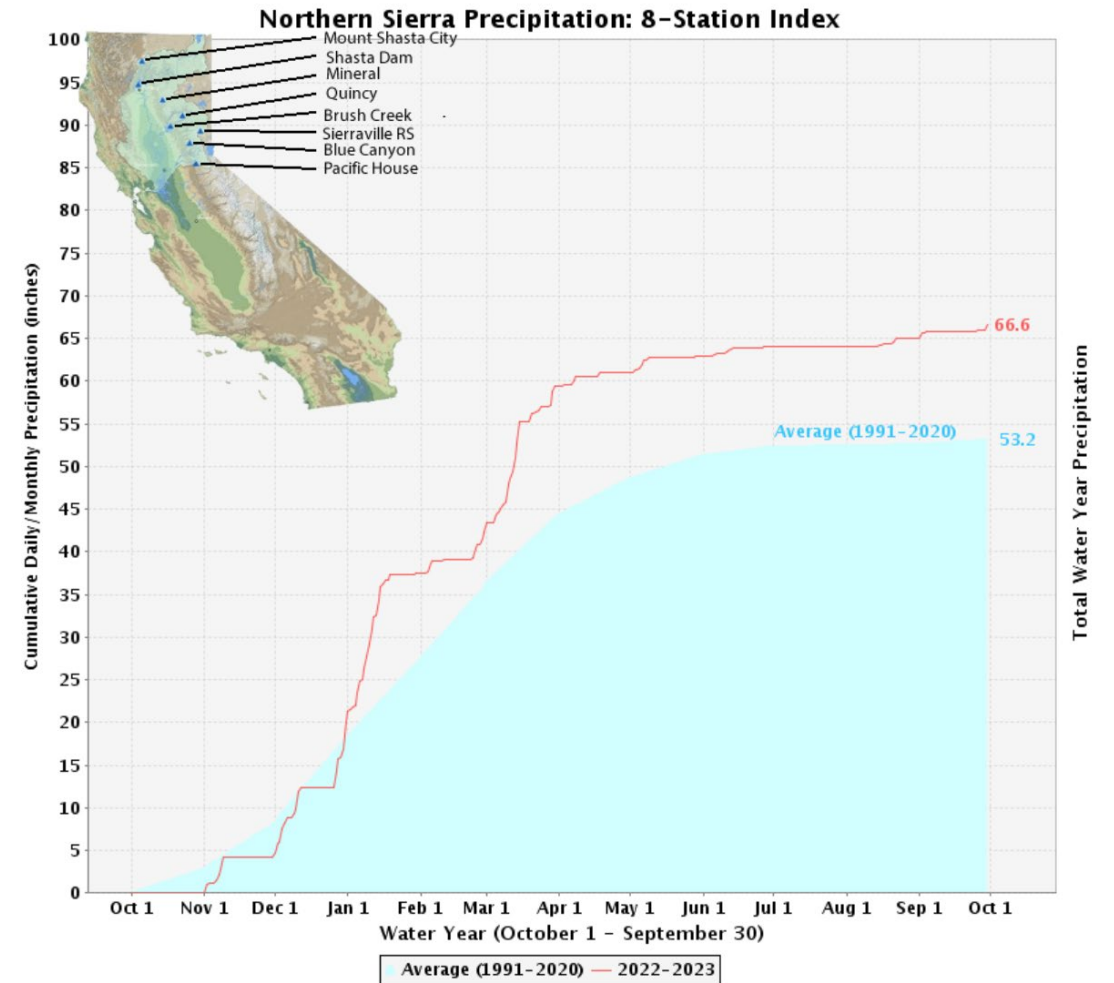
- Need to meet 100% renewable by 2035 (SB 1020)
- Energy Roadmap
- How does SWP support electrification?
- FERC Relicensing- Oroville and SoCal facilities
- Tracking Rate Cases



2021-22 Drought Year



2022-23 Wet Year



Prominent stair step patterns - need to take water when available for storage when it's not.

WATER SUPPLY



- Federal ESA Biological Opinion Litigation and Reconsultation
- State ESA incidental take permit
- Voluntary Agreement Framework
 - Could resolve litigation issues
- Delta Conveyance
- Increased monitoring/science for south Delta operations

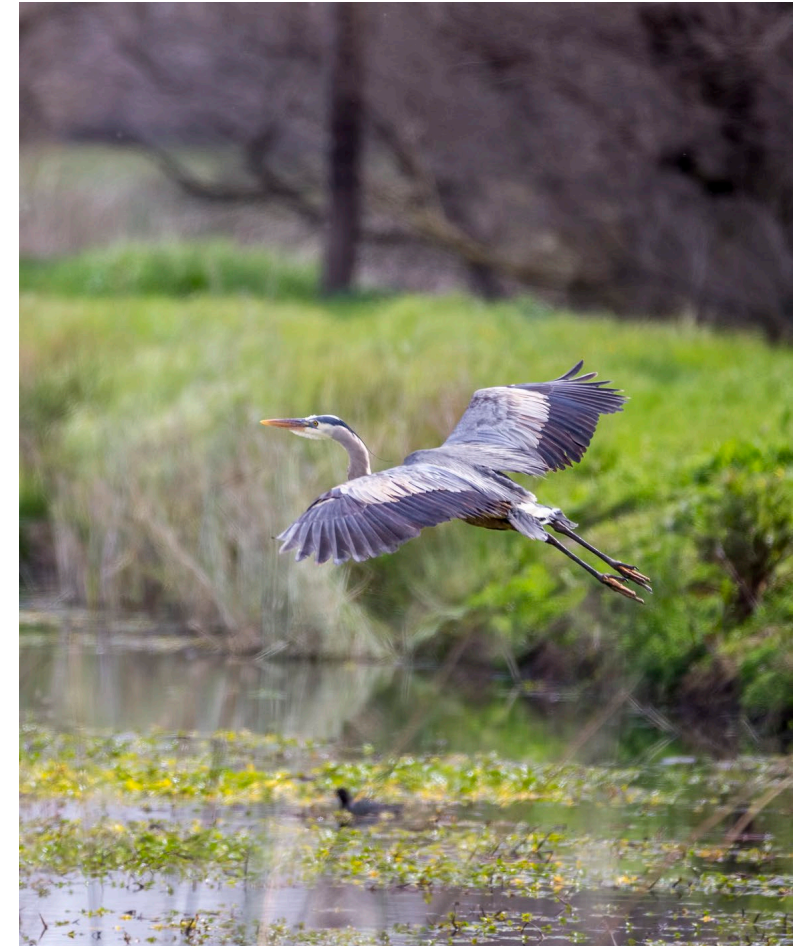
NEW ESA AND CESA PERMITS (RECONSULTATION)



- CVP/SWP proposed operations include the reduced Delta diversions proposed under the Voluntary Agreement
- Criteria for:
 - Cold water pool
 - Entrainment risk reduction
 - Monitoring and adaptive management
 - Mitigation actions
- Operations consistent between DWR and Reclamation proposals (Biological Assessment and ITP Application)
- Cost sharing consistent between CVP and SWP
- Total costs of ITP reduced by more than \$75M over 10-year permit

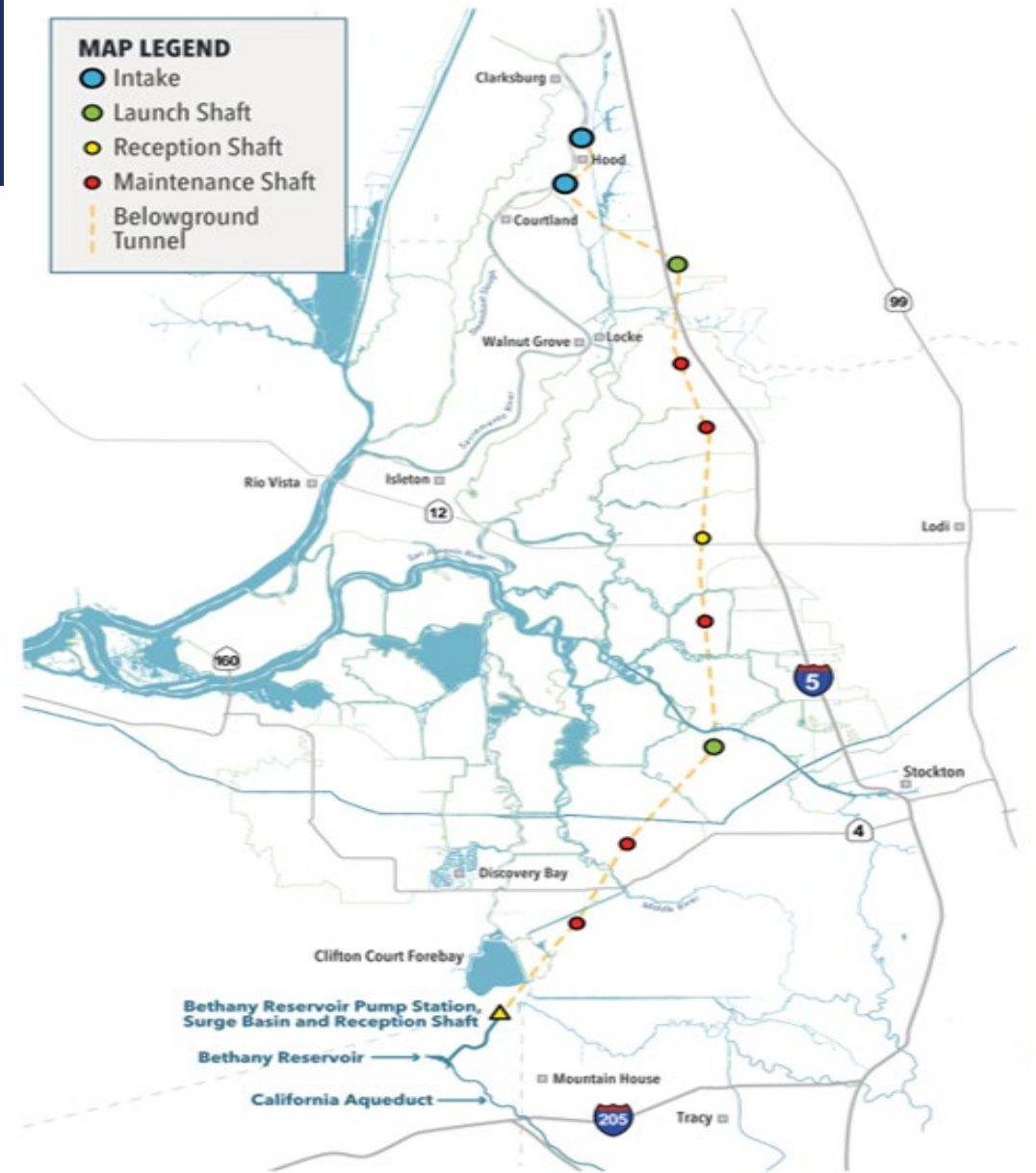
HEALTHY RIVERS AND LANDSCAPES

- SWB is Updating the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan
- Governor and Water Agency have proposed Healthy Rivers and Landscapes
- SWB is currently in CEQA process
- Information development by VA parties
 - Science program
 - Legal agreements
 - Accounting mechanism
 - Governance document
- Integration with Phase I VA parties
- Tribal and NGO engagement
- Decision expected in 2025



DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT

- CEQA litigation
- Water rights change in point of diversion
- Settlement agreements
- ESA/CESA permits
- Delta Stewardship Council consistency determination
- Continued project design



OVERALL 2024/25 PRIORITIES

Improved financial
tracking and
understanding;
AFFORDABILITY

Resolution of
environmental
litigation/proceeding
with Agreements to
Support Health Rivers

Energy Transition
Strategy

Continued science and
research engagement

Delta Conveyance
planning

SWP Storage

Continue public
outreach on SWP
priorities



QUESTIONS?