Communication Timeline

December 2024

California Forever Team met with County staff to discuss potential shipbuilding opportunities in the Collinsville Special Study Area and conveyed they would reach out to staff if and when they wanted to move forward with a project proposal.

March 2025

County staff are invited to attend Virtual Town Halls hosted by California Forever to discuss shipbuilding in the Collinsville Special Study area. The meetings were designed as community outreach and did not convey a project proposal.

March 28, 2025

Assembly Member Wilson convened a "working group" at City of Suisun City office where it became apparent that discussions around shipbuilding between California Forever and community members had occurred outside the presence of County representatives.

April 22, 2025

The Board of Supervisors received a detailed proposal on the history and 2008 General Plan designation of the Collinsville Special Study area. The Board encouraged the property owners/project proponents of the shipbuilding concept to directly engage with the County on the details of the proposal and necessary steps to achieve General Plan and Zoning compliance. Subsequent to this meeting, the County Administrator and California Forever CEO spoke and the CAO encouraged California Forever to begin the rezoning of the Collinsville Special Study area.

June 5, 2025

California Forever met with County staff where County staff once again encouraged California Forever to initiate a rezoning for the Collinsville Special Study area. The California Forever staff present stated that no site plan or other project specific work had been completed but expressed enthusiasm for the County support of shipbuilding within the Study area.

July 15, 2025

County Administrator, Bill Emlen, sends a support letter to the site selection committee in support of the inclusion of Solano County as a finalist in the national site selection process for a next-generation shipyard.

August 25, 2025

County staff met with GO-Biz to discuss the Collinsville Special Study area for purposes of identifying the viability of the site for shipbuilding. County staff were made aware that the property owners/project proponents might be seeking special legislation to expand the Water Dependent Industrial designation to five times its current size, with an exemption from any additional EIR or a vote as required by Measure T, and to include all infrastructure and additional land uses within the area.

August 27, 2025

County staff met with California Forever and the California Forever CEO stated their goal of using special legislation to obtain a blanket entitlement of approximately 7,500 acres by using the 2008 General Plan EIR to exempt the land use change from any project specific analysis. California Forever stated they would provide the County with a copy of the proposed legislation but rather provided County staff with a one page summary.

August 29, 2025

County staff identified an aggressive, yet achievable, schedule that would allow the proposed project to receive the necessary entitlements without the need for any legislation. The schedule was shared with GO-Biz.