Bay-Delta Tour FIELD TRIP

June 14-16, 2017

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Go deep into the hub of California's water systems. Travel from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – a 720,000-acre network of islands and waterways that supports a diverse ecosystem and transports water to the state's largest water projects – to the San Francisco Bay. This is a critical time for the Delta as regional water projects face pumping restrictions as fish populations continue to decline. And debate continues over the proposed tunnels that would carry water below the Delta to the state and federal pumping plants.

This **3-day**, **2-night tour** features experts who will discuss the issues and controversies about one of California's most crucial ecological resources. This tour gives participants the opportunity to view significant features firsthand, hear from representatives of the many interest groups involved in the Bay-Delta and gain a better knowledge of the challenging issues for this region.

Topics to be discussed include:

- > State and federal water project operations in the Delta
- Delta restoration plans
- ► Agriculture, water rights
- > Studies and debate on Delta conveyance
- > Levee integrity, subsidence and flood management
- > Water quality, salt intrusion and drinking water treatment
- > Ecosystem restoration projects, wetlands and waterfowl
- Climate change and infrastructure challenges
- **>** Los Vaqueros expansion
- ► Fish population, river flows and pumping restrictions

Tentative stops include:

- Delta islands & levees > State fish screens
- Clifton Court Forebay
 Delta Cross Channel
- ➤ Federal pumping plant at Tracy
- ➤ Los Vaqueros Reservoir
- ► U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bay Model
- > San Francisco Bay via ferry
- ► Aquarium of the Bay ➤ Suisun Marsh

This **fast-paced tour** begins at Sacramento International Airport at **7:30 a.m. Wednesday**, **June 14** and will end at approximately **6 p.m. Friday**, **June 16** at Sacramento International Airport.

Registration – \$840 per person for single occupancy, **Early Bird Discount if purchased by Monday, May 15**, is \$815. Fee includes all tour meals, hotel accommodations on June 14 and 15, tour transportation, materials and bus snacks and drinks. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Sacramento International Airport.

All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline to cancel and receive a full refund is May 31 at 5 p.m. due to hotel, meal and transportation bookings.

Substitutions may be made through Monday, June 12.

The tour is cosponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region and the California Department of Water Resources. Additional tour sponsors are CH2M, ESA, MWH – now part of Stantec, GEI, Turlock Irrigation District and HDR.

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