

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN/CALIFORNIA WATER FIX
PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/
SUPPLEMENTAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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ADDRESS: 10749 4th Street

CITY: Hood STATE: CA ZIP: 95639

#1. Hood Water/Wells!!

How will the pipelines that come from the intakes North of Hood and that travel directly into and through our water table/wells affect the availability/quality of our water??
Is there mitigation???

#2. Hood-Franklin Road:

Just West of tressel/bridge on the East side of Hood:

- access to Staging area
- access to Intake/Pumps North of Hood.

- Why drive through Hood? - access roads on tressel/level roads??



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THE PLAN NEEDS TO BE
REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING
ONE:

1. RETIRE DRAINAGE IMPAIRED
LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF
THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
2. INCREASE FLOW THROUGH THE
DELTA
3. REPAIR AND BOLLIER LEVEES
4. ANALYZE HOW MUCH WATER
IS REALLY AVAILABLE & GET
RID OF DAMPER WATER
5. ADOPT RESPONSIBLE EXPORTS
PLAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
WATER CAUCUS (EWC).

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 CITY: Lodi STATE: Ca ZIP: 95242

① Nothing in this plan talks about Southern California and South San Joaquin Valley developing a plan to:

- a. fund and build water storage areas in Southern California or water abatement practices
- b. fund and implement water mandates for reduction in each zip code ... no matter how affluent.
- c. funding water conservation incentives to educate farmers, home owners, and businesses on known methods of reducing current water usage: ie.

② This plan as a "California Fix" serves only to benefit multiple other "special interests" and TUNNELS UNDERNEATH the "BAY DELTA!"

③ There is only one way to keep water quality and flow in the Bay Delta. That is to continue to conserve water all over the state. We cannot control rainfall. Taking more water out of the Bay Delta with tunnels does nothing but increase salinity - reduce ground water quality and the aquatic ecosystem.

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① This plan mimics the Australia plan which solved a problem for them. It may have been a plan that would have worked better in the 50's when we could have built pipes that would have saved source water.

It is not a plan California should adopt or pay for.

② The need for this plan is only because Southern California never adopted planned growth. Going forward the same goals can be accomplished by

① All future development submitting plans in each community that explain how the project will be water neutral. The communities must meter water use and show reductions in one area to justify expansion in another that is environmentally responsible.

② All water regulations and permits should be reviewed for legality and a new environmentally sound system proposed. NOT TUNNELS

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The Documents online indicated the use of dewatering wells along the alignment but the people at the Community meeting said they would not use dewatering wells. Will they use them or not? If they do and a well on private property does not recover, what will be done to address it?

The North intakes are set for 9K CFS and existing intakes at Clifton Court are licensed for 15K CFS. What is the maximum amount of water allowed to be taken? What determines the north/south pumping allocation?

If the 9000 CFS is taken from the north, what will keep the river from still trying to flow backwards as it does now when pumping from the south?

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Stop the tunnels
Too much money, no benefit to
most of the tax payers of Calif.

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See attached
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July 29, 2015

Governor Gerald Brown

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER
STATE CAPITAL
SACRAMENTO, CA 95614

Re Public Hearing on Twin Tunnels and the Delta Plan

Dear Governor, Chairperson and Senators,

We are so disturbed by the lack of necessity of this "Project", we formally object.

Additionally this "Project" has yet to be defined sufficiently to even understand.

Is the "Project" a tunnel or a canal or a combination? These are two or three entirely different "Projects". While we fail to see the necessity for either we also fail to see the public interest in either alternative.

Before you can address the list of actual project issues, you need a clearly defined "Project".

Does the fact the State can't afford either project make a difference? If the State is counting on private or semi private funding then they have no right to proceed with eminent domain. Please require honest disclosure as to what is taking place. Will we find out later that DWR personal had vested interest or undisclosed conflicts?

What DWR is doing is an alarming waste of taxpayers' money in the current economic climate. They are interviewing to hire a project manager before we even have the project defined and approved.

Existing contract water rights will place this matter in the court system for years, costing millions and yet the public last spoke in denial of a Canal.

No bonding company will insure the tunnel alternative because of the size and scope of such a project has never been done.

Please take this letter as a formal objection to the science claims that a Delta levy failure is going to happen. More review and specifics are needed.

Do not rush to improperly approve these potential projects. A more likely occurrence is that tunnel drilling could set off an earthquake or open a fissure that causes irreparable environmental harm. Has that potential been considered?

As a practical example, on one of the Delta Island's, a new owner filled a ditch line and replace the line in a location seemingly more direct and helpful for his farming operation. Unfortunately nature had too long gone a different way. The new line and filled old line resulted in farming disaster, as neither functioned. The farmer was forced to install pumping systems and add several additional ditches.

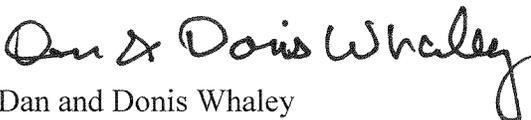
Don't be so sure that these untested designs can even work, or will work as designed, especially when there is little water to supply the existing system.

Finally, the impact to the existing operating farming Delta system has not been properly considered. The added trucks and power and sewage disposal needs exceed the capacity tenfold and no project should be considered until minimum considerations like sewer connections and drinkable water exist in the fragile ecosystems of these small Delta towns. Hood for example is a main area impacted and yet the town does not have one public restroom and the town hasn't been connected to the regional sewage treatment plant just 6 miles away. The lack of understanding of the practical scope of 80 trucks and 80 truck drivers, starting and stopping in Hood daily for 6 to 10 years of ongoing construction shows the lack of planning for this project.

Please reconsider any project until all factors have been reviewed and the project has been clearly defined.

Thank you

Sincerely


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RECIRC257
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Related to
tunnel project
as well. Please
Review

Via email and US mail
Oscar Biondi
Water Quality Certification Program
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

April 14, 2014

Re Emergency Drought Barriers Project

Dear Mr. Biondi,

Please deny this application by the California DWR.

The basis for the denial is the following unaddressed significant adverse cumulative impacts and effects:

1. The applicant has failed to demonstrate or provide reliable science that the barriers will significantly prevent salt water intrusion into the Delta. Examining figure 1 on page A-4, the untrained eye can see that even if the barriers did slow some salt water intrusion, they are essentially sacrificing everything southwest of the barriers to save those properties to the north. This decision was not identified or discussed, nor is this a proper use of public funds. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that installing the barriers will not further cause CWA violations.
2. The barriers will immediately affect water quality, not just on the surface of the sloughs, but will have adverse hydrological effects on Sutter Island itself. The applicant's barriers will create stagnant sloughs on 75% of the navigable waterways surrounding Sutter Island. This is unprecedented and unexplored science, with the realistic potential for long lasting, unavoidable and irreparable damages to Sutter Island. In addition, the potential damages to the subsurface water table have not been analyzed nor has the effect on the levies been determined.

3. The applicant failed to analysis the cumulative effects of erecting these barriers on the environment, including traffic on land and water, as well as the negative impact on the native fish as well as endangered fish species.
4. The applicant foundation for going forward is that because they did this once before in 1977 on one slough, that they can use that data to support closing two sloughs that surround one Island (Sutter Island). Even for a non-scientist, this evaluation seems fatally flawed. The foreseeable damages of slit build up and the damage potential by cutting off water flow without any definite public benefit, makes this 40 million dollars project one you should deny approval/permitting.
5. Looking specifically at the project, the applicant did not consider the cumulative effect of construction of the barriers will have on the communities of Hood and Courtland. The identified rock storage in the town of Hood is a small parcel without access for semi-truck turn around. Trucks must also ingress or egress directly onto State Highway 160 at a near 90 degree turns without visibility. In addition, the traffic, noise, and air pollution effect has not been evaluated. The town of Hood has no sewer system or public restrooms and has only one unopened restaurant. The town of Courtland has a public sewer system, but no public restrooms and only one part-time restaurant. Neither town has a traffic signal light, but merely 4 or 5 stop signs in the entire town. As the landowner adjacent to the Hood rock storage parcel, we do not agree to have a nuisance of rock piles, dirt, dust and traffic, affecting our adjacent property. We have spent thousands of dollars improving our parcels, including approval by the Sacramento County General Plan and Zoning Code to allow wine and beer making and wine and beer tasting. These are not compatible uses with rock storage and removal. In addition the State of California has a Water Testing Facility on this small rock storage parcel that would be compromised by any barge loading or unloading or any pollution into the water.
6. Finally, the applicant has failed to analysis project alternatives, including not building the barriers and instead educating the public on strict water conservation. Lawns and parks are still being watered in Sacramento and though out the Valley. Despite these uses, the State seeks to potentially permanently destroy a 2,500 acre Delta Island to possibly slow some salt water intrusion. In addition the circumstances by which this project was initially designed have changed. The initial emergency basis for this barrier project no longer exists. Some significant rain fall has occurred and the reservoirs and snow pack suggest that with careful management and no pumping water to Southern California, the danger of salt water infusion can be avoided.

Please review and advice.

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I saw and heard nothing that explains how stealing the water & routing it around the Delta saves it. There is a limited supply—known fact. Water is needed to flow through normal channels to support the wildlife and the economic interests in the Delta—known fact. Removing water eliminates the natural selection of the Delta. This is a water theft. More storage is needed. The current drought shows that there is no excess water. NO EXCESS. How can water be taken & removed from its natural course and no damage will be done. This is no more than a water theft. This is exactly the same & Owens Valley's Mono Lake. California & the current political powers are ignoring the obvious. There is no excess water to distribute. The environmental and economic damages will be severe. Putting lipstick on this pig doesn't make it any better. This is a poorly conceived idea with severe consequences.

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*This project is smoke & mirrors -
very sad our government would
spend our tax dollars - we
need reservoirs and water storage
in the entire state. This
can be done with out
destroying our environment*

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Karl
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Clerk of the Board

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July 21, 2015

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Request to Extend the Comment Period for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/WaterFix Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report and Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Governor Brown, Secretaries Jewell, Pritzker and Laird, Administrator McCarthy and Mr. Wulff:

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/WaterFix Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report and Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/RDEIS) was released July 9, 2015. Prior to the release representatives of the California Natural Resources Agency represented to the Delta Counties Coalition that they would have more than forty-five days to respond to the document. While it is true that fifty-three days is longer than forty-five, it is also true that fifty-three days is an insufficient amount of time to thoughtfully review and analyze the changes, contrast the differences with the original plan, and craft thoughtful responses intended to further the lead agencies' analysis of the project.

The California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act are grounded in fully disclosing the impacts of projects so that we as a society can make informed decisions -- knowing full well the consequences to our communities, our livelihoods, and our environment of

Governor Brown, Secretary Jewell, Pritzker and Laird, Administrator McCarthy
and Mr. Wulff

July 21, 2015

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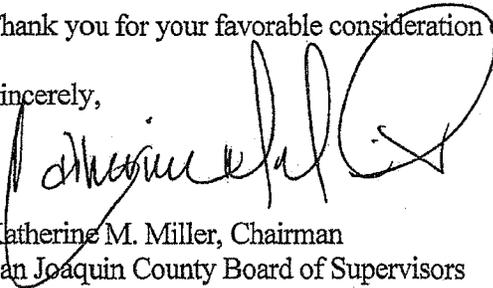
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those actions. Given the importance of the project, and the complexity of the document, the 53-day public comment period is woefully inadequate.

San Joaquin County is one of the communities most affected by the WaterFix, and we believe more time is needed to thoroughly review and comment on the project. San Joaquin County respectfully requests that the public comment period for the BDCP/WaterFix RDEIR/RDEIS be extended by a minimum of 120 additional days beyond the current 53-day comment period. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mike Selling, Public Works Director at (209) 468-3100, or me at (209) 468-3113.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Katherine M. Miller, Chairman
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

c: San Joaquin County's State Legislative Delegation
San Joaquin County's Federal Legislative Delegation
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From: Humphrey, Shay
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 4:05 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: FW: incoming letters re: 75 day extension comment deadline for BDCP
Attachments: AR-M550U_20150730_100253.pdf; ATT00001.htm; AR-M550U_20150730_100336.pdf; ATT00002.htm

See two attached comments requesting comment period extension.

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From: Rebecca Nicholas [mailto:rebecca@jb-comm.com]
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Sent from my iPhone

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For the comment file...

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FYI

From: Paul W. Rea <paulrea@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2015 1:00 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: Adrian Roberts; John Scott; Paul Sethy
Subject: Better Solutions for the State's Water Challenges

Greetings, BDCP Members ~

If the one of the purposes of the dual tunnels and Water Fix proposals is to reduce water loss to leakage and evaporation, then wouldn't it be far cheaper and more effective to line ditches and then cover them (and aqueducts) with solar panels? Doing so would not only allow the state to leave more water in rivers and streams for wildlife and recreation, but would also generate some of the power needed for desalinate ocean water along the coast.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Paul W. Rea, PhD
Newark

From: Sarah Singrin <singrins@luhsd.net>
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I stand with Jim Frazier on this issue!

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From: Ron Parish <ronparish@lonetreegolfcourse.com>
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Cc: Assemblymember.Frazier@outreach.assembly.ca.gov
Subject: No Tunnels Governor Brown! Where was the vote? How about this solution? See link.

http://www.fastcoexist.com/3044988/california-is-sitting-on-the-solution-to-its-drought-problem?utm_source=facebook

Governor Brown,

All of us in the East Bay are with Jim Frazier. Why not think of other solutions? See attached article. Surely there are incentives the state could use to support local municipalities and develop a cistern system similar to Sun Valley in Los Angeles county? Why not? Probably would save the state dollars compared to tunnels and city's could help finance. Have less of a negative impact environmentally on the Bay area and be better received from the entire state.

Make an adjustment. Don't hold your current line because you are too far into it; too many people are against what you are doing and other solutions need to be considered. Reconsider/rethink!

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California Is Sitting On The Solution To Its Drought Problem

There's a lot of water around, it just needs to be put to better use.

WRITTEN BY Terry Tamminen

By now you've heard about the epic drought threatening every California water user, from almond growers to swimming pool owners, resulting in mandatory cutbacks and ostracism from neighbors for being the last on the block with a green lawn. So would it surprise you to learn that the state actually has more than enough water to go around?

About a decade ago, the blue-collar community of Sun Valley in Los Angeles County was faced with flooding that impacted homes and businesses during winter rains. The county had planned a \$47 million storm sewer system to drain the floodwaters from streets and dump it in the Pacific Ocean via the Los Angeles River (itself now a mostly concrete flood management canal). Instead, clever community planners decided to invest those funds in underground cisterns that would capture the water for later use.

A dilapidated city park was remodeled with cisterns below, as were medians along broad boulevards that were themselves underwater during heavy rains. The result was a system, using ancient Roman technology, that captures 8,000 acre feet of water each year. That's about twice what the entire city consumes, solving the flooding problem and creating a source of fresh water for thousands of residents. By the way, the investment also gave the city a new park with ball fields and picnic grounds and higher adjacent property values.



Flickr user Ian Abbott

But could something this simple be the solution for a thirsty state that is getting hotter, growing faster, and producing more food crops than ever before? According to the National Weather Service, the average annual rainfall in Los Angeles for the past 100 years is about 14 inches, more than enough to serve the needs of the region and then some.

During the decade from 2003 to 2012 we had wet years of nearly 38 inches of rain and dry ones of less than 4 inches, but the average was still just under 14 inches, meaning there is no drought in the most populous region of the state.

So what's the problem? For the past 150 years, the goal was to address the same challenge that Sun Valley faced: not a lack of water, but too much water during the brief, intense rainy season. So Southern California built storm sewers and concreted the rivers to efficiently carry all that fresh water into the ocean.

The answer to the drought, therefore, is to stop wasting this valuable resource. If we captured and used the water that already falls here, we could turn off the tap from the north and leave that water for farmers. Just as we discovered in California that sunlight falling on every rooftop can be harnessed to generate energy, right at the place it is used, we can capture the water that falls on those same landscapes for use where it's needed. In fact, the Los Angeles non-profit TreePeople has been demonstrating for years that every type of building or land use can do what Sun Valley has done, or what solar panels do for energy generation—decentralize.



Flickr user Ian Abbott

One of their projects used simple rain barrels to collect water at a typical home and a graded lawn to capture and retain water, allowing it to seep into the ground instead of running off into the street. In another demonstration, asphalt at a school campus was replaced by vegetation and trees, cooling the buildings and lowering energy costs, while capturing water under the parking lot in cisterns. In both cases, the result was more water stored than could be used onsite, meaning the landowner had a valuable commodity to sell to the local water utility and a lower cost for their own water needs (after amortizing the value of the installations).

Moreover, the two major sewage treatment plants that serve Los Angeles County treat over 700 million gallons of sewage water per day and dump most of it in the ocean. As the state looks for ways to water golf courses, ball fields, or flush toilets, it would be far cheaper to re-use the water we already pay for, by investing in reverse plumbing instead of expensive new dams and pipes to pump more costly water from the north or the Colorado River.

Sure, we could desalinate ocean water, but the state's landmark laws to tackle greenhouse gases and save energy mandate that less energy be generated in the state over time, not more. Desalination demands unthinkable amounts of energy so in essence we will solve one problem by exacerbating another.

Yes, to solve the "drought" in a few short years, there are two basic tasks that California needs to undertake. First, we should set a goal of zero net water use in southern California by the year 2030 and replace the water we currently ship across the state with captured water that falls in

abundance in the region on an average annual basis. Second, we need to tackle the antiquated system of water rights that pits farmers against each other for access to various water supplies and that forces some landowners to use the water for low value, water-intensive crops because of "use it or lose it" water laws. Farmers need not compete with urban users or environmentalists and fishers (who want more water left in natural river ecosystems) if they stop fighting amongst themselves first and compromise on reasonable water rights reforms.

As we all remember from our high school readings of *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, the quote goes: "water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink." If we take this common-sense, cost-efficient approach we could solve the drought, keep feeding America, watering our lawns, diving into our swimming pools, spraying fake snow on movie sets, and showing the world how to invest and innovate to solve major challenges—all the things the world loves about California.

From: Bill <sloco9@att.net>
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Subject: Delta Water Tunnels

This proposal is insane. Do really have to have this so Gov Brown can have this lunatic legacy?

This is a disaster in the making!

Wm Sloss
sloco9@att.net

From: Mike Larkin <mlarkin@mail186-2.suw21.mandrillapp.com> on behalf of Mike Larkin <mlarkin@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 9:46 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Mike Larkin 92544 I will support the “Water Fix” if you dump the “Train to no-where”!
Are you all a bunch of morons!
Oop's that an oxymoron!

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July 23, 2015

Water Fix Comments
P.O. Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) I am writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland throughout the state, while also protecting the natural Delta environment.

TVMWD operates a wholesale water treatment plant that receives 100% of its imported water supply from the State Water Project system. As such, resolution of the decades-long water resource issues in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is of the highest priority for our retail member agencies and over half-million residents in the eastern portion of the San Gabriel Valley. TVMWD has been an outspoken supporter of the original Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) since its inception and we remain steadfast in our endorsement of this effort.

The refreshed documents of the BDCP are the culmination of nearly a decade of extensive expert review, planning and scientific and environmental analysis by the state's leading water experts, engineers and conservationists, and unprecedented public comment and participation. The California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) reflects significant changes and improvements to the plan to address comments from the state and federal governments and other stakeholders.

Our state's system of aging dirt levees, aqueducts and pipes that bring water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the southern two-thirds of the State is outdated and at risk of collapse in the event of a major earthquake or flood. Problems with this aging system have already resulted in significant water supply cutbacks and shortages for people, farms and businesses, as well as damage to fish, wildlife and the environment.

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The California Water Fix will improve our water delivery infrastructure to allow us to responsibly capture and move water during wet years, so that we have a greater water supply during future droughts. The current drought has demonstrated that California's aging water infrastructure is not equipped to handle the regular boom and bust cycles of our climate. With above average rains predicted in the near future, we must move forward with improved infrastructure to capture the water when it's available.

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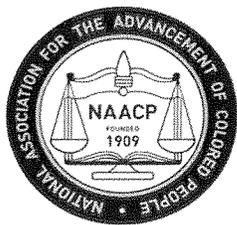
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Sincerely,



Richard Hansen, P.E.
General Manager
Three Valleys Municipal Water District

cc: Three Valleys MWD Senators Hernandez, Huff, Leyva, Liu, Mendoza
Three Valleys MWD Assembly Members Calderon, Chang, Hernandez, Holden, Rodriguez



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July 21, 2015

Alice A. Huffman
*President*BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O. Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812**Gwen Moore**
1st Vice President

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Rick Callender
2nd Vice President

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Paulette Simpson Gipson
3rd Vice President

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

Ida M. Johnson
Secretary

On behalf of California State Conference of the NAACP and its 62 branches statewide, we are writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

Olivia Verrett
Assistant Secretary

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Carolyn Veal Hunter
Treasurer

We urge the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to move forward to bring the California Water Fix to fruition.

Waudieur Rucker-Hughes
Area Director Southeast

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Ronald Hasson
*Area Director Southwest***Delois Edwards**
*Area Director North***LaJuana Bivens**
Area Director Central

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*Area Director Coastal***Freddye Davis**
Area Director West

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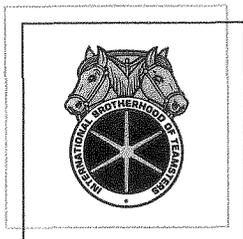
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Alice A. Huffman
President



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ERIC TATE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

July 21, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O.Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of Teamsters Local No. 848, we are writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

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Erik Lagafuaina
Business Representative
Teamsters Local No. 848

State Building and Construction Trades Council of California

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July 20, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O. Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

I write on behalf of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

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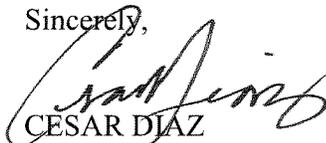
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Re: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix
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Sincerely,



CESAR DIAZ
Legislative Director

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cc: The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Governor, State of California

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July 21, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O.Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of Chamber of Commerce Mountain View, we are writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

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Sincerely,

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Oscar Garcia, President & CEO
Chamber of Commerce Mountain View

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James Cioffi, Vice President
Joseph K. Stuart, Secretary-Treasurer
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David K. Luker, General Manager-Chief Engineer
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July 23, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O.Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of Desert Water Agency, I am writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

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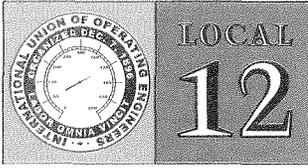
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Sincerely,

David K. Luker
General Manager and Chief Engineer
Desert Water Agency



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Southern California & Southern Nevada

WM. C. WAGGONER
Business Manager
and
General Vice-President

July 22, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O. Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the 20,000 members of International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12, I am writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

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For these reason, we support the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Sincerely,



William C. Waggoner, Business Manager
I. U. O. E., Local Union No. 12 and
General Vice President

July 14, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O.Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812



cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

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Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the Northeastern California Building & Construction Trades Council, we are writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta. The California Water Fix is also a critical step in the effort to generate new water storage in California, providing a conduit of sorts that can connect millions of acres of farmland and end users to storage projects like Sites Reservoir north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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- Provide a viable distribution system that can readily transport water from new surface storage north of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta like the proposed Sites Reservoir.

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For these reasons, we support the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Sincerely,

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Andrew J Meredith
President
Northeastern California Building & Construction Trades Council



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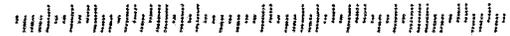
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BINATIONAL AGREEMENT DUE SOON ON TIJUANA RIVER POLLUTION

Negotiators after nearly 2 years form slate on sediment, solid waste and water quality

BY SANDRA DIBBLE

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The United States and Mexico are preparing to sign an agreement to address issues of sediment, trash and polluted stormwater that for years have plagued the Tijuana River watershed.

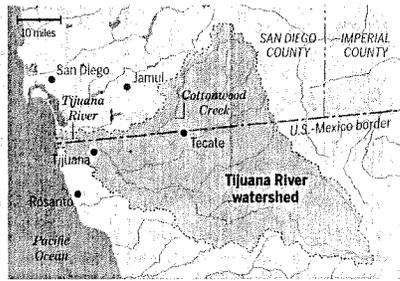
The binding agreement, known as a minute, aims to set up a framework to formally address the issues bilaterally and bring together members of government agencies as well as participants from the nonprofit sector. Under the minute, groups are expected to address three major

issues: sediment control, solid waste management and water quality.

The accord has been negotiated through the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission, or IBWC, and its Mexican counterpart, the Comisión Internacional de Límites y Aguas, or CILA.

"For the course of three decades, there has been frustration on both sides of the border," said Carlos de la Parra, a researcher at the Colegio de la Frontera Norte and the head of the CILA citizens advisory group in Tijuana.

Discussions have been ongoing for close to two years,



Sources: SanGIS, SDSU

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and a final agreement is expected before the end of the summer. The wording of the agreement is under review by Mexico's Foreign Ministry, and a final version would have to be approved by the U.S. State Department.

A minute is an amendment to the 1944 water treaty between the United States and Mexico. The last such agreement, Minute 319, was signed in November 2012 and committed the two governments

to collaboration on the Colorado River during a five-year period.

The Tijuana River watershed spans portions of Baja California and San Diego County, covering 1,735 miles, an area roughly the size of Rhode Island. About two-thirds of its area is in Mexico.

For years, major challenges have involved pollution at the mouth of the river, at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve in Imperial Beach. A persistent problem has been discarded tires that are carried down the watershed during heavy downpours.

Another issue has been sediment: "There are a lot of these canyons (in Mexico) that drain into the United

States," said Sally Spener, foreign affairs officer for the IBWC. "The soils in the region are highly erodible, and so when you get rain you get erosion, it brings sediment, trash, it affects water quality."

Roberto Espinosa, CILA's representative in Tijuana, said that the agreement "will give us the necessary instruments to understand our shared watershed more clearly."

Espinosa said that greater understanding will lead to concrete actions. "The binational watershed deserves this, and the communities of San Diego and Tijuana do as well."

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SAN DIEGO SEEKS NEW WATER RECYCLING APPROACH

Proposed bypassing of ground transfers called unprecedented

BY DAVID GARRICK

San Diego's \$3.5 billion plan to fight the drought by recycling sewage into drinking water is forcing state regulators to rewrite their water recycling rule book.

State rules call for purified sewer water to be pumped into large natural basins underground before it can enter the local water supply, partly because that's how it's done where water recycling essentially began in Orange County.

San Diego's lack of adequate groundwater basins and aquifers, however, will force local officials to pump the recycled water directly into city reservoirs.

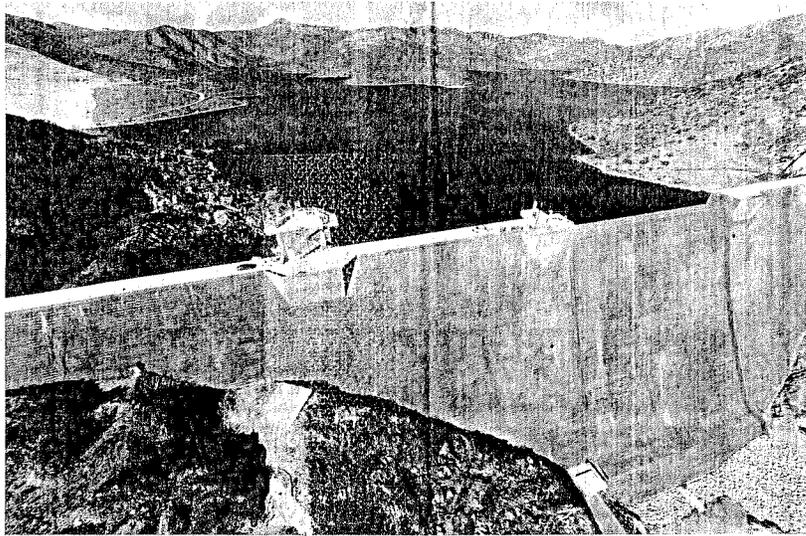
That nearly unprecedented approach, which will shrink the amount of time between water getting recycled and showing up in faucets, could create health concerns and make it harder for the public to embrace recycled water, which some critics call "toilet to tap."

But it could also make San Diego a model for the many other drought-stricken cities in the West that lack groundwater basins but still see recycling sewer water as their best option.

San Diego's proposal has prompted state officials to begin crafting proposed regulations for pumping purified sewer water into reservoirs instead of into groundwater, with a first draft of those regulations slated for release in late summer.

"Since there aren't any regulations for doing this with reservoirs, we're working hand-in-hand with the state to develop them," said John Helminski, assistant director of the city's Public Utilities Department. "There isn't a precedent for how this works."

San Diego needs state approval to move forward with



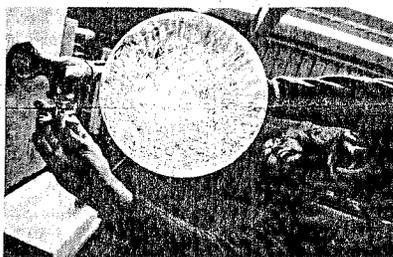
San Vicente reservoir would receive purified sewer water at its north end under a proposal by San Diego to skip transferring recycled water underground through natural basins, which it lacks. JOHN GIBBINS • U-T

its water purification program, which is expected to produce 83 million gallons a day of potable water by 2035 — a third of the city's needed supply.

Helminski said he's optimistic the state will approve San Diego's use of the large San Vicente Reservoir by the end of 2016, but that approval for using smaller reservoirs, such as Lake Miramar or the Alvarado reservoir in La Mesa, will be trickier and isn't expected until early 2018 at the earliest.

"From the feedback we've gotten so far, they feel we are taking the right approach," said Helminski, adding that San Diego has conducted more than 9,000 tests and had outside doctors and scientists verify results. "They're happy with the research and the outcomes and that we have an independent panel to help vet all this information."

Randy Bernard, recycled water unit chief for the state's Division of Drinking



A pilot project purifies water at the North City Reclamation Plant, which is slated to produce 15 million gallons per day by 2023. HOWARD LIPIN • U-T

Water, said he's also optimistic San Diego's use of reservoirs will get approved.

"The technologies that they're implementing and the methods that they're using are right in line with what we feel are safe for public health," Bernard said.

While using groundwater has a track record, Bernard said there's nothing magical about that approach that makes it superior to using

a reservoir.

"The public health protections are equivalent," he said.

The key to either approach is creating a buffer of some kind between the recycling of the water and it showing up in faucets, which officials call "retention time." That time allows the recycled water to mix with imported water and rain, and also creates an

ervoirs, where retention time would be even less.

While reservoirs can be as effective as basins, Bernard said San Diego's approach might make it harder to convince the public to embrace drinking purified sewer water.

"Studies show that when people fully understand it, the 'yuck factor' dies way down, but there's a bigger disconnect when it goes in the ground," he said. "Once you see it coming from the ground you forget where it came from, but in a reservoir there's still that little connection because you see where it comes in and goes out."

Bernard and Helminski said San Diego would likely become a model for many other cities and water agencies exploring water recycling.

But Bernard said most such cities plan to use Orange County's groundwater model if possible.

He also said San Diego might not be an ideal model because most other communities lack reservoirs as large as San Vicente.

"It's huge and it's got great retention time," he said. "Other reservoirs around the state just don't have the same capacity."

The city plans to eventually have three water recycling plants.

One would be at the North City Reclamation Plant near Miramar Road, where a pilot project has been under way for several years. It's slated to produce 15 million gallons of water per day by 2023.

The second facility, slated to begin producing another 15 million gallons by 2027, would be an expansion of the South Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant near the international border.

The third plant is tentatively slated to open by 2035 somewhere on Harbor Drive. It would produce 53 million gallons per day.

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Why are San Diego water agencies being hit with big mandatory cuts?

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San Diego water officials have some cogent questions for Gov. Jerry Brown.

First, about those costly, monster tunnels he wants to dig under the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta: Wouldn't it be smarter to use that money — at least a good chunk of it — to build local water projects?

Yes, delta plumbing needs to be fixed, maybe even re-designed, they acknowledge. But really? Two 40-foot-wide, 35-mile tunnels? Something smaller perhaps, combined with local recycling or desalination facilities that could produce more water?

Second, the San Diego region for two decades has been on the cutting edge of reducing water use and building facilities for the future. That includes what the county water authority calls "the nation's largest, most technologically advanced and energy-efficient seawater desalination plant."

So why are some of its water agencies being hit with steep, mandatory consump-

tion cutbacks? It's not fair, they protest.

These are questions also being asked by other water officials in California. In fact, the city of Riverside, which considers itself water-independent and doesn't import, is suing the state over its ordered 28 percent cuts.

San Diego officials aren't expecting an answer from the governor. Two years ago, they and some San Francisco Bay Area water agencies wrote the Brown and Obama administrations, raising serious concerns about the ambitious tunnel plan.

Replies "ranged from ignoring us to castigating us," says Dennis Cushman, assistant general manager of the San Diego County Water Authority.

In the letter, the local water officials said that the proposal was "burdened with large uncertainties" and that "a solid business case has not yet been made." There were risks to endangered species, the delta itself and water quality, they said, plus "open-ended costs" to water us-

ers combined with "political controversy and potentially lengthy litigation."

Missing, the letter complained, was any alternative that included a smaller delta facility coupled with investments in local waterworks and storage. The water agencies suggested the tunnel capacity be cut by two-thirds.

"It would provide considerable water supply benefits," the local officials continued, "while better protecting broader interests in the delta. Such a facility would also realize significant financial savings... face fewer legal and political challenges and potentially be completed sooner."

Brown did alter his proposal cosmetically, but not the size. He also lowered the project cost to about \$17 billion from \$25 billion, mainly by significantly reducing wildlife habitat restoration.

The San Diego water authority hasn't taken a formal position on the project, but it remains skeptical. "We want to see a financial plan," says board Chairman Mark Weston. "Who's going

to pay for it? And we need to know how the water would be allocated. So far, it's looking like we'd get less water and be paying more."

"There hasn't been a cost-benefit analysis," complains Maureen Stapleton, the authority's general manager. "How much are we going to be on the hook to pay? Our ratepayers' money is not unlimited."

The San Diego officials were in Sacramento to vent last week.

The authority includes 24 member water agencies serving 3.2 million people. In an average year, 19 percent of its water comes from the delta, purchased through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. In this drought year, however, only about 2 percent is from the delta.

San Diego is becoming more water-independent. A quarter-century ago, 95 percent of its water came from the MWD. Now less than 50 percent does. And in five years it's projected to be only 30 percent. The rest comes from the Colorado River and locally.

Those tunnels would cost everyone who uses delta water. MWD customers would foot a large share of the bill. San Diego ratepayers could pay an extra \$8 to \$10 each month, it's estimated.

For that, they could build another desalination plant that would produce more water.

The Brown administration, trying to calm Northern California fears, has been saying the tunnels wouldn't necessarily send additional water south, just make the deliveries more reliable. In recent years, valves on the current system have frequently been tightened to protect endangered fish.

The San Diego desalination plant, located in Carlsbad, is scheduled to begin operating in the fall. It's costing \$1 billion but is drought-proof and will supply 7 percent to 10 percent of the county's water. Desalinated water is very expensive — about twice what is paid for MWD water — but the cost is expected to come down in future years.

Sounds like maybe a plan for other coastal communi-

ties — especially if the state were to pitch in and help.

San Diego also has doubled the capacity of its San Vicente dam to become more self-sufficient. But it's using less water: In 1990, daily water use was 235 gallons per capita. Last year, it was 161.

So when some of its agencies were told by Sacramento to cut their water use by as much as 36 percent, local officials cried foul. "The state should be incentivizing, encouraging our self-help," Stapleton contends.

I called Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the State Water Resources Control Board, which ordered cutbacks all over California. Although there has been good conservation overall in San Diego County, she said, some agencies still are wasting too much water.

"We wanted to reward those people who stepped up when the governor asked them to" in April, she said.

Now, Brown should step up and take another look at those humongous tunnels.

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Subject: Re: Burrowing owl conservation plans - Invitation to edit

Hello!

This is a follow-up email regarding burrowing owls as a covered species under Conservation Plans in California. As I mentioned in my previous email, we are currently compiling information for burrowing owls and would greatly appreciate your help.

Many thanks to those of you who have already responded and shared your information! Thank you so much for your help!

If your plan does not cover burrowing owls, could you please briefly state in a reply-email why this species was not included (e.g., past/present absence, no appropriate habitat, etc.); no further steps are necessary.

If your plan does include burrowing owls, could you please take a moment and fill out the information for your jurisdiction in the shared Google Drive Spreadsheet (see link below). We would like to address the following questions:

How long was (or has been so far) the development phase for the plan (column F)?

Has your plan been approved by wildlife agencies, if yes, when? If not, when is approval anticipated (column G)?

How long is the permit term (column H)?

What is the total plan area (column I); the target for protected/managed areas for burrowing owls (column J); and the area currently under protection/management for burrowing owls (column K)?

How much of the total protected/managed area for burrowing owls will be on public land (column L)?

How many breeding seasons has the burrowing owl population (i.e. census of the total number of pairs and their young) in the plan area been monitored (column M), and what is the monitoring frequency specified in your plan (e.g., annually, biennial; column N)?

How many pairs of burrowing owls were present within the plan area during the most current breeding population census (please include the year; column O)?

What is the target population for your plan area (number of breeding pairs; column P)

Can you please provide a table and/or graph representing population trends (yes/no; column Q)?

Are adaptive management processes in effect to meet the plan's targets (yes/no; column R)?

If your Conservation Plan is still in the planning phase, please provide goal dates/numbers if available, or enter n/a.

We will share the compiled information publicly during the California Burrowing Owl Consortium Conference at San Jose State University on October 24. More information about this conference is available on our website: http://burrowingowlpreservation.org/html/consortium_2015.htm

If you have any questions, please contact
 Catherine Portman: cportman@gmail.com; 530.666.0882
 or Sandra Menzel: sandmenzel@gmail.com; 831.431.3301.

And please let us know if you are aware of any Conservation Plans that cover burrowing owls.

Thank you for your help and all your wildlife conservation efforts!

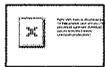
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Sandra Menzel has invited you to **edit** the following spreadsheet:



Burrowing owl conservation plans



Greetings!

We are currently compiling information for burrowing owls as a covered species under Conservation Plans in California. We identified 14 such plans in the state and would greatly appreciate your help.

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Thank you for your help and all your wildlife conservation efforts!

Catherine Portman & Sandra Menzel

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From: Brett Kuntze <brettze@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2015 1:40 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Counterproposal Idea to WaterFix

I propose that all municipals develop their own storm drain water capture programs to boost water supplies . The design should be so simple enough to carry out. All we need to do is to cap all the main storm drain outpours that flows into creeks, rivers, estuaries, bays, oceans ,etc. and pump the precious storm drain water to storage facilities that can be tanks, man made reservoirs , aquifers, etc for consumption. Of course, we need to treat the storm drain water before consumption.

If anyone argues that the storm drain water is too dirty and unfit for our consumption, then I can answer back that it is unfit for discharge into any body of water, anyway! So, we already had man made water shed with endless pavement of streets and highways as well as extensive concrete coverings all over the municipals in California which rainwater is so beautifully funneled down the street grates into mazes of pipes that keep joining into those huge main drainpipes that flows out by millions of acrefeet every year even drought ones.

I ask you what the fuck we are doing wasting them !! I ask you !! Yeah I ask you!

From: Brett Kuntze <brettze@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2015 1:55 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Counterproposal Idea to WaterFix

I had made same proposal directly to the office of the Governor a couple weeks ago on the potential recovery of storm drain water and storage of it. I am following up with my local representative in my local . I urge you all to consider on my proposal on recovery and storage of storm drain water in all major cities and towns across California. Even in drought years, we can recover considerable amounts of rainwater that can be captured in the built in storm drain pipes all over !! unseen!

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Your comment on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix RDEIR/SDEIS has been received. The public comment period for the RDEIR/SDEIS will end on October 30, 2015. All substantive comments received on the RDEIR/SDEIS (and those previously received during the comment period for the 2013 BDCP Draft EIR/EIS) will be responded to in the Final EIR/EIS and considered in the decision-making process. No final decisions have been made regarding going forward with the proposed project or in selecting an alternative; those decisions will only occur after completion of the CEQA and NEPA processes.

For more information, assistance in locating the documents, or if you have special needs, contact 866-924-9955 or visit the website at <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com>.

From: shirleyspeck <shirleyspeck@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2015 2:32 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Oppose Bay Delta Conservation Plan

TO Department of Water Resources and Governor Brown:

We strongly oppose the latest version of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Here are our reasons:

- 1) The plan will not provide any additional water;
- 2) Delta water quality will decline;
- 3) The benefits all seem to flow to Southern California and large agricultural interests, to the detriment of the Bay Area: this is not a balanced plan;
- 4) The expense is huge (\$60 million) and the benefits nonexistent;
- 5) All of the habitat restoration proposals have been eliminated;
- 6) The plan fails to meet federal standards under the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act;
- 7) The plan does not outline the costs for water users;
- 8) The plan does not provide any drought relief;
- 9) The plan does not address water conservation or recycling, which would actually be of value.

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From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Veronica Barajas <info@friendsoftheriver.org>
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 12:17 AM
To: Ryan Wulff, NMFS
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

Aug 3, 2015

Mr. Ryan Wulff, NMFS
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Dear Mr. Wulff, NMFS,

Thank you for receiving public comments in response to the Recirculated Draft BDCP Plan and Draft EIR/EIS.

I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta. I oppose the project because:

It is too costly (up to \$54 billion with interest and other hidden costs) and the general public should not have to cover any of this outrageous, including habitat restoration costs. These should be paid by those who receive the water (since the Delta diversions degraded the habitat in the first place).

Operation of the diversions and tunnels threaten to dewater major upstream reservoirs in northern California and reduce downstream river flows, to the detriment of fish, wildlife, recreation, and other public trust values.

Diversion and tunnel facilities would adversely impact too much Delta farmland and habitat, harm Brannan Island State Park, infringe on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, and degrade other essential conservation lands.

You cannot restore Delta habitat without first determining how much fresh water the Delta needs to survive and thrive. Restoration of fresh water flows from the San Joaquin River in the south Delta are particularly important.

The tunnels will need more upstream storage facilities to feed fresh water into them. These include raising Shasta Dam, building the Sites Reservoir, and possibly reviving the Auburn Dam on the American River and the Dos Rios Dam on the Eel. The environmental, cultural, and financial impacts of these controversial projects are a significant foreseeable but ignored impact of the BDCP.

Please do not destroy the delta habitat. Please consider future generations financial stability do not place California residents in billions of dollars worth of debt.

There are solutions that would benefit everyone in this drought that do not require building tunnels in northern California.

We have wildlife protected lands these areas would be affected. There is farm land along the Sacramento/delta water way fresh water is needed in order to sustain these farms.

Please consider there are other proposals that should be primarily exhausted before running tunnels all the way to southern California.

Financial responsibility for billions of dollars is an enslavement of the people. I ask for you to protect us and our environment.

I believe that the BDCP should include, and I would support, an alternative that significantly reduces Delta exports and focuses instead on restoring habitat and threatened and endangered species in the Delta, improves Delta water quality by providing sufficient fresh water inflow from both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and that includes a pragmatic plan to sustainably meeting California's water needs. This can be done by increasing agricultural and urban water use efficiency, capturing and treating storm water, recycling urban waste water, cleaning up polluted groundwater, and reducing irrigation of desert lands in the southern Central Valley with severe drainage problems. We don't need to build more dams or tunnels.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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1 Comment By Katherine Miller

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3 Hello. I'm Katherine Miller, chair of the
4 San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, and I'm here
5 today on behalf of our residents who live and work in the
6 San Joaquin Delta and the people who will be most directly
7 impacted by the outcome of this process; the people of
8 California and the generations to follow who will have to
9 pay for this massive boondoggle, farmers who have held
10 title to Delta land for generations, the port workers and
11 fishermen whose livelihoods depend on the protection of
12 the Delta, and all of those who come to visit, recreate,
13 and enjoy the estuary and the precious wildlife whose
14 numbers are dwindling.

15 From day one, we've expressed the need for a
16 statewide solution that does not sacrifice the Delta or
17 pit the North against the South.

18 We warned that the BDCP was the wrong solution, but
19 we were denied a place at the table so that our voice
20 could be heard.

21 I'm here today to let you know that we remain
22 committed to ensuring that this process does not go
23 wayward again.

24 Rebranding the BDCP as the California WaterFix fails
25 to fix its central fallacy; that a massive tunnel system,

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1 which would greatly reduce the natural flow of water
2 through the Delta, can meet the Delta Reform Act's
3 co-equal goals.

4 Our concerns in regards to the newly issued EIR/EIS
5 focus on four key areas; Delta protection, governance,
6 cost, and timing.

7 We need to protect and improve water quality and
8 water quantity in the Delta region for fish, wildlife, and
9 Delta farmers and residents.

10 We need our voice to be included on all governance
11 decisions that affect our region. We're still wondering
12 why we weren't invited to participate the first time
13 around. We support the holistic and inclusive approach of
14 Prop 1 that was approved by California voters.
15 BDCP/California WaterFix's top-down model must go.

16 We must ensure that the cost is worth the effort.
17 While the original BDCP price tag have 17 billion has been
18 cut to 15, we remain concerned about the potential for
19 cost overruns, which could push the final cost to over
20 \$50 million dollars, putting taxpayers at risk again with
21 a plan that creates no new water.

22 With the issuance of the latest iteration of this
23 plan and the revised draft EIR/EIS, the fact that we were
24 only given approximately 50 days, now extended to 60, is
25 disconcerting. It's more important that we get it right

1 this time instead of rushing.

2 Thank you.

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Comment By Alan Duran

It seems like we have our priorities wrong. Even before the tunnels, even before the drought, we were hurting the fish populations. Now we are almost at the point of extinction for several species, and we continue to take more water. And for what? So a very few giant agricultural businesses can send almonds to China.

Short-term financial gain for a few at the expense of the rest of us and the environment is wrong. Conservation is good. We should have started years ago. But now if everybody saves what the governor has asked, it's still less than we use for just one crop. And they keep planting more.

We have to get our priorities straight. Short-term gains for a few don't justify the damage we are doing. Follow the law and save the fish.

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Comment By Frances Burke

I am a farmer from Yolo County and very interested in the California State Water Plan.

And my question is: How can you take water from above the Delta out of the Delta without degrading the habitat and the fisheries, the salmon. That's my question, my concern.

How can the state justify damaging the Delta to provide water for the southern San Joaquin when the quality of the ground -- excuse me, when the soil quality is in some places toxic and of low quality?

Thank you.

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1 understand -- what I don't understand is they say they're
2 only going to take the same amount of water with the
3 tunnels. Why are they building such a big tunnel? It
4 just seems if they're going to do that, if they're going
5 to build such a big tunnel, it just seems like they would
6 take more water anyhow.

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1 Comment By Henrik Albert

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3 Hi. Name is Henrik Albert. I live in Alameda,
4 California.

5 So I have a number of questions about this project,
6 but for me the key or one of the really important
7 questions is how much freshwater will we have flowing
8 through the Delta after the completion of this project?
9 My understanding is that we have very severely impacted
10 this ecosystem of the Delta and the bay downstream of that
11 because we divert so much freshwater out of the Delta. I
12 don't see that -- adding additional ways to take
13 freshwater out of the system it seems to me can only make
14 things worse, so I would really like to see some
15 guarantees that we will maintain adequate freshwater
16 flows, adequate to preserve that environment and the
17 wildlife communities that depend on that environment.

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1 through the actual monetary outlay eventually coming into
2 our lives as taxpayers.

3 That's all I have to say.

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1 Comment By Sally Oliver

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3 My name is Sally Oliver.

4 And my comments about the tunnel -- twin tunnel
5 project are the following. The rivers and streams of
6 Northern California have public trust value. The public
7 trust is an affirmation of the duty of the State of
8 California to protect the heritage of the streams, lakes,
9 and highlands of California. The twin tunnel project does
10 not fairly balance the water rights of Northern California
11 stretching from the Bay Delta to the Oregon border against
12 those of the central valley and Los Angeles.

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1 Comment By Roger Mammon

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3 My name is Roger Mammon.

4 The Delta is, you know, in ecological collapse due
5 to the lack of freshwater flow from -- per the American
6 Academy of Scientists and other scientists studying the
7 problem.

8 Won't the tunnels deprive the Delta of its
9 freshwater flows needed to bring it back to health?

10 What studies have been done on the increased
11 salinity in the Delta to its aquifers and wells which
12 serve the Delta community?

13 Why is the area of origin being sacrificed along
14 with its entire economy to benefit others?

15 Have state of the art fish screens even been
16 designed and tested?

17 What are the benefits to the Delta counties and the
18 over 4 million people that live and work and rely on clean
19 Delta water?

20 The Delta does not have and has not met Clean Water
21 standards -- Act standards. The water has to be so clean.
22 And it hasn't met those standards in three years, but I'm
23 supposed to drink it.

24 How will the tunnels improve water quality when the
25 water will be taken before it even reaches the Delta?

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1 Comment By Peder Jones

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3 My name is Peder Jones. I'm a resident of
4 San Francisco.

5 The proposed twin tunnels will have the capacity to
6 take in 100 percent of the average flow of the Sacramento
7 River, leaving Delta waterways in lower Sacramento and
8 San Francisco Bay with no regular flow of clean
9 freshwater. The environmental results are the collapse of
10 the Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Francisco Bay ecosystem
11 and elimination of salmon and most other native fish
12 species, reduction of endangered bird populations,
13 periodic toxicity of shellfish, massive fish kills in
14 San Francisco Bay, weeds and stagnant water along
15 shorelines, and disruption of the offshore ocean ecology.

16 Predictable economic outcomes include strong
17 negative effects on San Francisco's tourist and convention
18 industries, a loss of appeal for the Bay Area as a site
19 for new business locations, a reduction of property values
20 in cities and communities near impacted waterways, and an
21 end to farming, sport fishing, and seasonal work in the
22 Delta, Stockton, and adjacent areas of the Sacramento
23 Valley.

24 My question to the agency heads is why did the BDCP
25 not include any information on likely environmental

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1 effects of the tunnels project on San Francisco Bay or
2 likely economic effects of the tunnels project on the Bay
3 Area?

4 Does the California WaterFix document remedy this
5 critical oversight?

6 What makes you believe that the time between the
7 release of the California WaterFix document and the time
8 of these two hearings gives residents sufficient time to
9 read, research, consider, and respond thoughtfully to what
10 you propose?

11 These issues are of special concern to me because I
12 edited a manuscript for the California history book that
13 70 percent of fourth graders in California use.

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1 innovative solutions using new technologies which will
2 produce more water and manage the state's water supply
3 such as desalinization, capturing, recycling, creating new
4 efficiencies for industry, commercial, and residential
5 applications. We need to save our Delta and let our Delta
6 farmers continue to contribute to California's largest
7 economy, which is farming.

8 Thank you.

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1 Comment By Lyn Hall

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3 My name is Lyn Hall. I live in Discovery Bay,
4 California. Grew up in Southern California.

5 I would like to know what the appropriate agencies
6 are going to do to mitigate all the heavy equipment, big
7 trucks, tractors, and tunneling equipment to protect the
8 levees from the damage from all this equipment going back
9 and forth for ten plus years.

10 And I also would like -- I'd also like to know what
11 steps are being taken to protect the wildlife and fish
12 from the digging of the tunnels and depositing of the
13 materials, displacing animals and plants and fish during
14 the time these tunnels are being built.

15 Thank you.

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1 Comment By K.O.

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3 My name is K.O. I live in Walnut Creek, California.
4 And I'm a beekeeper and an orchardist, so I'm very
5 interested in what's happening with this water issue.

6 Well, a couple of things that I'm thinking about is
7 carbon soil sequestration and how -- how we should --
8 we're going through this huge drought. And we haven't
9 even begun the drought by the National Organization of
10 Aeronautics, or whatever NOAA stands for, N-O-A-A. I'm
11 sorry, I don't know what it stands for. But they deal
12 with ocean and atmosphere on a global point of view. And
13 they said we're going into a drought that is going to turn
14 everything west of the Rocky Mountains from Idaho down to
15 northern Mexico into a desert, except for a thin strip
16 along the coast that gets the ocean humidity.

17 So is it really wise to be spending on six million
18 cubic yards of concrete for freshwater, to make these
19 concrete tubes and divert water that might not even be
20 there when the project is done?

21 My idea is what they need to do is concentrate
22 agriculturally on a high quality, high humus soil in an
23 area where there is hydration and there is water, like the
24 Delta, and then let -- those areas are probably marginally
25 profitable for agricultural because they have this water.

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1 And use carbon soil sequestration to help the soil recover
2 and build top soil so that at end of the drought we
3 have -- which is we're looking at 30 plus years -- we will
4 have additional fertile soil and we can rebuild our
5 agricultural on good soil. Because we have to have cover
6 crops and things that can grow on a minimal amount of
7 water. That's just the beginning.

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1 Comment By Lynn Miller

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3 My name is Lynn Miller. And my family has been
4 farming on Roberts Island for 144 years.

5 First of all, the twin tunnels are projected to be
6 completed in 2030, so this water fix won't be accomplished
7 for another 15 years. And what major public works project
8 was ever completed on time or on budget?

9 To donate -- to date, a complete cost-benefit
10 analysis of the project has not been published by the
11 state. Stakeholders don't know if it is a workable
12 sustainable project that will be able to be afforded in 15
13 years when it is completed, yet they must sign on to it
14 now so that it can move forward. Is this a sensible
15 business decision?

16 If the twin tunnels project does go forward and
17 stakeholders find they cannot afford it, will the
18 California taxpayer be required to bankroll the billions
19 of dollars in construction costs and subsidize the price
20 of water that stakeholders will receive from the Delta?

21 In 2014 the UC Davis study concluded that the
22 Sacramento and San Joaquin River system is over-allocated
23 by five times the amount of water that flows through the
24 area in an average year. There is not sufficient water to
25 meet contracted needs that the State Water Resources

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1 Control Board has approved. And the new tunnel project
2 will be incapable of taking even more.

3 The Governor has admitted that the tunnels do not
4 produce any new water. Therefore, a year like 2015 would
5 require that the tunnels remain empty. This is not what I
6 call an effective project. The tunnels do not make
7 economic sense. Dump the tunnels and get realistic.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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1 Comment By Kathleen Gapusan

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3 My name is Kathleen Gapusan. I'm from Stockton,
4 California.

5 And I am the eldest daughter of fresh fish water
6 commercial -- or commercial freshwater fishing parents.
7 They took care of shad and clams. For 38 years they
8 worked the Delta, raised a family of eight, and so we
9 really relied on it. They were very much into
10 conservation. We utilized the fish, the water sports, the
11 boating activities. Our whole life centered around it, so
12 it means a lot to us.

13 And so I'm against the tunnels. I voted it down
14 several times over the last 35 years, and it keeps popping
15 up in conservation packages hidden. And I don't like
16 that.

17 Also, it's our water resource. And I think that we
18 provide a good percentage of the nation's crops. We feed
19 the nation. And I don't see sending it down south to a
20 desert area so that they can export crops. It just
21 doesn't gel.

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