This includes supplies from the City of Los Angeles’ Los Angeles Aqueduct.

1. **CLIMATE CHANGE**
With more severe droughts and precipitation increasingly falling as rain instead of snow, the project can capture enough water during big storms to store for drier times. It would also guard against increased salinity from sea-level rise.

2. **THE BIG ONE**
A new tunnel pipeline safeguards against a major earthquake that could collapse aging Delta levees and shut off water deliveries to millions of people, farms and businesses.

3. **ECOSYSTEM HEALTH**
By separating the water delivery system from the fragile ecosystem during important times for fish, modernized Delta conveyance will improve conditions for migrating and endangered fish populations.

4. **AFFORDABILITY**
As California’s largest water source, past investments have made this water supply an affordable option.

5. **THE HIGHEST QUALITY = MORE LOCAL SUPPLIES**
High-quality northern Sierra water provides a necessary foundation for local supply projects, including recycling programs and replenishment of groundwater basins.

Water from Northern California via the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta typically provides nearly a third of the water used in Southern California. The state is heading an effort to modernize the aging State Water Project infrastructure to maintain supply reliability and provide environmental benefits. California has initiated an environmental review process for a single-tunnel project featuring two intakes with a proposed total diversion capacity of 6,000 cubic feet-per-second (alternatives also will be evaluated). As Metropolitan continues to increase local supplies and promote conservation in Southern California, investment in the state’s water delivery system is an affordable, cost-effective way to secure the region’s water future. Here are five reasons it is an essential project for Southern California:

![The Delta](image-url)
CALIFORNIA WATER RESILIENCE PORTFOLIO

Gov. Newsom has prioritized Delta conveyance as part of the state’s Water Resilience Portfolio, a plan to ensure California has a reliable water supply for future generations in the face of climate change and other challenges. Metropolitan has used this approach for decades — diversifying our water supply by reducing future reliance on the Delta, investing in local supply projects and promoting water efficiency throughout the region. Modernizing the aging water delivery infrastructure in the Delta is one of many steps we must take to ensure the region’s water resiliency.

“Water is the lifeblood of our state, sustaining communities, wildlife and our economy. For more than a year, my Administration has worked to assemble a blueprint to secure this vital and limited resource into the future in a way that builds climate resilience for all communities and sustains native fish and the habitat they need to thrive.”

- Gov. Gavin Newsom on the California Water Resilience Portfolio

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is to provide its service area with adequate and reliable supplies of high-quality water to meet present and future needs in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

ABOUT METROPOLITAN

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative of 26 member agencies — cities and public water agencies — that serve 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and helps its members develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource management programs.

WHO BENEFITS FROM MODERNIZING THE STATE WATER PROJECT

MILLIONS OF CALIFORNIANS
27 MILLION CALIFORNIANS, INCLUDING 19 MILLION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES
ABOUT 9.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA’S UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES WHO RELY ON ACCESS TO CLEAN, AFFORDABLE WATER

FARMS
NEARLY 750,000 ACRES OF FARMLAND, A VITAL PART OF THE CALIFORNIA AND U.S. ECONOMY

NATIVE FISH POPULATIONS
A DECLINING DELTA ECOSYSTEM THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM UPDATED INFRASTRUCTURE THAT REDUCES ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICTS

THE ECONOMY
A $5 TRILLION CALIFORNIA ECONOMY THAT IS SUSTAINED BY A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY

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