



Stockton Water Project Finally Off the Ground  
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STOCKTON, CA - Dirt is finally being turned for the Delta Water Supply Project in Stockton.

The project will pump water out of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta northwest of the city and carry it through pipes to a north Stockton treatment facility. In about two and a half years, when the project is completed, that water will go to about 140,000 Stockton water customers.

"We need the additional water for growth and our groundwater basin is overdrafted," said Stockton Municipal Utilities Director Mark Madison.

Getting water from the delta isn't a simple process, even for a city located so close to that water supply. Approval by numerous state agencies was needed and it didn't happen quickly.

"Forty years, and I've been working on it for the past 14 years. This is a momentous occasion," said Madison.

The project will cost the city of Stockton \$217 million. Average water bills for customers will increase from \$33 to \$54 over a four-year period.

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