

Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update

HOW IT AFFECTS CALIFORNIANS

EFFECTS ON AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY

WATER

The proposed Bay-Delta Plan could jeopardize consistent water supplies used to irrigate crops.

ECONOMY

California's agriculture sector contributes about \$105 billion to the economy annually. Under the Bay-Delta Plan current levels would drop as farmland goes out of production.

FOOD

The Bay-Delta Plan will reduce California's current 9 million acres of food-producing farmland by 200,000 acres decreasing crop diversity which limits California food choices.



EFFECTS ON URBAN COMMUNITY

WATER

Bay-Delta Plan would significantly limit drinking water supplies for cities and rural communities. In the Bay-Area alone, the Plan could result in negative impacts for 2.6 million Californians.

ECONOMY

Under the Bay-Delta Plan thousands of jobs could be lost. In 2014, California farms hired nearly 830,000 people. Should farmland decline under the Plan many Californians could be out of work.

FOOD

A reduction in farmland could mean you will have to rely on food grown in countries that don't have the same standards as California.



EFFECT ON BOTH COMMUNITIES

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY

Bay-Delta Plan would take away a significant amount of surface water each year that would otherwise recharge groundwater basins. Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, overdrafted groundwater basins must achieve sustainability by 2020, which will be impeded by Bay-Delta Plan restrictions.

SOLUTIONS



BETTER ALTERNATIVES

Voluntary Agreements are a better alternative. Local, state and federal agencies, along with utilities and non-profit environmental groups, have previously resolved years of controversy with various voluntary agreements and the same is possible for the Bay-Delta Plan.



BETTER SCIENCE

The Bay-Delta Plan should reflect the best available science focusing on the entire life cycle of affected species and multiple variables.