

Proposed Deepening: Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel
Pre-Application Information
Delta LTMS Permitting and Protocols TWGs
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Background

- The Sacramento River Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC) is a 46.5-mile long channel that branches from the John F. Baldwin Ship Channel (San Francisco Bay to Stockton) at New York Slough.
- 1946: Sacramento DWSC originally authorized in Rivers and Harbors Act of 1946.
- 1989-1990: River miles 43-35 were deepened to 35 feet when construction was stopped.
- 2002: Project Management transferred from the Sacramento District to the San Francisco District.

Status

- Congressional authority to deepen to 35 feet
- Actively pursuing environmental compliance
- Approximate volume: 6,000,000 cubic yards

Milestones

- Initiate coordination with resource and regulatory agencies: April/May 2008
- Public scoping meeting: mid-June 2008
- Baseline condition report: September 2008
- Salinity modeling: mid-2009
- Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) & results: late 2008/early 2009
- Draft EIS/EIR: mid-2009

Delta LTMS Concerns

- Agreement to work through Delta LTMS
 - Permitting TWG/DDRMT
 - Protocols TWG
 - Alternatives TWG?
- Development of SAP/ Sediment testing
- ESA issues
- Placement sites