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Project Title: Long-Term Operation of the State Water Project in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta, Suisun Marsh, and Suisun Bay

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

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City: Sacramento

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County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Various, See Figure 1.

City/Nearest Community: Mountain House

Cross Streets: N/A

Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 48.3 ' 14 " N / 121 ° 37 ' 14.75 " W Total Acres: N/A

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A

Section: N/A

Twp.: N/A

Range: N/A

Base: N/A

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: N/A

Waterways: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

Airports: N/A

Railways: N/A

Schools: N/A

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP

☐ Draft EIR

NEPA: ☐ NOI

Other: ☐ Joint Document

☐ Early Cons

☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

☐ EA

☐ Final Document

☐ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.) _____

☐ Draft EIS

☐ Other: _____

☐ Mit Neg Dec

Other: EIR Addendum

☐ FONSI

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update

☐ Specific Plan

☐ Rezone

☐ Annexation

☐ General Plan Amendment

☐ Master Plan

☐ Prezone

☐ Redevelopment

☐ General Plan Element

☐ Planned Unit Development

☐ Use Permit

☐ Coastal Permit

☐ Community Plan

☐ Site Plan

☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☒ Other: N/A

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____

☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____

☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____

☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____

☐ Educational: _____

☐ Recreational: _____

☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

☐ Transportation: Type _____

☐ Mining: Mineral _____

☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____

☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____

☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____

☒ Other: N/A

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual

☐ Fiscal

☒ Recreation/Parks

☒ Vegetation

☒ Agricultural Land

☐ Flood Plain/Flooding

☐ Schools/Universities

☒ Water Quality

☒ Air Quality

☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard

☐ Septic Systems

☐ Water Supply/Groundwater

☒ Archeological/Historical

☒ Geologic/Seismic

☐ Sewer Capacity

☒ Wetland/Riparian

☒ Biological Resources

☒ Minerals

☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

☒ Growth Inducement

☐ Coastal Zone

☒ Noise

☐ Solid Waste

☒ Land Use

☐ Drainage/Absorption

☒ Population/Housing Balance

☒ Toxic/Hazardous

☒ Cumulative Effects

☐ Economic/Jobs

☒ Public Services/Facilities

☒ Traffic/Circulation

☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Agriculture

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached

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☐ Air Resources Board	☐ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☐ Caltrans District # _____	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☐ Regional WQCB # _____
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☐ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☐ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☐ Fish & Game Region # _____	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	☐ Other: _____
☐ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

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Attachment 1

Project Description and Purpose: DWR published an EIR and approved the long-term operations of the State Water Project (SWP) facilities in the Delta, Suisun Marsh, and Suisun Bay on September 28, 2024 to continue to provide water supply for agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses, along with benefits to the environment in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including contractual obligations. On November 4, 2024, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued an Incidental Take Permit pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act authorizing the incidental take of four fish species listed under the act and one candidate species. The Proposed Project included multiple elements that characterized long-term operations of SWP facilities, modified ongoing programs being implemented as part of SWP operations, improved specific activities to enhance protection of special-status fish species, and supported ongoing studies and research on these special-status species to improve the basis of knowledge and management of these species. DWR's EIR evaluated potential impacts associated with long-term operations of the SWP including:

1. Updated operating criteria, including operations of SWP facilities in the Delta such as pumps, the Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gates, and the North Bay Aqueduct.
2. Operational measures that may be adopted to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to listed species resulting from SWP long-term operations pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act.

DWR is proposing to amend its Incidental Take Permit and modify some components of its Suisun Marsh Facility operations to include the following:

- Off-ramp implementation of the September and October Fall X2 requirement (80 km) as described in the 2024 LTO ITP;
- Prior to the conclusion of the 60-day SMSCG action, DWR, in coordination with CDFW, will evaluate biological and physical conditions to determine if any additional SMSCG operation days in August would be necessary to support suitable rearing conditions through the end of September. Key biological and physical conditions considered include:
 - Salinity (1-6 PSU) and resulting habitat area
 - Delta Smelt distribution and abundance in context of FWS supplementation modeling memo (USFWS 2025a)
 - Food abundance;
- Operate to SWRCB D-1641 for September and October;
- Develop a science and funding plan for implementation of pilot food enhancement actions in WY 2026 to be scaled up through WY 2028, involving optimizing operations of managed wetlands during summer and fall to increase food export into the channels of Suisun Marsh;
- Commit funding to support additional hatchery production of Delta Smelt in WY 2026. Collectively, the revisions to the Summer-Fall Action are referred to hereafter as the Proposed Alternative Action; and
- Operate the SMSCG for three additional days in August from August 23 through August 25, 2025 following the 2025 SMSCG Gate Action.

No new infrastructure facilities are included in the proposed project and long-term SWP operations would not change DWR's water rights or affect the water rights of any other legal user of water.

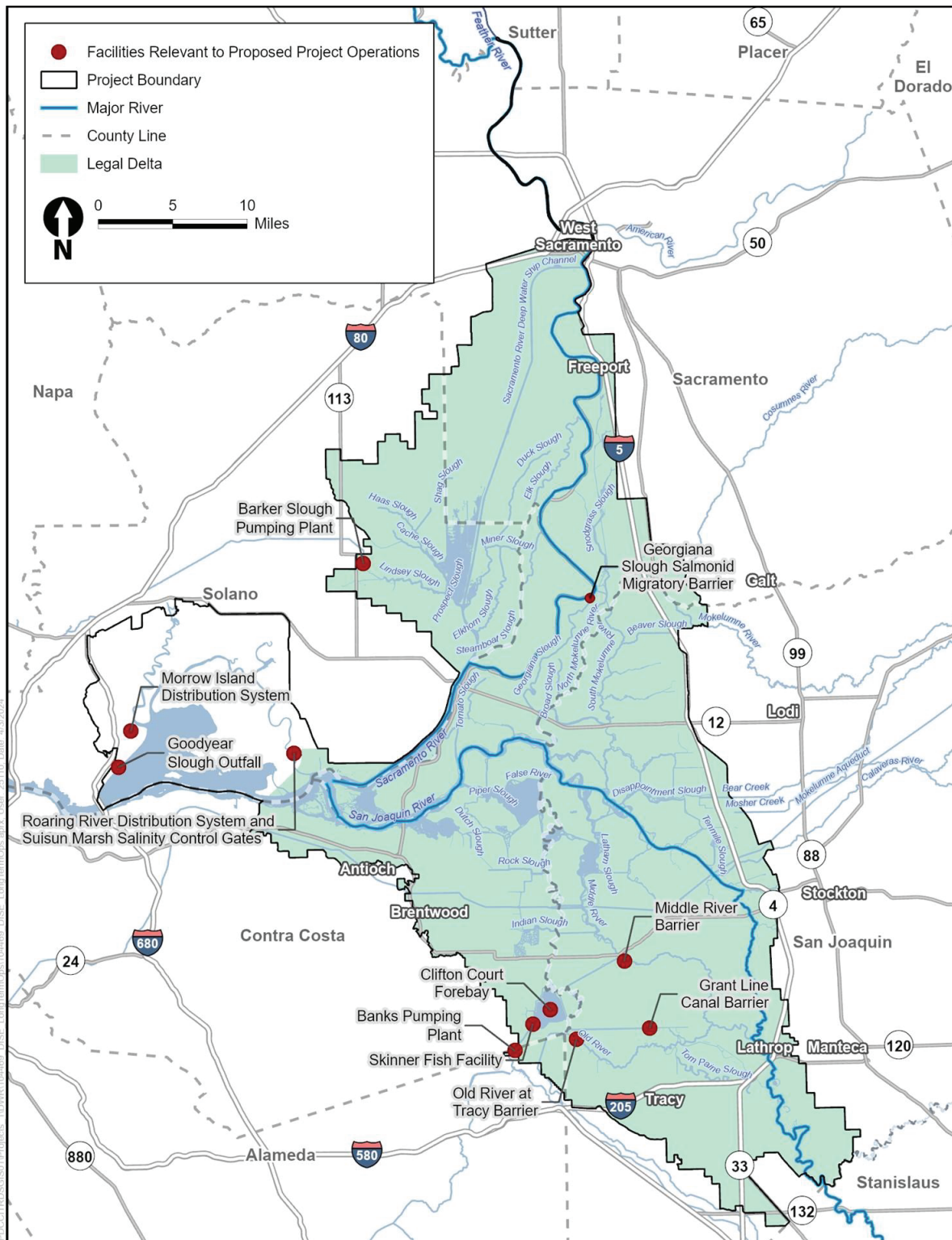


Figure 1 Locations of Facilities Relevant to Proposed Project Operations in the Delta, Suisun Marsh, and Suisun Bay