

Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan & Partially Recirculated Draft Staff Report

January 29, 2026



State Water Resources Control Board

Presentation Overview



Hearing purpose and agenda



Summary of December 2025 revised draft Bay-Delta Plan and
Chapter 13 of draft Staff Report

*Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed



Next steps and opportunities for public input

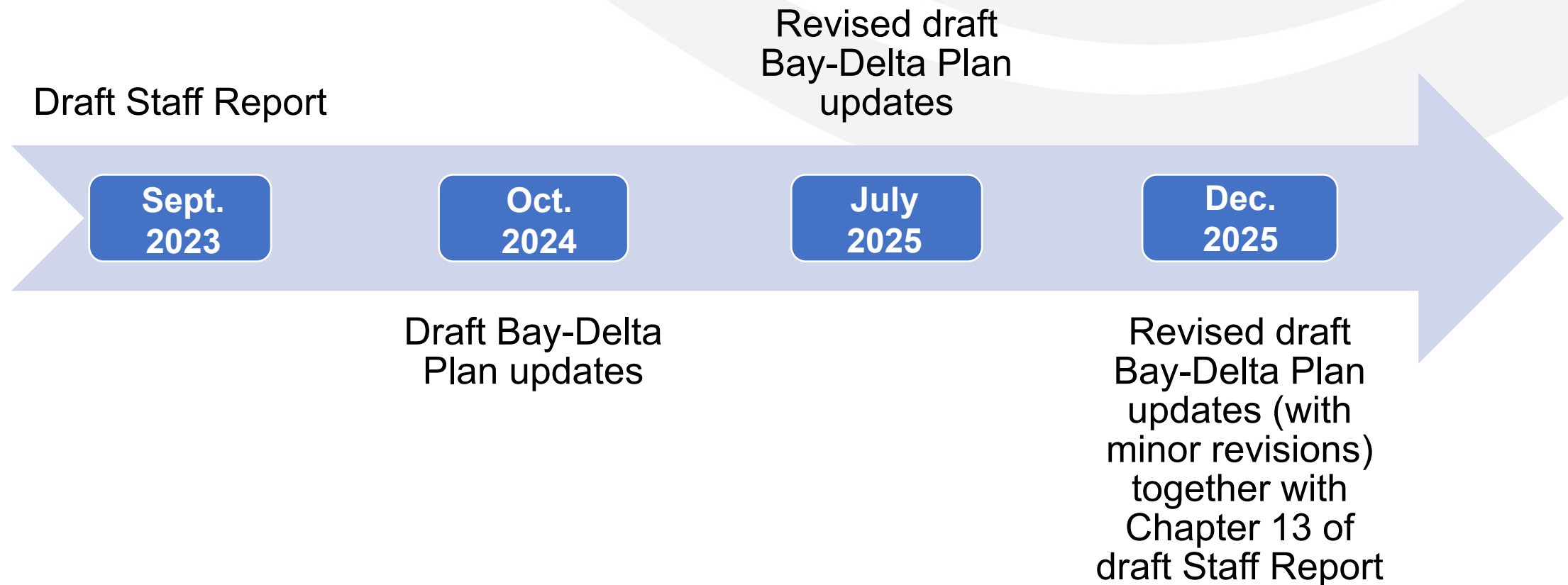
Hearing Purpose

- To receive comments on the December 12, 2025:
 - (1) Revised draft of the Bay-Delta Plan with updates focused on the Sacramento River and Delta components
 - (2) New chapter (Chapter 13, *Revised Proposed Plan Amendments*) of the draft Staff Report in support of Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan
- See notice for summaries of both documents
 - Attachment A: Summary of revised draft updates to the Bay-Delta Plan
 - Attachment B: Summary of Chapter 13

January 29 Agenda

- Panel 1: Fishing Organizations
- Panel 2: Elected Officials and Board Members from Napa, Solano, and Yolo Counties
- Individual comments
- Lunch break
- Panel 3: Tribal Representatives
- Panel 4: Central Delta Water Agency
- Individual comments (anticipated to begin after 2:00 pm)

Timeline of Draft Bay-Delta Plan and Draft Staff Report



Current Comment Process

- In July 2025 Board released a revised draft Plan
 - Comment period was modified to make minor revisions to the draft Plan reflected in December 2025 draft and to coordinate public comment process on draft Plan with release of Chapter 13, allowing more time for review
- Board released Chapter 13 for comment, but is not accepting further comments on the remainder of the draft Staff Report that was released in 2023 for public comment
- Responses to comments on 2023 draft and Chapter 13 will be provided together with final Staff Report to ensure responses are comprehensive

December Revised Draft Bay-Delta Plan

- Similar to July 2025 draft
- Two implementation pathways that would both have regulatory effect upon Plan adoption
 - Voluntary Agreement (VA) pathway incorporates Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL) flow and habitat commitments and would apply to HRL water rights in Appendix B.1
 - Regulatory pathway would apply to other water rights, as well as HRL water rights if VA pathway is discontinued
- Incorporation and designation of tribal beneficial uses
- Edits to water quality objectives and program of implementation
- Updated flow and habitat accounting for the VA pathway

Overview of Chapter 13

- Updated project description – identifies the specific provisions, consistent with the revised draft Bay-Delta Plan, that are proposed to move forward
 - Combination of actions from alternatives evaluated in draft Staff Report chapters released in 2023
- Synthesizes analyses from other parts of draft Staff Report to provide updated environmental and economic analyses that support revised proposed updates to the Plan
- Previous comments were considered in development of Chapter 13

Public Comment

- Hearing continues tomorrow, Jan. 30
- Written comments due Feb. 2, 2026
- Reminders (see notice)
 - Board is not accepting further comments on the remainder of the draft Staff Report that was previously released for public comment
 - Commenters are encouraged to organize letters using clear headings to distinguish between comments on the revised draft Plan and Chapter 13
 - Request that commenters identify and distinguish specific CEQA-related comments from other comments
- Email comments and questions to:
SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov

Major Next Steps



Review public comments received orally at hearing and in writing



Based on public comments, develop final draft Bay-Delta Plan and final Staff Report (including responses to comments on 2023 draft Staff Report and Chapter 13)




Release final draft Bay-Delta Plan and final Staff Report (including responses to comments)



Board meeting to consider adoption of Sacramento/Delta updates to Bay-Delta Plan and final Staff Report

Resources and Contact Information

- Sacramento/Delta Update to Bay-Delta Plan: waterboards.ca.gov/bay_delta/comp_review.html
- Proposed VAs: waterboards.ca.gov/bay_delta/proposed_voluntary_agreements.html
- Bay-Delta Watershed: waterboards.ca.gov/bay_delta/
- Email: SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov

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