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On December 9th, 2013, the state's Natural Resources Agency and its federal partners announced the release of the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) for formal public review and comment. The release consists of the draft Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). The review of the draft Plan, and the associated environmental documents, is a key step toward the completion of the final plan.

The BDCP is a comprehensive habitat conservation plan that seeks to restore fish and wildlife species in the Delta and improve reliability of water supplies throughout the state. The BDCP plans to secure the state's water supply by building new water conveyance infrastructure and operating it in a manner that preserves the ecological health of the Delta. The BDCP also seeks to restore approximately 150,000 acres of habitat to address the Delta's environmental challenges.

The cost to construct the proposed water conveyance system is estimated between \$14.5 billion to \$16 billion to be paid by primary water users. The primary water users include cities in the San Joaquin Valley, Santa Clara Valley and Southern California.

The City's Department of Water and Power estimates that a typical single-family residential household in Los Angeles would see a \$3 per month increase in their water bill to pay for the construction of the proposed conveyance project. The cost for ecosystem restoration would be paid by a larger group of Delta beneficiaries; such as water exporters, recreational users, transportation/shipping interests, power providers and the general public.

The City is taking significant steps to obtain local water sustainability through groundwater cleanup efforts, recycled water planning and stormwater capture. However, the Delta remains an integral part of the City's water supply. The City will continue to rely on purchased water from the Metropolitan Water District in dry years with a majority of it derived from the Delta.


Given this, the City has a significant stake in the development and implementation of the BDCP and should provide comments to the state relative to the proposed draft Plan and the draft EIR/EIS by the comment period deadline of June 13th, 2014. In this manner, the City can ensure that the best interests of its residents and the welfare of the region are being maintained.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power, in conjunction with the Bureau of Sanitation and the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate, be requested/instructed to prepare comments relative to the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan, and associated draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, in 30 days for review and consideration by the Council prior to submission to the state's Natural Resources Agency.

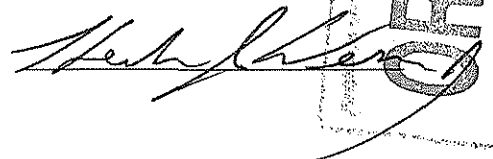


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