



Delta Conveyance Project Update

July 2026

Project Milestones Q2 2026



Federal Endangered Species Act review completed for project construction activities



Delta Stewardship Council remanded only two topics; denied all other appeals of Delta Plan consistency determination



Geotechnical field investigations launched to support engineering and design advancement



Upgraded Document Library on DCA Website with latest materials



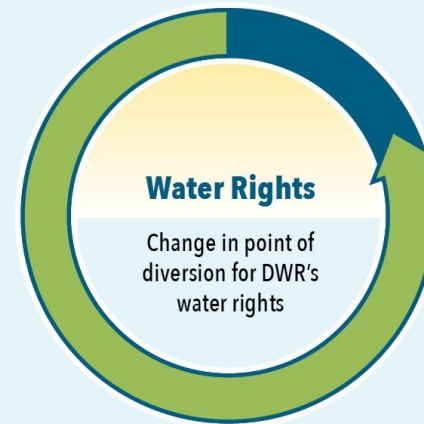
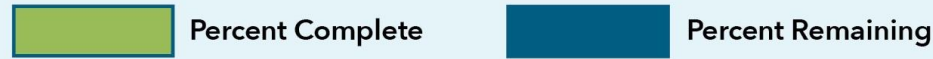
Basis of Design Report and Class 3 Cost Estimate remain on track for mid-2027



Planning & Permitting Progress

NEW

**Endangered Species Act
Permitting
Now Completed**



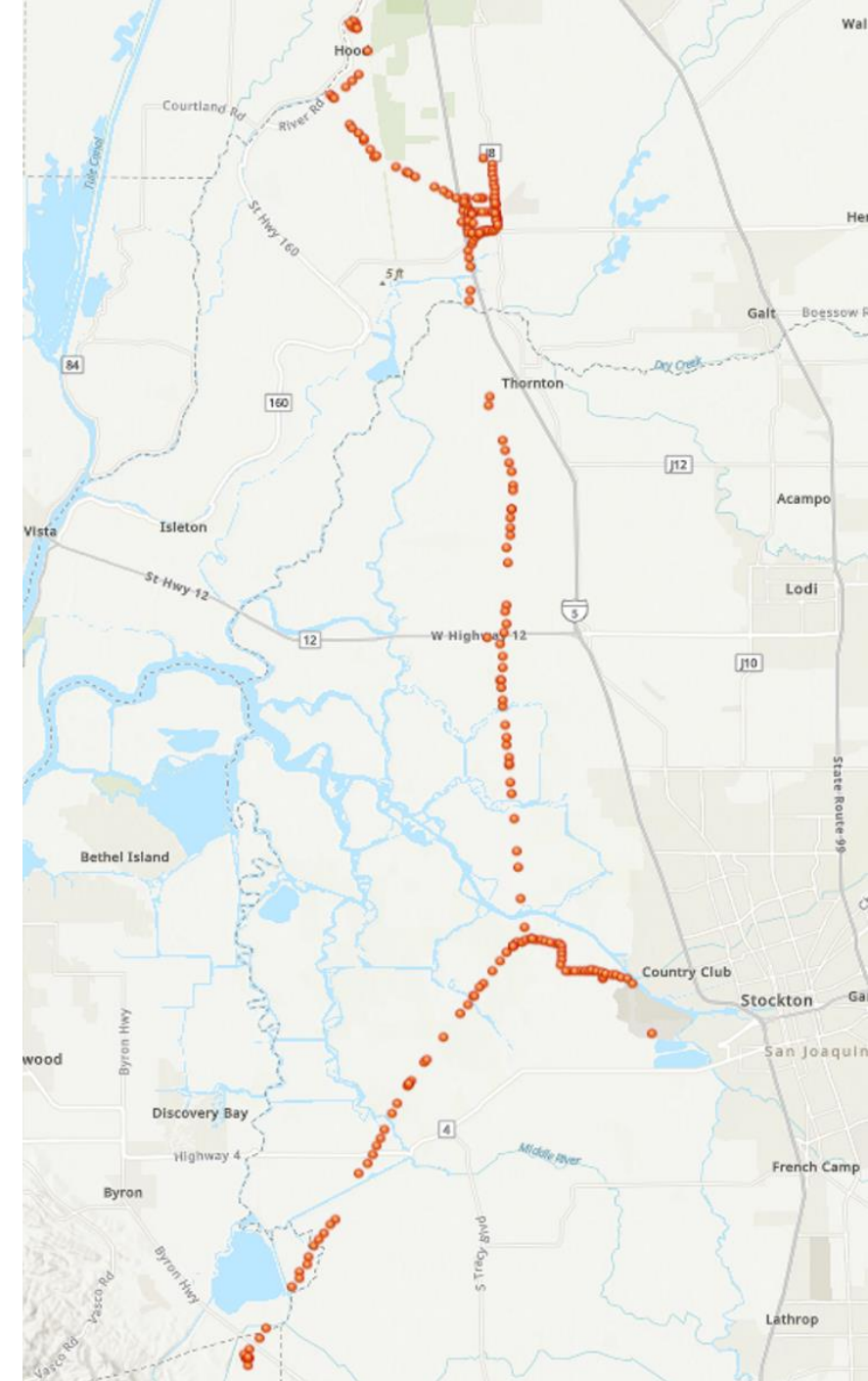
2026 Geotechnical Work

Purpose of Investigations

- Determine composition, location, and soil properties along the DCP alignment
- Provide geotechnical and environmental data to further project design
- Update geologic models

Plan and Schedule

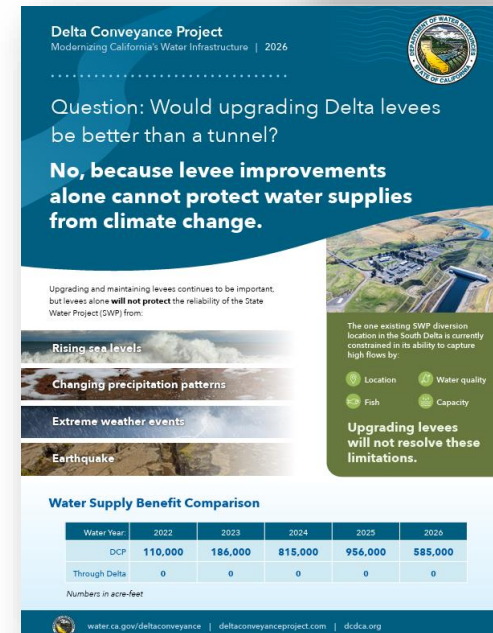
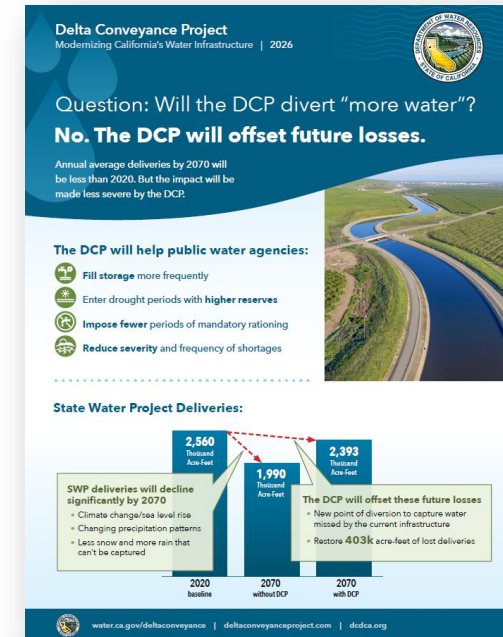
- 121 explorations scheduled, incorporating various constraints; air quality, property access, harvest, biological etc.
- Work to be completed between June and November 2026



Infographics: Frequently Asked Questions

DWR has developed a series of infographics addressing common questions about the DCP. Topics include:

- Levee improvements and the DCP work together
- DCP will protect future State Water Project deliveries
- Efforts to minimize local project impacts



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Would upgrading Delta levees be better than a tunnel?

A: No. Levee improvements alone cannot protect water supplies from climate change.

- Levees remain important for the continued operation of existing South Delta facilities, but do not address all risks facing the State Water Project.
- Rising sea levels, changing precipitation patterns, extreme weather and earthquakes continue to threaten water supply reliability.
- The South Delta diversion remains constrained by location, water quality, fish protections and capacity limitations.

Water Supply Benefit Comparison

Water Year:	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
DCP	110,000	186,000	815,000	956,000	585,000
Through Delta	0	0	0	0	0

Numbers in acre-feet.

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Infographic
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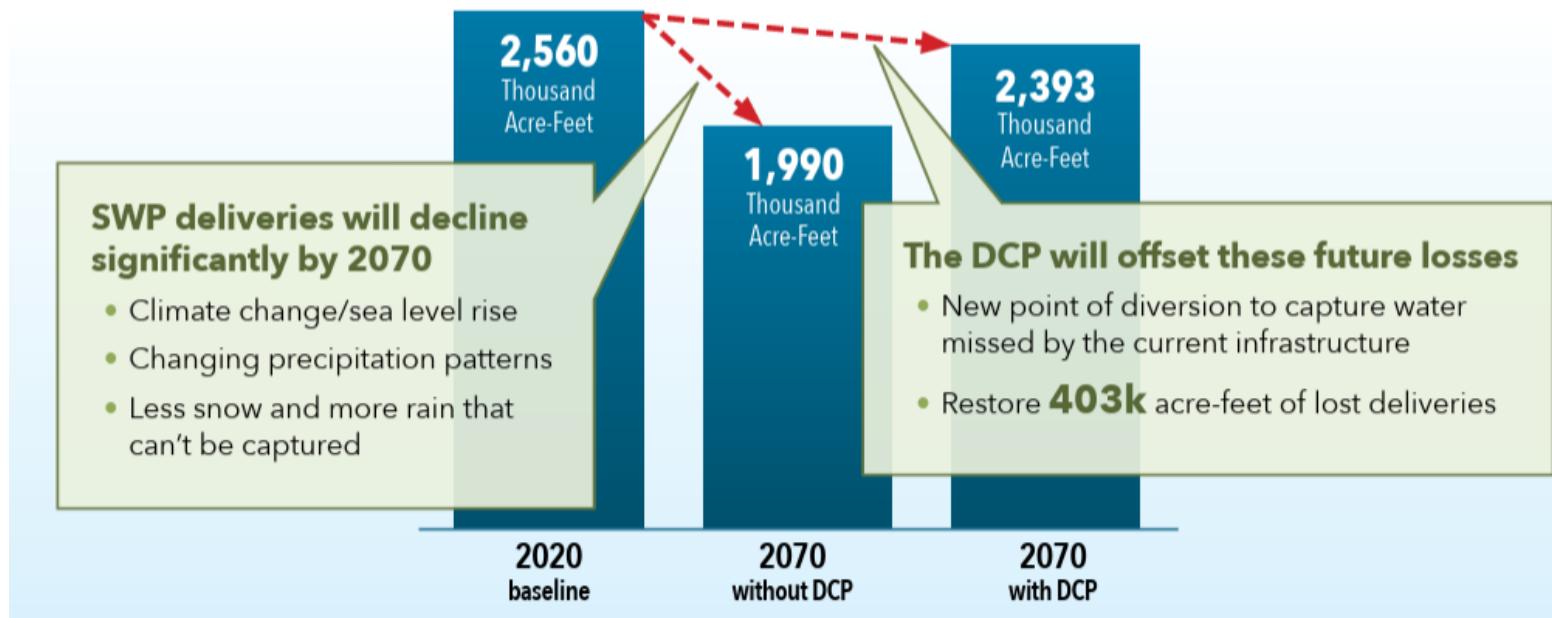
Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Will the DCP divert "more water"?

A: No. The DCP will offset future losses by capturing water during high-flow periods that would otherwise be missed through the existing State Water Project system.

State Water Project Deliveries:



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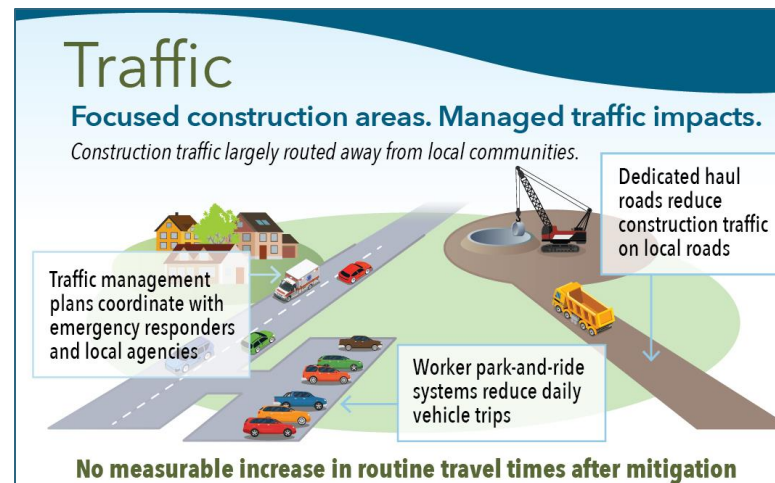
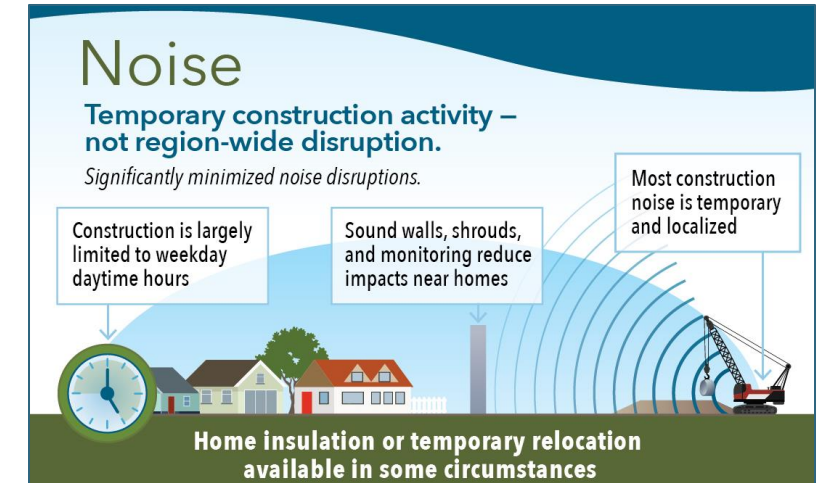
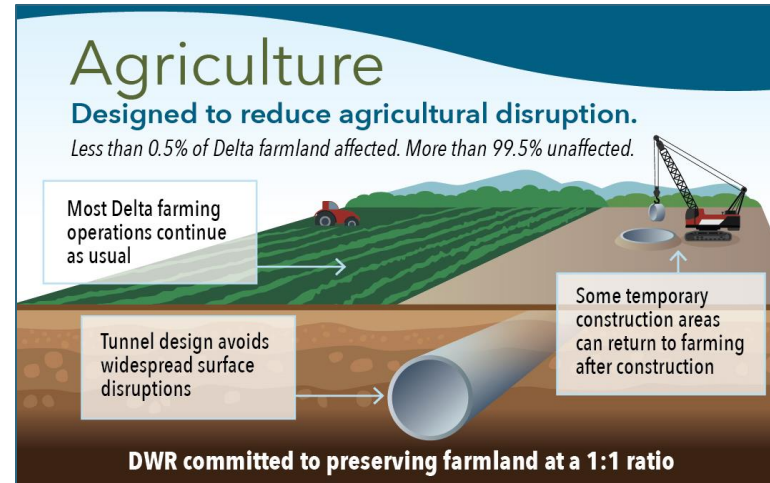
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Q: What are the local effects of the project?

A: DCP engineering, design and mitigation minimize or entirely avoid local impacts.

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Next Steps FY 26/27: Maintain Progress

Secure key remaining permits related to water rights and Delta Plan consistency

Continue evaluation of design and construction refinements to improve constructability and manage costs and risks

Update cost and economic evaluations, address project affordability considerations and develop finance plan for implementation

Disciplined, robust communications program that conveys sustained momentum toward implementation

Ensure PWA boards receive the precise information and data necessary to support informed implementation votes



The State Water Project & The Delta Conveyance Project

The State Water Project

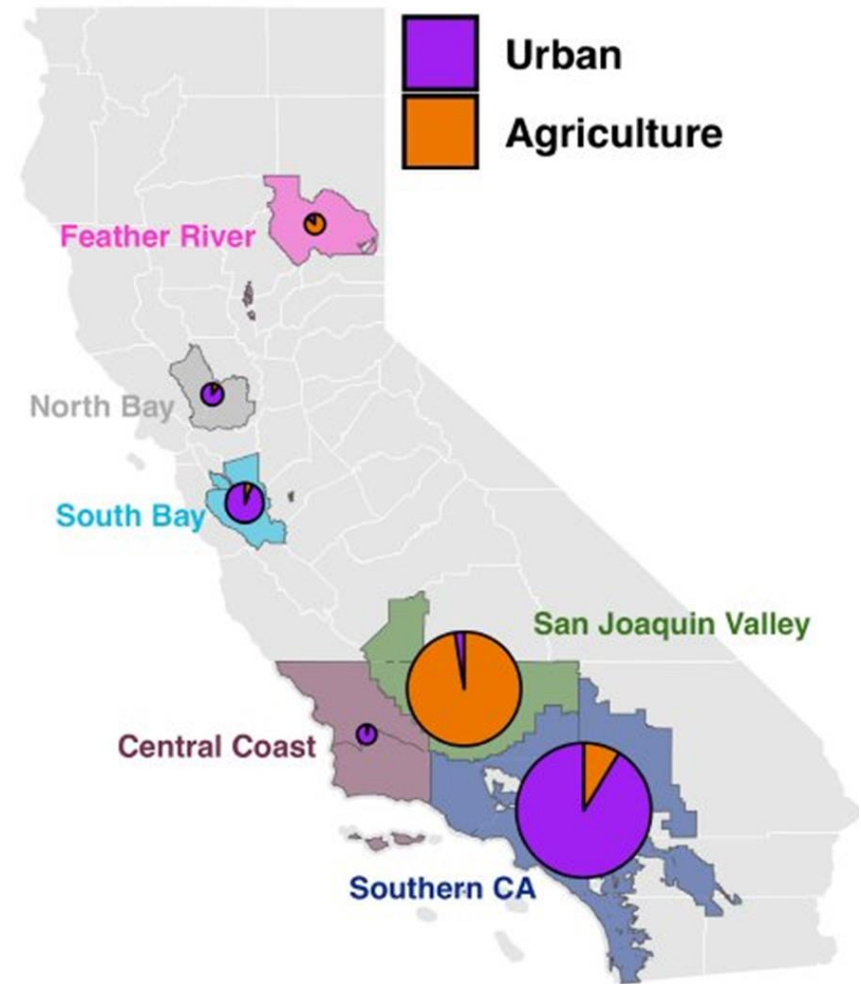
- Serves 27 million Californians
- Delivers ~2.6 MAF annually
- Critical to urban and agricultural economies

Increasing Risk

- Climate-driven “weather whiplash”
- More extreme drought and flood cycles
- Seismic and sea level vulnerability

How Would DCP Help

- Adds North Delta intakes
- Captures high winter flows
- Modernizes aging infrastructure
- Protects long-term reliability



Missed Opportunities

(Updated May 2026)

If the DCP was operational over the past five winters, a significant amount of water could have been captured and moved.

Amount of water that could have been captured.*

That's enough water to supply:

Water Year
2022

110,000
acre-feet

Over 1.1 Million
people for one year

Over 385,000
households for one year

Water Year
2023

186,000
acre-feet

Nearly 2 Million
people for one year

Over 650,000
households for one year

Water Year
2024

815,000
acre-feet

Over 8.5 Million
people for one year

Over 2.8 Million
households for one year

Water Year
2025

956,000
acre-feet

Over 10 Million
people for one year

Over 3.3 Million
households for one year

Water Year
2026

585,000
acre-feet

Over 6.3 Million
people for one year

Over 2.1 Million
households for one year

OR

(Oct 1, 2025 – May 28, 2026)



*Estimates have been updated to reflect the Incidental Take Permit.

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Delta Conveyance Project Overview

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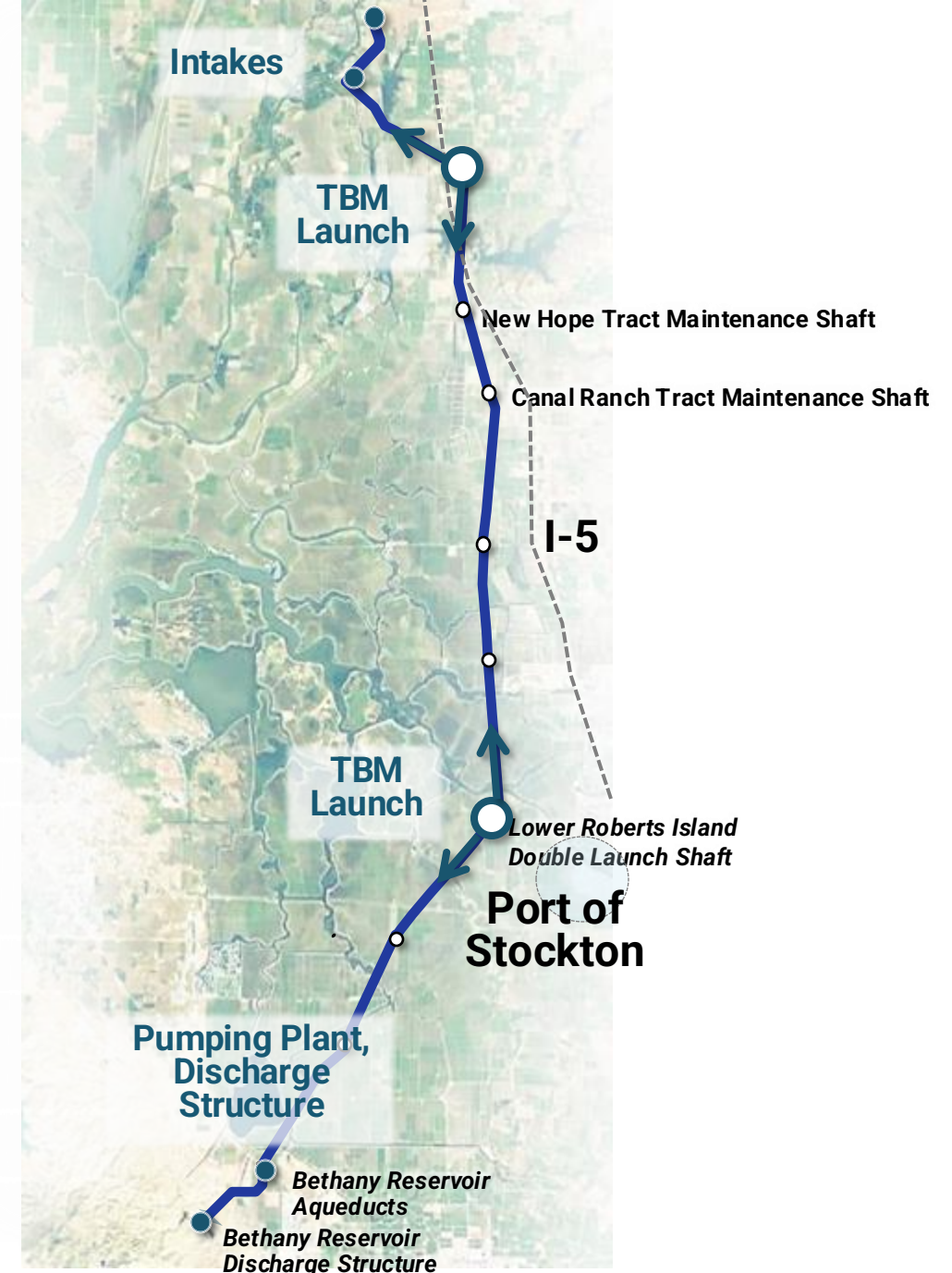
DCP Alignment – A Very Different Project

Bethany Reservoir Alignment – 6,000 cfs (~10% design)

- Two (2) new intakes in the North Delta
- Conveyance tunnel: 45 miles of 36-ft ID single tunnel, 11 shafts
- New pumping plant, aqueducts and discharge structure connecting directly to Bethany Reservoir

Project developed to reduce impacts:

- Focused on siting major facilities, understanding local traffic conditions, and reducing construction effects
- Smaller footprint – considered ways to minimize noise, traffic, power needs, aesthetic effects, boating and waterway effects, and land disturbance
- Route avoids heart of the Delta





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DELTA CONVEYANCE DESIGN
& CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

