

BDCP best way to meet state's important goals

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The Castaic Lake Water Agency continues to believe that the Bay Delta Conservation Plan remains an important opportunity to achieve the state's dual goals of Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta ecosystem restoration and improved water supply reliability.

The BDCP needs leadership commitments from federal and state agencies in order to complete an analysis of solutions that work for all of California.

While the Castaic Lake Water Agency shares in the frustrations of other agencies that the BDCP process is experiencing serious delays, staying the course to complete ongoing technical work is vital to arriving at a solution for California's future.

The delta is California's Katrina disaster-in-waiting. Experts predict a major earthquake in the next 25 years that would cause more than 20 delta islands to collapse. The environmental impacts would be devastating and municipal water supplies could be cut off for up to six months.

The BDCP is our best chance to restore water supply reliability and address the ecologic challenges facing the delta.

About half of the Santa Clarita Valley's municipal water needs are met from imported water provided by the CLWA from the State Water Project and other sources.