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Project Title: _____
 Lead Agency: _____ Contact Person: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Project Location: County: _____ City/Nearest Community: _____
 Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: _____
 Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ | |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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Attachment 1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

July 27, 2022

PROPOSED DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes the construction, operation, and maintenance of new State Water Project (SWP) water diversion and conveyance facilities in the Delta that would be operated in coordination with the existing SWP facilities. The proposed water conveyance facilities would divert up to 6,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water from two new north Delta intakes along the Sacramento River between Freeport and the confluence with Sutter Slough. Water would be conveyed via a single tunnel on an eastern alignment directly to a new pumping plant and aqueduct complex between Byron Highway and Mountain House Road near Mountain House in the south Delta and discharged to the Bethany Reservoir for delivery to existing SWP export facilities (Figure 1). This complex would be called the Bethany Complex and the proposed project is designated in the EIR as *Alternative 5—Bethany Reservoir Alignment, 6,000 cfs, Intakes B and C*.

New facilities proposed for the Delta Conveyance Project include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Two new intakes on the Sacramento River
- Tunnel
- Tunnel shafts
- Pumping plant and surge basin
- Pipeline aqueduct
- Bethany Reservoir Discharge Structure

Other alternatives evaluated in the EIR propose the use of either a central or eastern alignment for the tunnel with conveyance capacities of either 3,000; 4,500; 6,000; or 7,500 cfs, using one, two, or three new north Delta intakes. These alternatives would incorporate a new forebay (as a water balancing facility) and pumping plant complex in the south Delta, adjacent to Clifton Court Forebay, connected by two parallel tunnels to a site west of Byron Highway where water would be delivered to existing SWP (and potentially Central Valley Project [CVP]) facilities. Only the alternatives capable of diverting 7,500 cfs would involve three new intakes in the north Delta to accommodate water delivery of up to 1,500 cfs to the CVP. If the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) determines that there could be a role for the CVP in the Delta Conveyance Project, they would issue a separate NEPA Notice of Intent identifying that role. The proposed project assumes that Reclamation would not participate and the new conveyance facilities would not serve the CVP.

Figure 1 shows the alignment of the proposed project and the locations of the major facilities. Ancillary facilities would be constructed to support construction of the conveyance facilities, including new access roads and local road improvements, concrete batch plants, fuel stations, park-and-ride lots, rail-served materials depots, and electrical facilities. All facilities would be designed to be protected from the 200-year flood event with climate change. Construction and commissioning of the overall conveyance project, if approved, would take approximately 13 years, but the duration of construction at most locations would vary and would not extend for this full construction period.

Operations of the conveyance facilities are proposed to increase DWR's ability to capture water during high flow events. DWR would operate the proposed north Delta facilities and the existing south Delta facilities in compliance with all state and federal regulatory requirements and would not reduce DWR's current ability to meet standards in the Delta to protect biological resources and water quality for beneficial uses. Initial operating criteria of the proposed project are presented in the Draft EIR and assessed for potential environmental impacts and necessary mitigation. Final project operations would be determined after completing the CEQA process, obtaining appropriate water right approvals through the State Water Resources Control Board's change in point of diversion process, and completing the consultation and review requirements of the federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act.

PROJECT AREA

The proposed EIR project area and study area are shown in Figure 2, below. Specific study areas have been defined for each resource topic evaluated in the EIR.

Figure 1. Proposed Project Alignment and Major Facilities

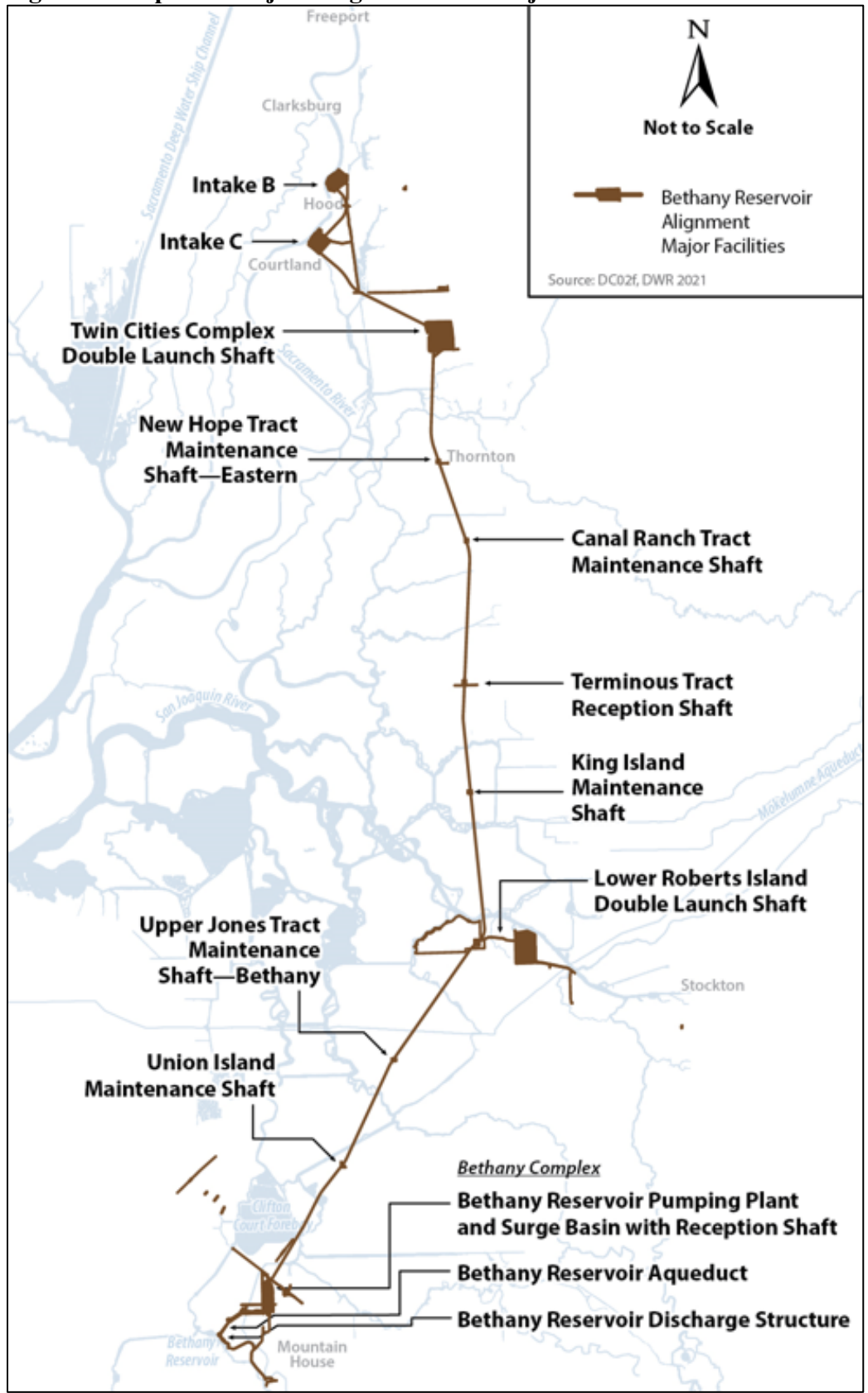


Figure 2. Project Area

