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### **Mojave Water Agency supports Delta Conveyance Project Draft Environmental Impact Report**

Apple Valley, CA — The California Department of Water Resources is accepting comments on the proposed Delta Conveyance Project Draft Environmental Impact Report through October 27, 2022.

If you drive on any main arterial street in the High Desert far enough, chances are you will cross over a section of the California Aqueduct, which is part of California's distribution system of the State Water Project. It delivers snowmelt down from the Sierra Nevada Mountains as water that the Agency purchases to recharge the groundwater that the High Desert relies on for home, business, and agricultural use.

Unfortunately, the infrastructure that protects, collects, and moves this water was constructed more than 50 years ago and is at risk of failure due to impacts like earthquakes, climate change and sea level rise. This has made water management in California, including the High Desert, increasingly challenging.

To combat the threat to this critical infrastructure, the Department of Water Resources has proposed the Delta Conveyance Project that would include the construction and operation of new water intake, storage, and delivery systems along the Sacramento River.

While there have been many iterations of these plans over the past few decades, California's Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently released a draft Environmental Impact Report on the latest proposed plans that minimize noise, traffic, power needs and land disturbance and more. It reduces the construction from two tunnels to one, moves the launch shafts away from the intakes and avoids disturbing the local crane habitat.

The DWR is accepting feedback on the draft EIR through late October.

Participants can review the document at [www.deltaconveyanceproject.com](http://www.deltaconveyanceproject.com) and participate in the upcoming public hearings:

- Tuesday, Sept. 13 – 9 to 11 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 22 – noon to 2 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 28 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
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Comments may also be submitted via email at [deltaconveyancecomments@water.ca.gov](mailto:deltaconveyancecomments@water.ca.gov) or USPS mail at the Delta Conveyance Office, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, Ca 94236-0001.

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