

Reliable Recycled Water for Regional Sustainability

Harvest Water, California's largest agricultural water recycling project, will provide reliable, high-quality recycled water to agricultural lands and existing habitats in southern Sacramento County. When complete, Harvest Water will supply billions of gallons of drought-resistant recycled water each year—equivalent to more than 24,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools—and bring other lasting environmental benefits to the region.



Building Regional Sustainability

Climate Resiliency

Harvest Water strives to keep lands south of Sacramento County in economically viable agricultural production while cooperatively protecting existing habitat for future generations through the following means:

- Strengthening existing wildlife-friendly agricultural management and providing winter roosting and foraging habitat for Sandhill cranes
- Helping reconnect the Cosumnes River with the groundwater table to improve river flows, which will benefit the fall-run Chinook salmon population

Water Reliability for Farmers

Drought-resistant recycled water provides an additional irrigation source for farmers with the following benefits:

- Less demand for groundwater when farmers can support their irrigation needs with recycled water
- Improved groundwater table can provide greater water reliability when groundwater pumping may be needed in dry years

Key Benefits

▶ FACILITATES GROUNDWATER RECOVERY

Allows for use of recycled water instead of groundwater for irrigation, sustainably increasing groundwater in storage by approximately 370,000 acre-feet—about one third the capacity of Folsom Lake

▶ BOOSTS SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Delivers up to 50,000 acre-feet per year of reliable recycled water—approximately 16 billion gallons of water—to directly irrigate more than 16,000 acres of agricultural lands

▶ STRENGTHENS LOCAL HABITATS

Helps support over 5,000 acres of riparian and wetland habitats, 3,500 acres of Sandhill crane habitat, and increased streamflow in the Cosumnes River

Projected Timeline

Project schedule is subject to change.

2024 - 2026
Construction & Commissioning

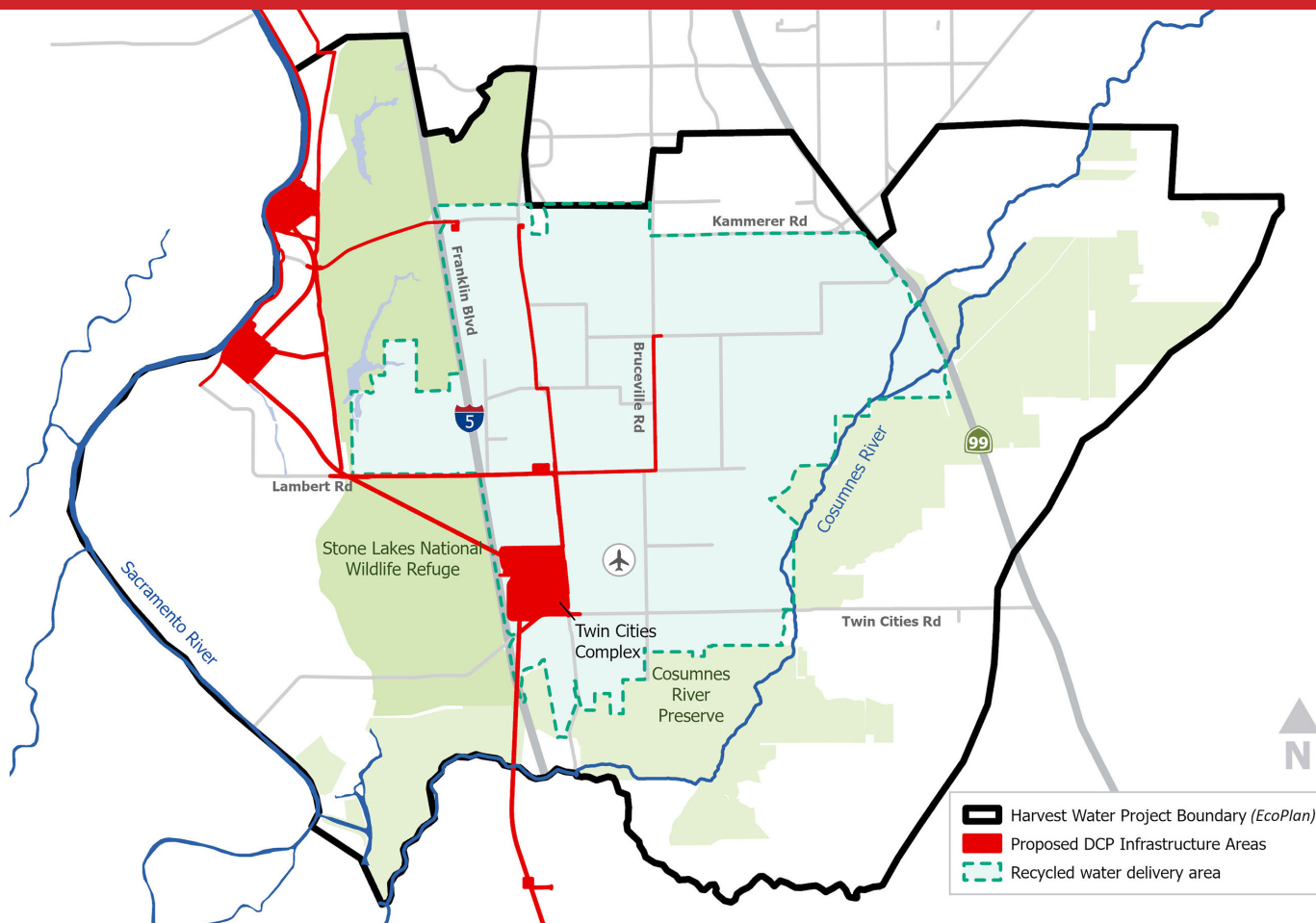
2027 - ONGOING
Operational

Nearly 42 miles of new pipeline will deliver recycled water from the EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility near Elk Grove to agricultural lands and existing habitats in southern Sacramento County (see map on reverse for more detail).

Funding

Harvest Water is funded by the Sacramento Area Sewer District, along with approximately \$380 million in state grants, as of July 2025, and \$31 million in federal funding. SacSewer is working to also secure future additional state and federal funding.

THE PROPOSED DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT HARMS HARVEST WATER!



Serious Impacts of the Delta Conveyance Project (DCP)

The Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) raises serious concerns for SacSewer and its landmark initiative, the Harvest Water Project. Here's what you need to know:

- **Groundwater Reduction:** The DCP could significantly reduce groundwater levels in the Harvest Water area, potentially impacting local water supply reliability and harming groundwater ecosystems.
- **Funding Impacts:** The DCP will negatively impact SacSewer's ability to meet its state grant requirements, jeopardizing future funds.
- **Threatens State and Federal Taxpayer Dollars:** The DCP could jeopardize both California's \$380 million investments and \$31 million Federal grants.
- **Habitat Impacts:** Tunnel construction at the Twin Cities Complex—within the Harvest Water area—will disrupt sandhill crane habitats and diminish many other environmental benefits created by Harvest Water.
- **Operational Concerns:** The DCP will increase reverse flows in the Sacramento River, creating operational concerns for SacSewer's EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility.

What is SacSewer doing to protect Harvest Water and its ratepayers?

- **Advocacy:** SacSewer engaged early in the DCP's administrative processes, providing detailed comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Unfortunately, key concerns—especially those related to Harvest Water—were not addressed in the Final EIR released in December 2023.
- **Legal Action:**
 - SacSewer joined Delta agencies and nonprofit organizations in filing a lawsuit that challenged DWR's approval of the DCP and certification of the project's Final EIR.
 - SacSewer's legal action successfully halted DWR's geotechnical activities.
 - SacSewer filed a subsequent lawsuit against the Delta Stewardship Council after their decision allowing DWR to implement the DCP.
 - SacSewer is actively challenging DWR's water right change petition through the State Water Board related to the DCP's harmful potential impacts on Harvest Water and SacSewer operations.

