



CCWD Update

CCWD-DWR Delta Conveyance Settlement Agreement July 2023

Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) announced execution of a settlement agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that will protect CCWD's customers, facilities, and operations if DWR's Delta Conveyance Project is built. This agreement replaces a 2016 settlement agreement related to the California WaterFix Project.

Background: Since studies began in 2006 to evaluate alternative strategies to collect and move water from the Delta to regions south of the Delta (Bay Delta Conservation Plan, California WaterFix, etc.), CCWD has publicly raised concerns about several issues including potential impacts to the operation of CCWD's facilities in the Delta that provide high-quality water service to its 520,000 customers. In 2016, CCWD reached a settlement agreement with DWR to mitigate impacts of the California WaterFix on CCWD and its customers.

Now that the state is evaluating the Delta Conveyance Project as an alternative conveyance strategy, the state and CCWD came together to discuss possible updates to the 2016 agreement to reflect changes from the California WaterFix Project to the Delta Conveyance Project. This agreement, signed on July 26, 2023, is the result of those conversations and provides an insurance policy to address the unique water quality and supply issues raised by CCWD. The agreement does not result in new impacts to other stakeholders.

"CCWD is uniquely situated in the Delta and is actively monitoring its health given our reliance on the Delta for our water supply. Our customers have significantly invested in a water system to meet CCWD's water supply needs for today and tomorrow; we take our responsibility to protect our customers and these investments seriously," said **CCWD General Manager Rachel Murphy**. "We are confident that this agreement will protect our facilities and future operations should this project be built."

"Working collaboratively with CCWD has allowed us to find a reasonable, prudent and thoughtful approach," said **DWR Director Karla Nemeth**. "This agreement helps meet the water quality and supply needs of CCWD's customers and those of the 27 million people who rely upon the State Water Project as we adapt to climate-driven weather extremes."

CCWD is not a proponent of the Delta Conveyance Project. This settlement does not change that position, but instead is a way to safeguard the drinking water interests of CCWD's customers. CCWD will remain an active participant in finding statewide solutions and continue to protect CCWD's interest in Delta water quality.

For further details related to this agreement, please visit www.ccwater.com/317/Delta-Conveyance.

The Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) serves treated and untreated water to approximately 500,000 people in Central and Eastern Contra Costa County. CCWD provides treated water to Clayton, Clyde, Concord, Pacheco, Port Costa and parts of Martinez, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek. In addition, CCWD sells wholesale treated water to the city of Antioch and the Golden State Water Company in Bay Point. CCWD treats water at the Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant in Oakley for delivery to the Diablo Water District (Oakley), the Golden State Water Company in Bay Point, and the city of Brentwood. CCWD sells untreated water to the cities of Antioch, Martinez and Pittsburg, as well as 22 industrial customers.