

# Working Meetings on Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to Bay-Delta Plan

Working Meeting #1: Purpose and  
Overall Approach



January 16, 2025

## Attendees

# Welcome to Today's Meeting

- Facilitator
  - Caelan McGee, Zephyr Collaboration
- Presenter
  - Diane Riddle, Division of Water Rights
- Additional Board staff from the Division of Water Rights and Office of Chief Counsel providing support
- One or two Board members may attend this and other meetings to observe but are not otherwise planning to provide input

# Overview of Today's Meeting

## Purpose



Provide information and guidance on participation in subsequent topic specific working meetings on October 2024 draft Bay-Delta Plan language

## Agenda



Presentation on approach to working meetings

- Recent and upcoming actions
- Purpose and goals
- Guidelines for participation in working meetings

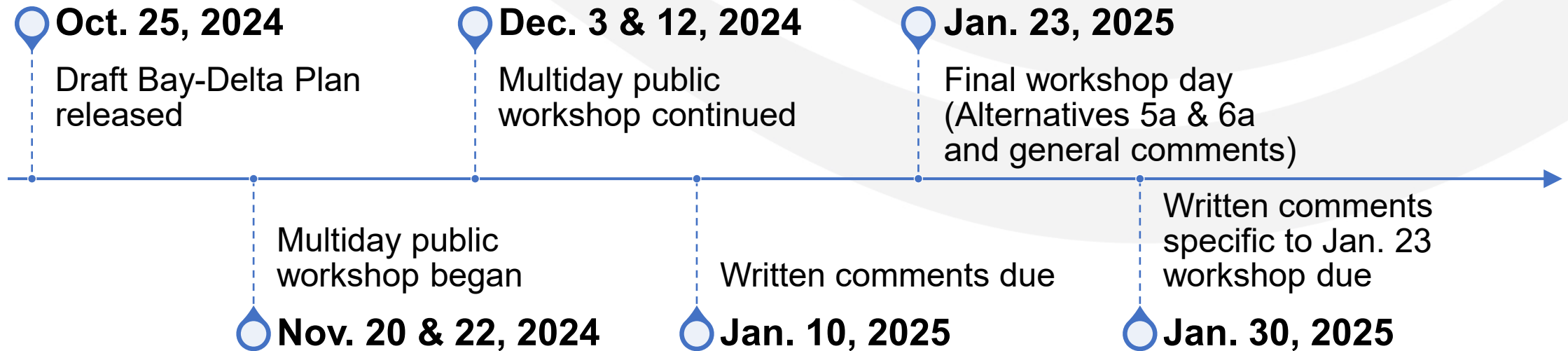


Questions from participants

# Background

- September 2023 release of draft Staff Report in support of Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan
  - Comments were due January 19, 2024
- October 2024 release of draft text of Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan
  - Board workshops held late 2024 and early 2025
  - Written comments were due January 10, 2025 (except for comments on January 23 workshop topics which are due January 30)
- During workshops, Board asked staff to conduct additional meetings with interested persons to have more detailed discussions on specific provisions of the draft Bay-Delta Plan to inform possible changes to the draft

# Recent and Upcoming Actions



Draft Sacramento/Delta updates, workshop recordings, FAQs, and other information available at: [www.waterboards.ca.gov/bay\\_delta/comp\\_review.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/bay_delta/comp_review.html)

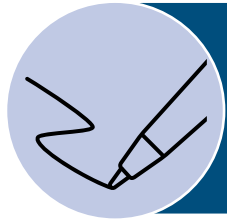
# Purpose of Working Meetings (January 28 – March 4)



Discuss specific provisions of the October 2024 draft Bay-Delta Plan



Hear constructive input on whether and what changes should be made to specific provisions and concepts, if any



Share input with Board to inform development of revised draft Bay-Delta Plan for additional public review and comment

# Working Meetings Are Not Intended To:

- **Address responses to draft Staff Report comments** – written responses and associated changes to the report are under development and will be released in the future
- **Hear general comments, including for or against voluntary agreements or regulatory provisions** – should assume both are moving forward (opportunities for general comments were provided during Board workshops and there will be additional future opportunities)
- **Discuss details of the implementation methodology for the Bay-Delta Plan and associated curtailments** – staff is concurrently developing the draft methodology that will be the subject of future meetings later this year
- **Wordsmith specific text in the draft plan** – focus on major provisions
- **Address topics that are not related to that day's topic**

# Working Meeting Dates & Topics

<b>Jan. 28</b>	Inflow Objective and Program of Implementation
<b>Jan. 29</b>	Cold Water Habitat Objective and Program of Implementation
<b>Jan. 30</b>	Inflow-Based Delta Outflow Objective and Program of Implementation
<b>Feb. 4</b>	Methodology to Determine Water Unavailability and Implement Bay-Delta Plan
<b>Feb. 5</b>	Monitoring and Evaluation for Regulatory Provisions
<b>Feb. 13</b>	Provisions for Continuation, Modification, or Termination of VAs*
<b>Feb. 19</b>	VA* Habitat Commitments and Accounting Provisions
<b>Feb. 20</b>	Monitoring and Evaluation for VA* Provisions
<b>Feb. 27</b>	VA* Flow Commitments and Accounting
<b>Mar. 4</b>	Tribal Provisions

*\*Voluntary Agreements, also referred to as the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Proposal*



- Additional working meetings may be held as necessary between February and March
- Register via links provided in January 3 letter: [waterboards.ca.gov/bay\\_delta/docs/2025/ltr-baydeltaplan-workmtgs.pdf](https://waterboards.ca.gov/bay_delta/docs/2025/ltr-baydeltaplan-workmtgs.pdf)



# Next Steps



Review feedback from working meetings along with written comments on draft Bay-Delta Plan updates



Brief Board members on input received



Develop revised draft Bay-Delta Plan language (informed by written and oral comments) for additional public review and comment



Continue ongoing work to respond to comments on 2023 draft Staff Report

# Format of Working Meetings

- 2-hour staff-led virtual meetings
- 10 additional working meetings focused on major provisions of the draft Bay-Delta Plan language relevant to that day's topic
- Participants must register separately for each meeting
- Key questions and slides relevant to that day's topic will be presented to help guide discussion
- Key questions will be made available in advance
- Will not include presentation of detailed background information to allow as much time as possible for dialogue between staff and participants
- Participants should review relevant provisions of the draft plan in advance and be prepared to discuss major provisions

# How to Productively Participate

## Participants should:

- ✓ Review draft plan provisions and come prepared to discuss that day's meeting topics
- ✓ Provide constructive input for what regulatory and VA provisions should be, assuming both pathways move forward
- ✓ Coordinate with colleagues in advance and designate a point person to speak on group's behalf, if possible
- ✓ Provide succinct and focused input
- ✓ Be open to listening to and understanding different perspectives

# Participation Guidelines

## **As a participant, you agree to:**

- ✓ Use appropriate and respectful dialogue
- ✓ Stay on topic
- ✓ Share speaking time considerately
- ✓ Be as concise and specific as possible
- ✓ Raise your hand and wait to speak until you are called upon

# Questions?

**Today's discussion should be limited to clarifying questions about:**

- The process and approach for working meetings
- The topics to be discussed at future working meetings
- Other information shared during today's presentation

*Reminder: Input on provisions to be heard in subsequent meetings*



## How to Participate

- Raise hand by using hand icon in Zoom or dialing \*9 on phone if calling in
- Staff will invite you to unmute yourself when it is your time to speak
- Email [SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov) for assistance

# Resources and Contact Information

- Sacramento/Delta Update to Bay-Delta Plan: [waterboards.ca.gov/bay\\_delta/comp\\_review.html](http://waterboards.ca.gov/bay_delta/comp_review.html)
- Proposed VAs: [waterboards.ca.gov/bay\\_delta/proposed\\_voluntary\\_agreements.html](http://waterboards.ca.gov/bay_delta/proposed_voluntary_agreements.html)
- Bay-Delta Watershed: [waterboards.ca.gov/bay\\_delta/](http://waterboards.ca.gov/bay_delta/)
- Email: [SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov)



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