



DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Withdrawn: California Department of Water Resources California WaterFix Certification of Consistency with Delta Plan

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The Department of Water Resources (Department) today, December 7, 2018, withdrew its Certification of Consistency for the California WaterFix. The Certification, which the Department filed with the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) on July 27, 2018, found that the California WaterFix was consistent with the Delta Plan. Nine appeals were filed to challenge this finding and were scheduled to be ruled on by the Council at a December 20-21, 2018 meeting.

"During the appeals process this fall, several of the parties expressed a willingness to work toward resolving issues that were raised," said Council Chair Randy Fiorini. "The withdrawal of its Certification of Consistency for the California WaterFix now provides the opportunity to fully engage," he said.

"It must be acknowledged that status quo conditions for conveyance in the Delta are unsustainable," Fiorini added. "It is the responsibility of all stakeholders in and beyond the Delta to find workable solutions to improve statewide water supply reliability as well as protect and enhance the Delta ecosystem, all in a manner that protects the Delta as an evolving place," he said.

Following the action by the Department, the Council's Executive Officer Jessica Pearson dismissed the appeals as no longer raising issues before the Council, thereby lifting the ex parte restrictions that had prohibited its members and staff from working with the parties outside of the Council's appeals process.

"The Council has been clear in its Delta Plan that we must improve the way water is diverted from the Delta," said Executive Officer Jessica Pearson. "We encourage the Department to re-engage with the Council in early consultation, and ask all stakeholders to commit to engaging productively to address the issues that were raised."

You can read more about the California WaterFix Certification and appeals [here](#).

