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Dear Interested Parties,

The State Water Resources Control Board has released a draft Staff Report in support of possible updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan) that are focused on the Sacramento River watershed, Delta, and Delta eastside tributaries (Sacramento/Delta).

The draft Staff Report includes scientific information and environmental and economic evaluations to support possible Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan. The report assesses a range of alternatives for updating the Sacramento/Delta portions of the Bay-Delta Plan, including: an alternative based on a 2018 Framework document identifying a 55% of unimpaired flow level (within an adaptive range from 45-65%) from Sacramento/Delta tributaries and associated Delta outflows; and a proposed voluntary agreements alternative that includes voluntary water contributions and physical habitat restoration on major tributaries to the Delta and in the Delta. In addition, based on input from California Native American tribes, the draft Staff Report identifies the proposed addition of tribal and subsistence fishing beneficial uses to the Bay-Delta Plan.

The draft Staff Report is available for review on the [Board's website](#). Written comments on the report are due by **December 15, 2023**. During the public comment period, staff will hold two public workshops to explain the report where attendees can also ask questions. The workshops will be followed by a public hearing before the State Water Board to receive oral comments on the draft Staff Report.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document providing information on the report and the Bay-Delta Plan generally are available on the [Bay-Delta webpage](#).

Upcoming opportunities for engagement on the draft Staff Report are highlighted below:

- October 19 (9:30 am): Overview of Draft Staff Report Workshop and Q&A Session
- November 2 (9:30 am): Modeling Workshop and Q&A Session
- November 17 (9:30 am), December 1 (9:30 am), and December 11 (4:00 pm): Public hearing
- December 15: Written comments due

In addition to the public workshops, staff will hold a separate workshop for tribal representatives only to explain the draft Staff Report and answer questions. A separate notice inviting tribal representatives to participate in the workshop will be sent directly to tribal representatives.

Please see the [notice](#) for additional information on how to submit comments and participate in the workshops and hearing.

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