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Public Feedback Sought on Delta Research Station Proposal

A notice announcing the availability of a draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for a proposed science and research center in the Delta will be published in the *Federal Register* on Oct. 30, 2015, the California Department of Water Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

The notice is available now and can be viewed [here](#).

The notice opens a 45-day public comment period that will end Dec. 14, 2015 and will include two public meetings at the following times and locations:

- Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m., D.H. White Elementary School, 500 Elm Way, Rio Vista.
- Thursday, Dec. 3, 5:30 p.m., Arnold Rue Community Center, 5758 Lorraine Ave., Stockton.

The Delta Research Station would consist of two facilities – an Estuarine Research Station and Fish Technology Center, and would consolidate approximately 145 employees from federal and state offices of the Interagency Ecological Program (IEP). A total of four alternatives are identified in the EIR/EIS, with the preferred alternative located at the Sacramento River site of the Rio Vista Army Reserve Center in the City of Rio Vista.

The DRS would consolidate a number of existing and new activities and would bring together state and federal staff working on Bay-Delta issues, allowing for increased interagency coordination and collaboration. The EIS/EIR also includes plans to construct and operate a co-located Fish Technology Center to conduct research and develop captive propagation techniques that might help imperiled fish populations.

Go to the project's web site at <http://www.deltaresearchstation.com/> for more information on the Delta Research Station project. Recent photos of the existing preferred alternative location can be found [here](#). Comments on the Draft EIR/EIS must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. PST on Dec. 14, 2015. Comments may also be dropped off at the two public meetings listed above. Comments may also be

submitted by one of the following methods: 1) By email: comments@deltasearchstation.com; 2) By hard copy: Submit by mail or by hand delivery to USFWS, Attn: Barbara Beggs, 650 Capitol Mall Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Hard-bound copies of the Draft EIR/EIS will be available at the following locations:

- USFWS San Francisco Bay-Delta Office, 650 Capitol Mall Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA, 95814
- Rio Vista Library, 44 South Second Street, Rio Vista, CA, 94571
- Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 North El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202

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