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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

DCC	Delta Cross Channel
EA	Environmental Assessment
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
Reclamation	U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation

## 1.0 Public Review Period

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Project (CGB-ED-2025-068). This report documents the public review process and comments that were received on the EA. Reclamation released the Draft EA on June 23, 2025, for a 30-day public review which closed on July 23, 2025.

This document provides a summary of the five public comments that were received by commenters on the EA. Table B-1 lists the comments that were received during public review of the Draft EA. Attachment A – Public Review Comments include copies of all comment letters that were received, organized in chronological order.

**Table B–1. Comments Received During Review Period**

Date Received	Commenter	Commentor Affiliation
July 10, 2025	Delta Stewardship Council	State Agency
July 23, 2025	California Department of Parks and Recreation	State Agency
July 23,2025	East Bay Municipal Utility District	Public Utility
July 23, 2025	Soluri Meserve on behalf of Local Agencies of the North Delta (LAND)	Non-Governmental Organization
July 24, 2025*	Delta Watermaster, State Water Resources Control Board	State Agency
July 29, 2025*	Delta Protection Commission	State Agency

\*Note: Although comments from the State Water Resources Control Board and Delta Protection Commission were received after the close of public comment period, their comments were considered in revisions to the Environmental Assessment responses to their comments are provided in Attachment A.

In accordance with U.S. Department of the Interior’s Handbook of National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (issued June 30, 2025), Reclamation has addressed substantive comments that were received via modifications to the EA, where necessary. Reclamation has also acknowledged all comments received, including those that were received after the close of the public comment period.

Table B-2 provides a summary of the comments and the method by which Reclamation addressed the comment. Explanations are provided for comments that do not warrant further response, or do not result in revisions to the EA. Comment themes were focused on: support for the project and the continued use of the Delta Cross Channel (DCC) gate facility to manage water quality and protect water supply; coordination with State Parks and consideration of additional recreational opportunities within and around the Proposed Action area; constructability within the indicated timeframe; and other potential improvements that did not

meet the purpose and need and were, therefore, not considered as part of the Proposed Action (e.g., non-physical fish barrier, installation of public signage and increased parking improvements).

**Table B–2. Comment Summary and Responses**

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comment
Delta Stewardship Council	<p>Council staff is interested in the Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Project because improving water quality in the Delta is a component of the coequal goals as defined in the Delta Reform Act (Wat. Code, §§ 85020, subd. (e), 85054.) and is necessary to provide a reliable water supply. The continued operation of the DCC gates can improve water quality in the central and south Delta, reduce salinity intrusion into the west Delta, and protect the water supply in these regions.</p> <p>Also, protecting and enhancing recreational opportunities in the Delta is inherent in the coequal goals. (Wat. Code, § 85020, subd. (b).) Council staff appreciates the inclusion of a new public access ramp that supports recreation and Reclamation’s willingness to provide additional recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Council staff believes the DCC gates are a piece of critical infrastructure and supports their continued maintenance and operation.</p>	<p>Reclamation appreciates the Delta Stewardship Council’s support of the project.</p> <p>This does not result in any changes to EA.</p>
CA State Parks	<p>The proposed project will occur adjacent to State Parks’ Delta Meadows property, and the designated project area includes utility and public road easements held by State Parks over APNs 146-0160-044 and 146-0160-043.</p> <p>The EA identifies the Proposed Action Area on page 1-3, and states that “The area evaluated for the Proposed Action consists of assessor’s parcel numbers 146-0160-021, 146-0150-001, 146-0150-006, 146-0150-010, 146-0160-022, and 1460150-009.”</p> <p>This leaves off the two key parcels in which much of the upland work will occur and over which State Parks holds two easements—APNs 146-0160-044 and 146-0160-043. State Parks would like to see these parcels explicitly included in the evaluation, particularly as they are such a critical part of the proposed project.</p>	<p>The two parcels mentioned were evaluated, however, were inadvertently omitted from the APN list. The EA and Appendix A have been revised to add the two APNs noted, 146-0160-044 and 146-0160-043.</p> <p>Revisions to the EA are as follows:</p> <p><i>“The area evaluated for the Proposed Action consists of assessor’s parcel numbers 146-0160-021, 146-0150-001, 146-0150-006, 146-0150-010, 146-0160-022, 146-0160-033, 146-0160-043, 146-0160-044, and 146-0150-009.”</i></p>

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comment
CA State Parks	The EA identifies the proposed project area in Figure 2-1, and the proposed staging area in Figure 2-3, both of which encroach on the public road and access easement held by State Parks over APN 146-0160-044, which extends 170' from our property boundary (APN 146-0160-033—this parcel is also incorrectly excluded from the area designated as State Parks' Delta Meadows property in Appendix A).	EA and Appendix A revised to include these parcels. See above.
CA State Parks	We are unable to fully comment on this EA without access to the unrecorded easement. State Parks reached out to USBR requesting a copy of the easement on July 17, 2025, and again on July 22, 2025, and received confirmation of receipt of the request, but we have not yet received a copy.	Reclamation will follow up with State Parks to discuss any revisions (temporary or otherwise) to the access easement. This does not result in any changes to EA.
CA State Parks	Lights and lighted signs are mentioned in the Environmental Commitments section. The adjacent Delta Meadows property is open from sunrise to sunset, and we are concerned that if the fishing area and launch area are open after dark, it may draw people to the Delta Meadows property as well. USBR should erect clear signage regarding times of public use, and work with State Parks to limit unauthorized use after sunset on the adjacent property.	Lights and lighted signage are intended only for site security at the DCC gate facility and new maintenance building. No lighting is proposed on the public access ramp or any other publicly accessible areas under the proposed project. This does not result in any changes to EA.
CA State Parks	While our parking lot is available for public use, it can fill up. Based on our own experience with new recreational facilities in the area, we believe that a new, free public launch will certainly draw more users to the lot. In addition, the proposed expansion of the fenced area and the new loading area will take up spots that have been observed as currently being used by the public for parking. Therefore, the project will lessen parking availability in the area while expanding public use demand. State Parks would like USBR to consider a co-managed and/or use agreement parking area that extends onto the adjacent, unfenced portion of the USBR-owned side of the property to the southeast (APN 146-0150-009).	Reclamation does not agree that the public access ramp will result in such a substantial number of new users that additional parking is warranted. However, Reclamation will continue to coordinate with State Parks on planning and implementation activities associated with the Proposed Project and State Parks' Delta Meadows property. This does not result in any changes to EA.

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comment
CA State Parks	State Parks would also like USBR to consider a shared sign for the new USBR fishing and boating facilities, and the Delta Meadows property, situated along River Road on APN 146-0160-021, for improved public access.	Reclamation will consider this suggestion but is not adding to the Proposed Action at this time. However, Reclamation will continue to coordinate with State Parks on planning and implementation activities associated with the Proposed Project and State Parks’ Delta Meadows property. This does not result in any changes to EA.
CA State Parks	the report incorrectly identifies the State Park property as both “Delta Meadows River State Park” and “Delta Meadows State Park;” however, the property is currently going through the classification and general plan process and until a classification is approved, it is called the Delta Meadows property.	EA revised to state “ <i>Delta Meadows</i> ” or “ <i>Delta Meadows property</i> ” rather than “Delta Meadows River State Park” or “Delta Meadows State Park.”
CA State Parks	The EA correctly notes that the park is open for passive land recreation uses such as hiking and fishing, in addition to boating access; however, Appendix A incorrectly identifies the park as closed.	Appendix A was revised to delete text stating that the Delta Meadows property is currently closed.
EBMUD	EBMUD appreciates the DCC closures coordinated by USBR that have supported Mokelumne River pulse flows and adult Chinook salmon migration in the October through November period, significantly reducing stray rates of Mokelumne River salmonids to the Sacramento River system.	Reclamation appreciates EBMUD’s acknowledgement of the importance of DCC gate facility operations. This does not result in any changes to EA.

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comment
EBMUD	<p>If gate replacements cannot be completed in one season, EBMUD is concerned that the lack of interim gate operations will be detrimental for both adult and juvenile salmonids moving through the Delta. EBMUD suggests that the EA provides additional detail and suggested mitigation measures to meet DCC operational requirements over the duration of the entire construction period, should in-water gate construction extend over two consecutive seasons.</p>	<p>Reclamation’s construction professionals have a high degree of confidence that both gates can be removed and replaced during a single 3.5 month construction period. This schedule will be a construction contract requirement, and the contractor will be responsible for developing mitigation measures should they not be able to meet this schedule requirement.</p> <p>Reclamation expects to structure the construction contract in a manner to require the gates be removed/replaced in sequence requiring the 1<sup>st</sup> gate to be removed and installed before removal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate commences. Should this provision jeopardize the contractor’s ability to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate before the subsequent “gate closed” period, adjustment to the construction schedule would be pursued to ensure uninterrupted operations of the gates between construction seasons.</p> <p>This does not result in any changes to EA.</p>
LAND	<p>While the EA mentions public involvement (EA, p. 4-2), it does not disclose what input Reclamation received from the public on the project or how that input was considered and implemented.</p>	<p>Reclamation has considered all input that has been received from the public as part of project and alternatives development. Disclosure of this input is not a required element of NEPA.</p> <p>This does not result in any changes to EA.</p>
LAND	<p>A similar barrier [bubble curtain] could and should be used in conjunction with improvements to the radial gates to reduce the potential for salmon straying into the DCC when the gates are open. If successful, the addition of a non-physical barrier may allow Reclamation to eventually reduce the periods when the gates must be kept in the “down” position; this would reduce obstructions of boat traffic and freshwater water flows toward the Central Delta and the existing state and federally operated water diversions in the South Delta.</p>	<p>Reclamation considered the inclusion of a non-physical fish barrier during early planning phases of the project as part of the initial options development; however, it did not specifically achieve any of the project objectives and was, therefore, not included as part of the Proposed Action. Should Reclamation decide to add a non-physical fish barrier to the Project, a bio-acoustic fish fence, like the feature used at Georgianna Slough, could be compatible with the Proposed Action.</p> <p>This does not result in any changes to EA.</p>

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comment
LAND	<p>In addition, the opening and closing of the gate creates an acknowledged hazard to boaters as well as significantly blocks boat access to areas of the Delta along the Mokelumne River. (EA, pp. 2-6 to 2-9.) The effects of the gates on recreational boating suggest that coordination with other planning efforts related to recreational values would be useful. The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) is currently initiating planning and environmental review for the nearby proposed Delta Meadows State Park. The proposed park directly abuts the DCC site. Reclamation should consider whether the bridge over the DCC that forms part of the radial gate structure could potentially be adapted to safely serve as a pedestrian thoroughfare to enhance pedestrian access between Lock, Walnut Grove, and Delta Meadows State Park.</p>	<p>Reclamation will continue to coordinate with State Parks on planning and implementation activities associated with the Proposed Project and State Parks’ Delta Meadows property. The former railroad bridge noted by the commenter is privately owned and Reclamation understands that the property is or was actively on the market for sale. This does not result in any changes to EA.</p>
LAND	<p>Last, the EA notes that “In certain circumstances when water surface elevations downstream of the DCC gates are higher than the Sacramento River, Reclamation may open the DCC gates to allow flows from the interior Delta to flow into the Sacramento River and reduce flood risks upstream in the North Delta.”</p> <p>LAND supports further coordination with DWR to develop more specific plans for taking this flood control action if conditions warrant.</p>	<p>Reclamation appreciates the support for the continued use of the DCC gates to reduce flood risk. This does not result in any changes to EA.</p>

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comment
Delta Watermaster, State Water Board	Improvements necessarily should be designed to provide immediate, real-time operations that benefit overall Delta water quality objectives. The Gates Project should be integrated with very active monitoring and experimentation associated with “real time” management of the Gates to fully consider the intersectional forces of Delta inflow and tidal influences, with the objective of optimizing water quality for all beneficial uses of water in the Delta. As such, the Gates Project offers the potential to significantly support water quality and habitat objectives with minimal impact to water supply at the south Delta pumps.	As described in the EA, the Proposed Action consists of improvements to the existing DCC gate facility, including complete replacement of the existing radial gates and installation of new wire rope hoists with full remote operation control and monitoring capability. The communication system would be upgraded under the Proposed Action to provide remote operation and monitoring of the site from Reclamation’s Central Valley Operations office. This does not result in any changes to EA.
Delta Watermaster, State Water Board	The Project should also be aligned with potential landscape changes to Franks Tract that minimize dispersive transport and reduce the vulnerability to the loss of salinity control during drought conditions.	As described in the EA, the DCC gates are operated “according to State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) Decision 1641 (D-1641) standards (Water Board 2000) and the Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP (LTO) Record of Decision (ROD) (Reclamation 2024).” Changes to DCC gate operations are not included in the Proposed Action. Facility improvements under the Proposed Action may allow for more frequent operations and improve the flexibility and reliability of gate operations. This does not result in any changes to EA.
Delta Watermaster, State Water Board	Additionally, the ability to operate the Gates more actively in response to “real-time” conditions can enhance other objectives including management of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), fish migration pathways and mortality reduction, and water supply reliability during droughts.	See previous responses. This does not result in any changes to EA.

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Delta Watermaster, State Water Board	Furthermore, this timely project aligns with a possible General Management Plan for the Delta Meadows State Park immediately adjacent to the cross-channel. The Bureau has the opportunity to collaborate with California State Parks to connect Delta Meadows, the McCormack-Williamson Tract restoration (Department of Water Resources), and the Cosumnes Preserve with river and bike trails that would dramatically enhance recreation in the Northern Delta.	Reclamation will continue to coordinate with State Parks on planning and implementation activities associated with the Proposed Project and State Parks’ Delta Meadows property. This does not result in any changes to EA.
Delta Watermaster, State Water Board	I urge the Bureau to consider the North Delta holistically when designing improvements to the Gates – especially to afford active real-time management to support Delta water quality objectives.	Reclamation appreciates the comment. This does not result in any changes to EA.
Delta Protection Commission	In general, we support the Project in that it will ensure continuance of current benefits of the cross channel gate as well as improving the public access benefit and coordinating facility improvements such as parking with the Delta Meadows Park Property.	Reclamation will continue to coordinate with State Parks on planning and implementation activities associated with the Proposed Project and State Parks’ Delta Meadows property. This does not result in any changes to EA.
Delta Protection Commission	We strongly support the proposed public access ramp for non-motorized watercraft launch and fishing access which demonstrates the Project’s potential for sustainably enhancing the recreation economy, consistent with the Commission’s Land Use and Resource Management Plan and the Delta Stewardship Council’s Delta Plan policies and recommendations for encouraging recreation and tourism.	Reclamation appreciates the comment. This does not result in any changes to EA.
Delta Protection Commission	The section describes establishment of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA). However the NHA was established by the U.S. Congress, not the California legislature. Specifically it was enacted in the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (P.L. 116-9, Section 6001).	EA revised to state “ <i>United States Congress</i> ” rather than “ <i>California Legislature</i> ” as noted by commenter. Additionally, text was added to the EA to state “ <i>The DPC was designated as the local coordinating entity.</i> ”

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comment
Delta Protection Commission	<p>The [recreation] section should also include reference to the Great California Delta Trail System legislation (Public Resources Code §5852-5855), which directs the Commission to adopt a plan and implementation program for a trail network that forms a continuous recreational corridor through five Delta counties (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano and Yolo).</p>	<p>EA revised to add text, <i>“Aligned with the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area designation, the California legislature (Public Resources Code §5852-5855) directed the DPC to adopt a plan and implementation program for the Great California Delta Trail System, a trail network that forms a continuous recreational corridor through five Delta counties (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano and Yolo). According to DPC, the multi-modal trail network is envisioned to include water trails, and would link the San Francisco Bay Trail to planned Sacramento River trails in Sacramento and Yolo counties. In their 2022 Great California Delta Trail Master Plan, DPC included a recommendation for both formal trail development through the Delta Meadows property, and potential designation of the Locke – Walnut Grove - Isleton area as a Delta “Adventure Hub” (DPC 2022).”</i></p> <p>Additionally, reference added to Section 5 references for above citation, <i>“State of California Delta Protection Commission (DPC). 2022. Great California Delta Trail Master Plan. January 20, 2022.”</i></p>
Delta Protection Commission	<p>Commission Resolutions No. 01-12 (incorporating bicycle lanes along improved Delta levees, and No. 02-12 (incorporating bicycle lanes into future projects on State Routes 4, 12, and 160) may also be relevant in the event that a future trail diverting bicycles off the River Road (a Sacramento County Scenic Road) might utilize the former Southern Pacific Railroad bridge.</p>	<p>Reclamation will continue to coordinate with State Parks on planning and implementation activities associated with the Proposed Project and State Parks’ Delta Meadows property. The former railroad bridge noted by the commenter is privately owned and Reclamation understands that the property is or was actively on the market for sale. This does not result in any changes to EA.</p>

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comment
Delta Protection Commission	We strongly encourage continued coordination with California State Parks in the process of Project final design, timing of construction and construction activities and laydown areas that may affect both recreational users of and planning for the Delta Meadows Park Property. As noted in the EA, State Parks is in the midst of a General Planning process for the property and it is to be hoped that the timing and sequencing of improvements to both facilities can be optimized.	Reclamation will continue to coordinate with State Parks on planning and implementation activities associated with the Proposed Project and State Parks’ Delta Meadows property. This does not result in any changes to EA.
Delta Protection Commission	Resources Eliminated from Further Analysis (Table 3-1) – Agriculture: While the EA anticipates no adverse effect to agricultural resources, the Project is located adjacent to active agricultural operations at the orchard to the south. We strongly encourage the construction activities to be coordinated equally with the property owner(s) as with State Parks, and suggest the incorporation of the attached “Good Neighbor” practices that are adopted in the Delta Plan.	As indicated in Figure 2-3 of the EA, potential staging and laydown areas would be within the Proposed Action area. The Proposed Action area includes land owned by Reclamation in the vicinity of the Delta Cross Channel. Updates on construction scheduling will be provided via public information announcements, signage at the site and/or communication with potentially affected adjacent land owners. This does not result in any changes to EA.
Delta Protection Commission	Agencies and Persons Consulted: The EA’s Section 4.1.1 (Agency Coordination) contains a minor error – the Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) is a committee, not an agency, created and appointed pursuant to PRC Section 29753.	Section 4.1.1 has been revised to appropriately refer to DPAC as a “committee” instead of an “agency.”
Delta Protection Commission	Finally, we appreciate the significant outreach effort that the Bureau made in developing this project, with presentations to the Delta Protection Advisory Committee and to the Commission staff over the past several years. We hope to continue this coordination in future.	Reclamation appreciates the comment. This does not result in any changes to EA.

Key:

- DPAC = Delta Protection Advisory Committee
- EA = Environmental Assessment
- EBMUD = East Bay Municipal Utility District
- LAND = Local Agencies of the North Delta
- NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act
- State Water Board = State Water Resources Control Board

# **Attachment A – Public Review Comments**



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**RE: Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Project**

Dear Carolyn Bragg,

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Project proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Council staff understands that the objective of this project is to update aging infrastructure to automate and streamline operations of the Delta Cross Channel gates (DCC gates). The DCC gates protect migrating salmonids and allow Reclamation to manage water quality and water supply.

The Council is an independent State of California agency established by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009. (Wat. Code, § 85000 et seq.; Delta Reform Act) The Delta Reform Act charges the Council with furthering the California’s coequal goals of providing a more reliable water supply and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) ecosystem. (Wat. Code, § 85054.) The Delta Reform Act further states that the coequal goals are to be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving

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place. The Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Project is not a covered action pursuant to Water Code section 85057.5 because it is not going to be carried out, approved, or funded by a state or local public agency.

Council staff is interested in the Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Project because improving water quality in the Delta is a component of the coequal goals as defined in the Delta Reform Act (Wat. Code, §§ 85020, subd. (e), 85054.) and is necessary to provide a reliable water supply. The continued operation of the DCC gates can improve water quality in the central and south Delta, reduce salinity intrusion into the west Delta, and protect the water supply in these regions.

Also, protecting and enhancing recreational opportunities in the Delta is inherent in the coequal goals. (Wat. Code, § 85020, subd. (b).) Council staff appreciates the inclusion of a new public access ramp that supports recreation and Reclamation's willingness to provide additional recreational opportunities.

Council staff believes the DCC gates are a piece of critical infrastructure and supports their continued maintenance and operation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Should you have any questions, please contact Erin Mullin at [Erin.Mullin@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:Erin.Mullin@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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RE: Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvement Project Environmental Assessment

Dear Carolyn Bragg,

This letter provides comments by the Diablo Range District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) on the United States Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvement Project.

The proposed project will occur adjacent to State Parks' Delta Meadows property, and the designated project area includes utility and public road easements held by State Parks over APNs 146-0160-044 and 146-0160-043.

*Impact to State Parks' Easement*

- APN's containing State Parks' easement are omitted from the Proposed Action Area.

The EA identifies the Proposed Action Area on page 1-3, and states that "The area evaluated for the Proposed Action consists of assessor's parcel numbers 146-0160-021, 146-0150-001, 146-0150-006, 146-0150-010, 146-0160-022, and 1460150-009." This leaves off the two key parcels in which much of the upland work will occur and over which State Parks holds two easements—APNs 146-0160-044 and 146-0160-043. State Parks would like to see these parcels explicitly included in the evaluation, particularly as they are such a critical part of the proposed project.

The EA identifies the proposed project area in Figure 2-1, and the proposed staging area in Figure 2-3, both of which encroach on the public road and access easement held by State Parks over APN 146-0160-044, which extends 170' from our property boundary (APN 146-0160-033—this parcel is also incorrectly excluded from the area designated as State Parks' Delta Meadows property in Appendix A).

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- State Parks has not yet received a copy of the 1950 unrecorded Contract and Grant Easement and therefore cannot fully respond to the impact of the EA on State Parks' easement rights in the same area.

We are aware that a 1950 unrecorded Contract and Grant Easement agreement exists between USBR and the landowner on APN 146-0160-044; however, we do not have a copy of this unrecorded easement. The proposed project expands the Cross Channel Gate appurtenances further into our public access easement. State Parks is mandated to protect public access to the Delta Meadows property and ensure that these additional developments will not negatively impact public access to the site, both during and after construction. However, we are unable to fully comment on this EA without access to the unrecorded easement. State Parks reached out to USBR requesting a copy of the easement on July 17, 2025, and again on July 22, 2025, and received confirmation of receipt of the request, but we have not yet received a copy.

#### *Additional Comments*

State Parks is glad to see the expansion of recreation opportunities through the fishing access and non-motorized boat launch in the proposed project, and we have the following comments:

- Lights and lighted signs are mentioned in the Environmental Commitments section. The adjacent Delta Meadows property is open from sunrise to sunset, and we are concerned that if the fishing area and launch area are open after dark, it may draw people to the Delta Meadows property as well. USBR should erect clear signage regarding times of public use, and work with State Parks to limit unauthorized use after sunset on the adjacent property.
- Section 3.10, Traffic and Transportation, 3.10.2.2 states: "The proposed public access ramp is not expected to attract substantial new users such that additional parking would be needed." During meetings for the project, USBR representatives have additionally stated that they believe people coming to launch boats and fish will use State Parks' parking lot. While our parking lot is available for public use, it can fill up. Based on our own experience with new recreational facilities in the area, we believe that a new, free public launch will certainly draw more users to the lot. In addition, the proposed expansion of the fenced area and the new loading area will take up spots that have been observed as currently being used by the public for parking. Therefore, the project will lessen parking availability in the area while expanding public use demand. State Parks would like USBR to consider a co-managed and/or use agreement parking area that extends onto the adjacent, unfenced portion of the USBR-owned side of the property to the southeast (APN 146-0150-009).
- State Parks would also like USBR to consider a shared sign for the new USBR fishing and boating facilities, and the Delta Meadows property, situated along River Road on APN 146-0160-021, for improved public access.

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in addition to boating access; however, Appendix A incorrectly identifies the park as closed.

If you have any questions about this comment letter or would like to discuss project activities on State Parks property, please contact Diablo Range District Planner, Megan Harrison, at 925-321-5851 or [megan.harrison@parks.ca.gov](mailto:megan.harrison@parks.ca.gov).

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**VIA EMAIL**

Subject: EBMUD Comments – Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Delta Cross Channel (DCC) Gate Improvement Project

Dear Ms. Bragg:

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) appreciates the opportunity to review the subject EA and supports rehabilitation of the DCC infrastructure to ensure its reliable operation into the future.

EBMUD is a public agency that provides water supply to over 1.4 million people in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. EBMUD's main water supply is conveyed from the reservoirs that EBMUD owns and operates on the Mokelumne River to EBMUD's service area via the Mokelumne Aqueducts, which cross the Delta on land owned by EBMUD.

The Mokelumne River is an Eastside tributary to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that contributes as high as 51 percent of non-Sacramento-origin salmonid returns in the Central Valley and to the commercial and recreational ocean fishery. EBMUD works with numerous partners, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and National Marine Fisheries Service, to manage the Mokelumne River fishery and support fall-run Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead.

DCC gate operations can affect Mokelumne-origin salmonids in a multitude of ways as they traverse the Delta. When the DCC gates are open, it can lead to increased stray rates of returning Mokelumne-origin spawners into the Sacramento River watershed and may adversely impact juvenile anadromous fishes as they migrate out of the Mokelumne River to the Pacific Ocean through increased residence time within the central and south Delta. This increased residence time can lead to additional exposure to predation, entrainment into export pumps, encounters with unscreened diversions, and water quality impacts. To address concerns regarding adult salmon stray rates, EBMUD appreciates the DCC closures coordinated by USBR that have supported Mokelumne River pulse flows and adult Chinook salmon migration in the October through November period, significantly reducing stray rates of Mokelumne River salmonids to the Sacramento River system.

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Section 2.2.1 Construction Logistics describes on page 2-10 that, “In-water work (e.g., gate replacement and installation of the recreational improvements/public access ramp) would be timed to occur within a 3.5-month period, when the gates are typically out of the channel (mid-June through September). It is expected that in-water work would occur over two open gate windows (i.e., over two consecutive construction seasons).”

The section further states on page 2-12 that, “Construction sequencing for the gates would be scheduled for compatibility with operational requirements of the facility. The removal and replacement of gates would be limited to a 3.5-month work window from mid-June through the end of September and is expected to be completed over one construction season. It is expected that both gates can be replaced in series during a single 3.5-month “open bays” work window.”

If gate replacements cannot be completed in one season, EBMUD is concerned that the lack of interim gate operations will be detrimental for both adult and juvenile salmonids moving through the Delta. EBMUD suggests that the EA provides additional detail and suggested mitigation measures to meet DCC operational requirements over the duration of the entire construction period, should in-water gate construction extend over two consecutive seasons.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Workman, Manager of Natural Resources at (209) 263-6350 or [michelle.workman@ebmud.com](mailto:michelle.workman@ebmud.com) if you need additional information or would like to discuss any of the comments in this letter.

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**RE: Comments on the Bureau of Reclamation’s Environmental Assessment  
for the Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvement Project**

Dear Ms. Bragg:

These comments on the June 2025 Environmental Assessment (“EA”) of the Delta Cross Channel (“DCC”) Gate Improvement Project (“project”) prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation (“Reclamation”) are submitted on behalf of Local Agencies of the North Delta (“LAND”).<sup>1</sup>

The project, as described, consists of replacement of the gates with a substantially similar radial gate design, with some improvements for boater safety and construction of a public access ramp. (EA, pp. 2-6 to 2-9.) The project description acknowledges that Reclamation operates the gates for several different functions, including improvement of water quality by reducing salinity intrusion into the Western Delta, directing water movement to the South Delta, and protecting migrating salmon by ensuring that they do not enter Snodgrass Slough and connected South Delta waterways. (EA, Appendix A, p. 1-2.) While the EA mentions public involvement (EA, p. 4-2), it does not disclose what input Reclamation received from the public on the project or how that input was considered and implemented.

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<sup>1</sup> LAND is a coalition comprised of reclamation, water and levee maintenance districts covering about 75,000 acres in the northern geographic area of the Delta. Some of these agencies provide both water delivery and drainage services, while others only provide drainage services. These districts also assist in the maintenance of the levees that provide flood protection to homes and farms.

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**The Project, as Defined, Is a Missed Opportunity to Optimize the Delta Cross Channel and to Collaborate with Other Planning Efforts**

The EA acknowledges the need to operate the DCC and gates to protect out-migrating salmon, yet does not include any upgrades for this purpose in the project. (EA, Appendix A, p. 1-2.) The Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) has implemented a physical and acoustic barrier colloquially known as the “bubble curtain” to keep salmon from entering Georgiana Slough, just to the south of the DCC.<sup>2</sup> The current configuration of this curtain achieves an 80 to 90 percent success rate in protecting salmon.<sup>3</sup> A similar barrier could and should be used in conjunction with improvements to the radial gates to reduce the potential for salmon straying into the DCC when the gates are open. If successful, the addition of a non-physical barrier may allow Reclamation to eventually reduce the periods when the gates must be kept in the “down” position; this would reduce obstructions of boat traffic and freshwater water flows toward the Central Delta and the existing state and federally operated water diversions in the South Delta.

In addition, the opening and closing of the gate creates an acknowledged hazard to boaters as well as significantly blocks boat access to areas of the Delta along the Mokelumne River. (EA, pp. 2-6 to 2-9.) The effects of the gates on recreational boating suggest that coordination with other planning efforts related to recreational values would be useful. The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) is currently initiating planning and environmental review for the nearby proposed Delta Meadows State Park.<sup>4</sup> The proposed park directly abuts the DCC site.<sup>5</sup> Reclamation should consider whether the bridge over the DCC that forms part of the radial gate structure could potentially be adapted to safely serve as a pedestrian thoroughfare to enhance pedestrian access between Lock, Walnut Grove, and Delta Meadows State Park.

Last, the EA notes that “In certain circumstances when water surface elevations downstream of the DCC gates are higher than the Sacramento River, Reclamation may open the DCC gates to allow flows from the interior Delta to flow into the Sacramento River and reduce flood risks upstream in the North Delta.” (EA, p. 1-2.) Opening the gates during the Easter Flood of 1957, for instance, was reported to have saved Tyler and

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<sup>2</sup> Maven’s Notebook. *Lights, Sound...Bubbles! New Virtual Barrier Deters Baby Salmon from Delta death Trap*, available at: <https://mavensnotebook.com/2024/05/13/notebook-feature-lights-sound-bubbles-new-virtual-barrier-deters-baby-salmon-from-delta-death-trap/>

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/492/files/DeltaMeadowsEIR\\_NOP\\_PublicDraft.pdf](https://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/492/files/DeltaMeadowsEIR_NOP_PublicDraft.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, PDF p. 3, Figure 1.

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Staten Island, as well as New Hope District, from flooding. LAND supports further coordination with DWR to develop more specific plans for taking this flood control action if conditions warrant.

#### **Conclusion**

LAND respectfully requests that Reclamation consider this opportunity to improve the functionality of the DCC and gates beyond what is proposed in the EA. Especially because the State of California is currently advancing the controversial and highly damaging new Delta Tunnel project in this same geographic area, it is important that Reclamation carefully consider how it can maintain and improve its existing water infrastructure in the Delta with fewer negative environmental and social effects. The approach suggested in this letter would provide greater environmental protection, enhance recreational uses, and improve existing water conveyance and flood control functionality.

Please contact our office with any questions about these comments. Thank you for considering these comments.

Very truly yours,

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## State Water Resources Control Board

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Dear Carolyn Bragg:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Environmental Assessment (the Gates Project). The project offers significant opportunities to enhance Delta water quality, support recreation in the northeastern Delta, enhance water quality objectives in the Central Delta, and benefit the export projects (Central Valley Project & State Water Project).

With the upcoming updates of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan, there is increased attention to Delta Water Quality objectives, highlighting the importance of the “modernization” of the Delta Cross Channel Gates (the Gates). Improvements necessarily should be designed to provide immediate, real-time operations that benefit overall Delta water quality objectives. The Gates Project should be integrated with very active monitoring and experimentation associated with “real time” management of the Gates to fully consider the intersectional forces of Delta inflow and tidal influences, with the objective of optimizing water quality for all beneficial uses of water in the Delta. As such, the Gates Project offers the potential to significantly support water quality and habitat objectives with minimal impact to water supply at the south Delta pumps.

The Project should also be aligned with potential landscape changes to Franks Tract that minimize dispersive transport and reduce the vulnerability to the loss of salinity control during drought conditions. Additionally, the ability to operate the Gates more actively in response to “real-time” conditions can enhance other objectives including management of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), fish migration pathways and mortality reduction, and water supply reliability during droughts.

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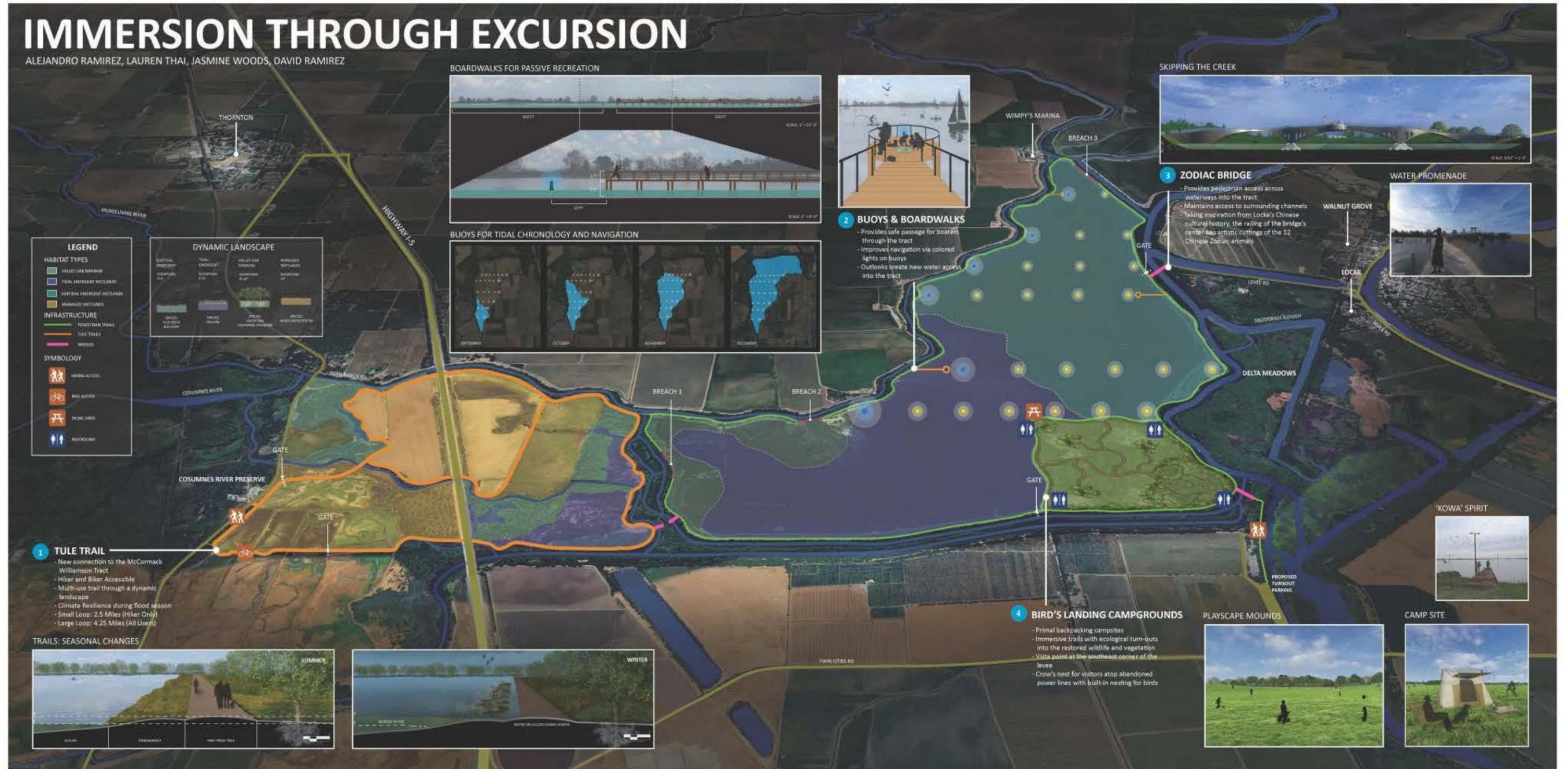
Furthermore, this timely project aligns with a possible General Management Plan for the Delta Meadows State Park immediately adjacent to the cross-channel. The Bureau has the opportunity to collaborate with California State Parks to connect Delta Meadows, the McCormack-Williamson Tract restoration (Department of Water Resources), and the Cosumnes Preserve with river and bike trails that would dramatically enhance recreation in the Northern Delta. Please see the attached “Immersion Through Excursion” conceptual map designed by Professor Brett Milligan’s students at UC Davis as an example of a potential park design.

In conclusion, with the Delta Cross Channel’s far-reaching influence, I urge the Bureau to consider the North Delta holistically when designing improvements to the Gates – especially to afford active real-time management to support Delta water quality objectives. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input, and I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

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Re: Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvement Project Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Bragg,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Delta Cross Channel Gate Improvements Project (Project) prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The Delta Protection Commission (Commission) is a California State agency created by 1992 legislation that declared “the Delta is a natural resource of statewide, national, and international significance, containing irreplaceable resources, and that it is the policy of the state to recognize, preserve and protect those resources of the Delta for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations” (California Public Resources Code (PRC) section 29701).

The Delta Reform Act of 2009 declared that the basic goals for the Delta are to provide a more reliable water supply for California and protect, restore and enhance the Delta ecosystem, “in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place” (PRC section 29702). Further, the Commission is identified as a “forum for Delta residents to engage in decisions regarding actions to recognize and enhance the unique cultural, recreational, and agricultural resources of the Delta” (PRC section 29703.5(a)).

We offer the following comments from the perspective of these directives and goals and in furtherance of the collaborative spirit the Bureau has shown in developing the Proposed Action. In general, we support the Project in that it will ensure continuance of current benefits of the cross channel gate as well as improving the public access benefit and coordinating facility improvements such as parking with the Delta Meadows Park Property.

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**Recreation:** The EA’s Section 3.9 (Recreation), mentions the economic importance to the Delta of marinas and Legacy Communities, and also notes current opportunistic use by boaters of the open channel gate to shorten travel times. We strongly support the proposed public access ramp for non-motorized watercraft launch and fishing access which demonstrates the Project’s potential for sustainably enhancing the recreation economy, consistent with the Commission’s Land Use and Resource Management Plan and the Delta Stewardship Council’s Delta Plan policies and recommendations for encouraging recreation and tourism.

The section describes establishment of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA). However the NHA was established by the U.S. Congress, not the California legislature. Specifically it was enacted in the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (P.L. 116-9, Section 6001).

The section should also include reference to the Great California Delta Trail System legislation (Public Resources Code §5852-5855), which directs the Commission to adopt a plan and implementation program for a trail network that forms a continuous recreational corridor through five Delta counties (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Solano and Yolo). The multi-modal trail network is envisioned to include water trails, and would link the San Francisco Bay Trail to planned Sacramento River trails in Sacramento and Yolo counties. The Commission’s 2022 Great California Delta Trail Master Plan includes a recommendation for both formal trail development through the Delta Meadows Park Property, and potential designation of the Locke – Walnut Grove - Isleton area as a Delta “Adventure Hub.” The proposed new public access ramp could provide an excellent launch point for a water trail.

Commission Resolutions No. 01-12 (incorporating bicycle lanes along improved Delta levees, and No. 02-12 (incorporating bicycle lanes into future projects on State Routes 4, 12, and 160) may also be relevant in the event that a future trail diverting bicycles off the River Road (a Sacramento County Scenic Road) might utilize the former Southern Pacific Railroad bridge.

We strongly encourage continued coordination with California State Parks in the process of Project final design, timing of construction and construction activities and laydown areas that may affect both recreational users of and planning for the Delta Meadows Park Property. As noted in the EA, State Parks is in the midst of a General Planning process for the property and it is to be hoped that the timing and sequencing of improvements to both facilities can be optimized.

**Resources Eliminated from Further Analysis (Table 3-1) - Agriculture:** While the EA anticipates no adverse effect to agricultural resources, the Project is located adjacent to active agricultural operations at the orchard to the south. We strongly encourage the

construction activities to be coordinated equally with the property owner(s) as with State Parks, and suggest the incorporation of the attached “Good Neighbor” practices that are adopted in the Delta Plan. Although these practices are focused on habitat restoration projects, they are applicable to any construction project adjacent to agricultural operations.

**Agencies and Persons Consulted:** The EA’s Section 4.1.1 (Agency Coordination) contains a minor error – the Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC) is a committee, not an agency, created and appointed pursuant to PRC Section 29753.

Finally, we appreciate the significant outreach effort that the Bureau made in developing this project, with presentations to the Delta Protection Advisory Committee and to the Commission staff over the past several years. We hope to continue this coordination in future. Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Program Manager Virginia Gardiner at (530) 650-6471 or [virginia.gardiner@delta.ca.gov](mailto:virginia.gardiner@delta.ca.gov).

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Attachment – Delta Plan Good Neighbor Checklist

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APPENDIX Q2. KEY CONSIDERATIONS AND BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE FOR  
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### Good Neighbor Checklist

Habitat restoration projects have many benefits, but can also affect neighboring properties, agriculture, infrastructure and water resources. Inclusion of Good Neighbor considerations into habitat restoration project planning can support agricultural communities, reinforce the benefits of conservation partnerships, reduce conflict and project delays, and help achieve sustainable conservation. Habitat restoration project planners and managers can use the following checklist to help ensure that restoration projects are planned and designed to avoid or reduce conflicts with existing neighboring land uses.

Some of the checklist items are also considered in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and regulatory review processes. The purpose of the checklist is to encourage early conversations and coordination with neighboring interests, and it does not substitute for any other process.

Good Neighbor Restoration Projects:

#### *Siting and Planning*

- Is the project sited on public or conservation-entity owned lands, or where private property is required, has there been engagement to find willing sellers?
- If there are existing agricultural or conservation easements, has thought been given to how to incorporate or avoid conflicts with them?
- Is the project sited to avoid fragmenting existing farms?
- Have neighbors and stakeholders been included in the early planning stage?
- Will the project potentially disturb utilities, roads, bridges, or other infrastructure that serve local uses? If so, are those uses taken into account during project planning?
- Is the project designed to avoid interfering with other beneficial water uses (e.g., existing water diversions, boating, fishing, and recreation)?
- Will the project design avoid or reduce damage to nearby drainage, irrigation, and flood control facilities (e.g., levees) during construction and operation and avoid conflicting management practices?
- Has the project considered buffers where restoration lands could potentially interfere with surrounding agricultural lands or where agricultural lands could potentially interfere with restoration lands?
- As a result of the project, are special status species on the project site expected to increase markedly in abundance, and potentially move from the site to neighboring lands or waterways? If so, has coordination on safe harbor or other protections for neighboring land and water uses been considered?
- Is the project designed so that any new public access is compatible with, would benefit, and would avoid or reduce conflict with, local businesses, landowners and residents?

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*Construction, Operation and Maintenance*

- Is the project designed to avoid or reduce project dust, traffic, vibration, noise, and lighting impacts?
- Is the project designed to minimize project traffic during commute and harvest periods?
- Has the project considered utilizing invasive species protection plans, including potential long-term commitments or funding to:
  - Protect against proliferation of mosquitos to protect against arboviruses, which can lead to injury and mortality of wildlife and humans?
  - Monitor and treat terrestrial and aquatic weeds and set specific triggers for action?
- Has the project considered monitoring and mitigating project-related changes to local water quality and quantity to:
  - Protect beneficial water uses from harmful algal blooms, nitrates, phosphorous, and methylmercury?
  - Avoid drainage, seepage or changes in the water table that impair neighboring agricultural or other activities?
- Does the project consider, as applicable, mitigation for conversion of productive agricultural land in the form of conservation easements, or other measures to enhance local agricultural productivity?
- Does the project have an operation and maintenance plan that includes, as applicable, the ability to maintain site security, prevent trespass, manage any publicly accessible areas, and control flooding and weeds?

*Accessible Community Interface*

- Does the project provide for an Ombudsman Office or other means to:
  - Facilitate stakeholders and affected landowners and local agency discussions regarding offsite impacts and options to address them?
  - Provide a way to discuss resolution of disputes prior to resorting to the Government Claims Act or other legal claims processes?
  - Provide regular project updates to the affected public?

*Background and References for Good Neighbor Checklist*

In 2020, a small group of Delta stakeholders representing reclamation districts, landowners and Delta counties approached the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to request that DWR work with them to update the Good Neighbor Checklist prepared in 2014 as part of the Agriculture and Land Stewardship Framework. Over the course of a few meetings, this updated draft checklist was created and later submitted to the Delta Stewardship Council for inclusion as an exhibit to ER Recommendation “B” in the Ecosystem Amendment. Representatives from Solano and Yolo Counties, the Delta Protection Commission, Delta Conservancy and DWR commented on the updated checklist, which built on the work of the key references listed below.

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