
From: Ulrike Silkey <uly_g@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 6:05 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Bay Delta Conversation and Conservation

To whom it may concern,

As many others I am concerned about the decision makers who make the call over how to proceed with the Delta project.

The Delta is a very important natural area, an estuary for wildlife and fauna.

I sincerely hope you consider all measures in the best interest of everyone involved.

Not only short sighted cash but long lasting environmental friendly ideas should be applied.

Uly Silkey
808-989-3887

From: Humphrey, Shay
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:23 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: Enos, Cassandra@DWR; Yee, Marcus@DWR; Olson, Theresa; Chan, Teresa
Subject: FW: Request for supporting documentation for BDCP RDEIR/SDEIS

Hello,
Please see request below from Osha Meserve for data and references.

Shay

SHAY HUMPHREY
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661.304.5839 (m)

From: Osha Meserve [<mailto:osha@semlawyers.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:22 PM
To: Humphrey, Shay
Cc: Mae Ryan Empleo
Subject: FW: Request for supporting documentation for BDCP RDEIR/SDEIS

Hi Shay,
Here is the information regarding the documents I need for LAND's review of the RDEIR/EIS.

- (1) Technical backup documents described below for comments on Air Quality chapter.
- (2) EIR/EIS References. I understand this information is at the DWR West Sacramento office, but was hoping that I might obtain the complete information electronically on disk (or maybe through a document sharing link).
- (3) March 2013 USACE white paper entitled "BDCP: Permit Application Approach for CM-1." It is referenced on p. ES-2 of the RDEIR/EIS, but does not appear to be listed as a reference.

Thank you for your assistance in locating these documents to assist in our review of the RDEIR/EIS. Please let me know if any further information is needed.

-Osha

Osha R. Meserve
(916) 455-7300

From: Petra Pless [<mailto:petra.pless@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:31 PM
To: Osha Meserve
Subject: Request for supporting documentation for BDCP RDEIR/SDEIS

Dear Ms. Meserve,

I reviewed the air quality and greenhouse gas section of the RDEIR/SDEIS for the BDCP. The document does not include adequate information to review and verify the emission estimates and modeling results presented in the document. The following information, which is commonly provided in CEQA documents, is missing:

- Spreadsheets to support estimates for emissions of criteria pollutants, DPM, and greenhouse gases during construction and operation presented in RDEIR/SDEIS, Appx. A, Chapter 22 (Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases)
- AERMOD input/output files to support PM10/PM2.5 modeling results presented in RDEIR/SDEIS, Appx. A, Chapter 22 (Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases) and Appx. 22C (Bay Delta Conservation Plan Health Risk Assessment for Construction Emissions)
- Spreadsheets to support estimates of health risks presented in RDEIR/SDEIS, Appx. A, Chapter 22 (Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases) and Appx. 22C (Bay Delta Conservation Plan Health Risk Assessment for Construction Emissions)

Please request the above information in electronic, native unprotected format.

Thank you,

Petra Pless

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**From:** Christina Krause <calismiles81@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 2:46 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Christina Krause 92612 07/15/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix now  
California Department of Water Resources:  
Save California for our future!!!

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Getting to this point has been a long and thorough process. The time to act and move forward is now to protect California's water security.

For these reasons, I support the California Water Fix.

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**From:** Scott Morrison <v4s@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 8:47 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Scott Morrison 94577 \*\*\*\* Per unep.org study \*\*\*\*  
50% of all resivior water evaporates!  
Exceeding consumption since 1922!  
Time for tank storage

07/17/2015

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**From:** James N. Boylson <seamus\_purewater@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 10:03 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

James N. Boylson 94583 07/15/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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[PS: Gov. Brown, my late brother - M.E. "Mike" Boylson - & I were very involved with your efforts, during your first terms as our Governor, relative to Energy Conservation/Management & source alternatives. He helped create the "CAL-SIA" Solar Industry equivalent of the "UL" quality assurance program; as well as further a wide range of energy options. We also helped show CA's Commercial Property owners how it made not just good, but GREAT, "bottom line" sense to do Master Meter conversions; Weatherization & other energy reduction tactics. As a now half-century experienced Int'l., Community Economic Development/Applied Appropriate Technology Consultant, I'm suggesting that we NOW also have the technological abilities to aggressively/efficiently & cost-effectively deal with our drought problems & needs. Sincerely, JSB]

**From:** Desiree Wright <teethscraper2003@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:44 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** tunnel questions

Just a quick question.... How does California Water Fix help reduce reliance on Delta imports as mandated by the 2009 Delta Reform Act?

Tax paying citizen  
Desiree Wright

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**From:** Desiree Wright <teethscraper2003@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:48 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** opposition to tunnels

The state has already proved they can't maintain prior projects throughout the state. with the levees not being properly maintained, How is putting two massive tunnels below ground which is harder to maintain going to be any different? I will tell you it wont be any different the government is just going to ask the tax paying citizens like myself to foot the bill to put in such an atrocity then in 10 years ask us to foot the bill for another atrocious way to steal water because the last plan didn't work as they didn't maintain what they promised they would because they are too busy putting the tax payers money in their own and friends pockets aka the water districts of california.

concerned tax paying citizen  
Desiree Wright

**From:** Desiree Wright <teethscraper2003@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:49 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** tunnel opposition

Will the state conduct a full cost-benefit analysis of the project that includes the value of freshwater to the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary?

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**From:** Patrick Markham <ptmarkham@jacobsonmarkham.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:36 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** RDEIR/SDEIS

Can you please send me a DVD copy of the RDEIR/SDEIS to review for RD 765? My address and info is listed below.

*Sincerely,*

*Patrick T. Markham*

**JACOBSON MARKHAM L.L.P.**

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**From:** Will Corning <corningofscience@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2015 5:54 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** California Water Fix

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Water Fix does not appear to address my concerns. I live in Contra Costa County. We get our water from the San Joaquin Delta. When the California Water Fix takes freshwater away before it arrives in the delta, the delta will necessarily become more brackish. Additionally, the tunnels will cost an enormous amount of money and not solve any of California's long-term water problems.

Our biggest problems are likely to be related to climate change. We are experiencing a drought with a particularly low level of snow pack in the Sierras. We don't know how long California will have a low level of snow pack, but some models suggest it could last many years. Scientists seem to be more certain that global warming will cause sea level rise. In your report, I read that sea level was expected to rise more than 4 feet, which would make the delta a poor place to gather water.

It appears that hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent to plan to spend tens of billions of dollars to install tunnels that will transfer an increasing amount from a decreasing supply of water. I don't see any investment in a long term solution. In my view, a long term solution must include desalination. That is the only way I have heard suggested to increase the water supply, rather than fight over the existing supply.

In a state with a limited water supply, it would seem prudent to prioritize water usage. The lion's share of the water is used for agriculture. I understand the importance of agriculture. However, I don't understand why the state appears to be encouraging companies to invest in nut trees, which are reputed to require profligate water use. The state could limit the agricultural water usage by setting limits based on acreage. This would encourage conservation rather than inefficient watering of water-hungry nut trees.

In short, I think the California Water Fix is expensive and short-sighted and I am disappointed that, after all of the effort that has gone into studying its effects, politicians are still pursuing it.

Sincerely,

Will Corning  
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Martinez, CA 94553

**From:** Richard Davis <rdavis94507@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 9:47 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Water Tunnels

I am 100% OPPOSED to these tunnels. They will ultimately be used to ship additional water south. I would rather see the money be used for desalination/water reuse/recovery projects, additional storage or intelligent negotiations with the northwest states and Canada/Alaska to import excess supply for a price.

Thank You,

Richard and Karen Davis, we always vote!!

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**From:** Dan McDaniel <scanalyzer@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:43 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** NO Tunnels

I object to the diversion of water from the San Joaquin River Delta to central and southern California. The proposed tunnels are not sound economically or ecologically. The rivers don't have enough water to supply vast deserts and support their own ecosystems. California's natural hydrologic resources – its coasts, rivers, marshes, wetlands, and lakes are at ever higher risk from human factors. These tunnels would encourage further unsustainable urban and agricultural development in areas with no life sustaining resources of their own at the expense of what is essentially America's Fertile Crescent. Don't ruin our beautiful state, waste our tax dollars, or allow your name to be run through the mud with this shameful, poorly planned and ultimately futile attempt to take water from Peter to pay Paul. Invest instead in building desalination plants, cleaning up underground aquifers, and recycling wastewater. Learn from the drought: tunnels are not the answer.

Passionately,  
Daniel Allen McDaniel, Jr.  
2643 Sheridan Way  
Stockton, CA 95207

August 17, 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:

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles represents over 300 commercial highrise office buildings throughout the County of Los Angeles and through our membership thousands of small business tenants. BOMA/GLA membership also includes service providers for commercial properties, real estate lawyers and architects. Each of our member companies understand the seriousness of California's drought and has worked diligently to conserve to reach water and energy efficiency. BOMA/GLA's Sustainability Committee works regularly with our local utility companies and the Los Angeles Mayor's Office to bring the latest technology and conservation resources to our membership. A recent educational event on the drought attracted many interested building owners with the understanding of the serious associated cost of water's scarcity in the State of California.

BOMA/GLA recognizes the importance of water infrastructure projects as a major part of the solution to rectifying this critical issue. 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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We urge the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to move forward to bring the California Water Fix to fruition.

Our state's system of aging dirt levees, aqueducts and pipes that brings water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to 2/3 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

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supply cutbacks and shortages for people, farms and businesses, as well as damage to fish, wildlife and the environment.

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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- Improve the ability to move water to storage facilities throughout the state so we can capture it for use in dry years.
- Restore more natural water flows above ground in rivers and streams in order to reduce impacts on endangered fish and other wildlife.
- Protect and restore wildlife and the environment of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Getting to this point has been a long and thorough process. Now is the time to act and move forward to protect California's water security.

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

Sincerely,



Michele Ware  
President

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**From:** Mitchell Vieyra <[mvieyra@bomagla.org](mailto:mvieyra@bomagla.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 4:13 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** [governor@governor.ca.gov](mailto:governor@governor.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** BOMA Letter of Support for California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)  
**Attachments:** BOMA BDCP Support Letter.pdf

BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

Please find a letter of support for the California Water Fix project (Alternative 4A). The Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles represents over 300 commercial highrise office buildings throughout the County of Los Angeles and over 150 building service providers.

If you have any questions regarding BOMA/GLA's position on this issue please contact me at (213) 332-4776 or at [mvieyra@bomagla.org](mailto:mvieyra@bomagla.org).

Thank you,

**Mitchell Vieyra**

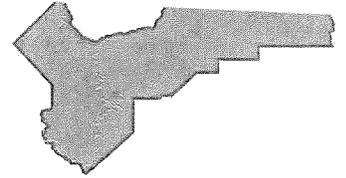
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August 17, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments  
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Sacramento, CA 95812

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

On behalf of Fresno County Farm Bureau (FCFB), I am writing to express our 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.

Our state's system of aging dirt levees, aqueducts and pipes is outdated and at risk of collapse in the event of a major earthquake or flood. As one of the top agricultural producing counties in the nation, Fresno County has directly been affected by the problems in the Delta. Lack of water deliveries has resulted in significant supply cutbacks and shortages for our farmers and ranchers and job losses to their employees.

The California Water Fix will improve our water delivery infrastructure to allow us to responsibly capture and move water during times of excess rainfall, so that we have a greater supply for future use. Getting to this point has been a long and thorough process. Now is the time to act and move forward to protect California's water security.

For these reasons, FCFB is urging the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to move forward to bring the California Water Fix to fruition.

Sincerely,

Ryan Jacobsen  
CEO/Executive Director

cc: Governor Jerry Brown



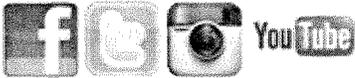
**From:** Courtney Sorensen <Courtney@fcfb.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 3:33 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support Letter for CA Water Fix  
**Attachments:** BDCP - Water Fix Support Letter 8-18-15.pdf

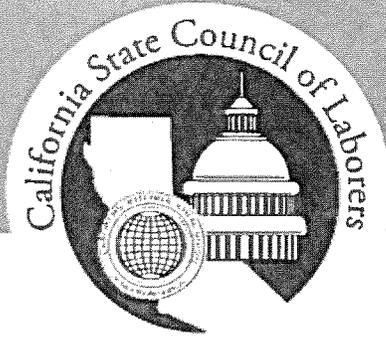
Please see the attached the letter of support for Alternative 4A of California Water Fix on behalf of the Fresno County Farm Bureau.

Thank you,  
Courtney Sorensen

***Courtney Sorensen***

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August 13, 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:

On behalf of the members and families of the California State Council of Laborers, 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. Our members are vigilant of work opportunities but at the same time concerned about the communities they reside in.

We feel confident that the recirculated documents 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 including 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.

We urge the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to move forward to bring the California Water Fix to fruition. Our actions taken today will benefit generations to come and will be appreciated!

Our state's system of aging dirt levees, aqueducts and pipes that brings water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to 2/3 of the State is outdated and at risk of collapse in the event of a major earthquake or flood. We have been talking about the expected earthquake for years and we all agree that it is a matter of when and not if. 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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Sincerely,



Jose Mejia  
Director

cc: Governor Brown

Oscar De La Torre- LIUNA Vice President and Business Manager, NCDCL  
Armando Esparza -Business Manager, SCDCL

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**From:** Laurie West <laurie1121@calaborers.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 2:56 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Support Letter Alternative 4A CA Water fix  
**Attachments:** DOC280.pdf

Copy of our letter.

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August 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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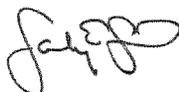
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Sincerely,



Sandy Smith  
Chairman

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**From:** VCEDA <info@vceda.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:35 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix  
**Attachments:** VCEDA-CAWaterFixLetter.pdf

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA), we are writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Please see the attached letter of support. Thank you for your consideration.

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August 13, 2015

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

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the Central City Association of Los Angeles (CCA), 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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Sincerely,



Carol E. Schatz  
President & CEO

cc: Governor Edmund G. Brown

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**From:** John Howland <jhowland@ccala.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:12 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support letter for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)  
**Attachments:** BDCP Alt 4A Support letter.pdf

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Central City Association of Los Angeles, please see the attached support letter for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) to be added to the record and comments.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you

John Howland

**John Howland**

Director of Government Relations 

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**From:** Liz Haemmel <lhaemmel@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 3:02 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** An alternate to building tunnels in the Delta

Hello,

Building tunnels in the Delta is going to ruin the water quality and destroy agriculture such as pear farmers who have been growing for generations. A better idea is to take 298,000 acres out of production in the Westland Water District. These acres have poor drainage and are toxic according to ECONorthwest. Please see the article in the East Bay Express July 22, 2015, An Alternative to the Tunnels. The tunnels are not the answer-there will be no quality of life if they are built.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Liz Haemmel

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**From:** John Anderson <captainjra@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2015 9:49 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Comment on proposed "Water Fix"

**To: BDCP**

**I oppose the Peripheral Tunnel plan. But here is an alternative plan that would cost far less, be equally effective, and FAR less destructive:**

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**Please consider this option in lieu of the peripheral tunnels.**

**John R. Anderson  
172 Oxbow Marina Drive  
Isleton, Ca 95641**

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**From:** John Anderson <captaingort.jra@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2015 10:05 AM  
**To:** Bay Delta Conservation Plan; BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comment on proposed "Water Fix"

**Here is a .pdf with further visuals of my plan:  
[http://deltavision.ca.gov/Correspondence/John Anders  
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**From:** John Anderson <captaingort.jra@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 9:49 AM  
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I have a suggestion that I think bears real consideration regarding the Delta water discussions that are now being looked at.

The key issue seems to be insuring the quality of the fresh water that is pumped from the Delta, specifically, protecting against salt water intrusion during limited periods of time associated with occasional levee ruptures.

Such ruptures are inevitable regardless of levee protection measures. History indicates such.

Salt water intrusion may occur until the "island" where the levee has failed fills with water. This is because there is a temporary inrush of water into the island that may be strong enough to pull some salty bay water "uphill" during certain brief conditions such as high tide. However, as soon as the water level stabilizes within the flooded "island", that "suction" fully disappears and the intrusion risk is completely eliminated, returning the situation to normal. And, since the Delta continually flows towards the ocean, any intrusion is flushed and diluted rather rapidly.

If aquaduct pumping is temporarily stopped during the brief levee failure crisis period until the "stabilization" occurs, salt water infiltration can be significantly mitigated; perhaps even stopped. Nevertheless, it may be desirable to create positive "check-valve" on the Bay's salt water that can be deployed when required.

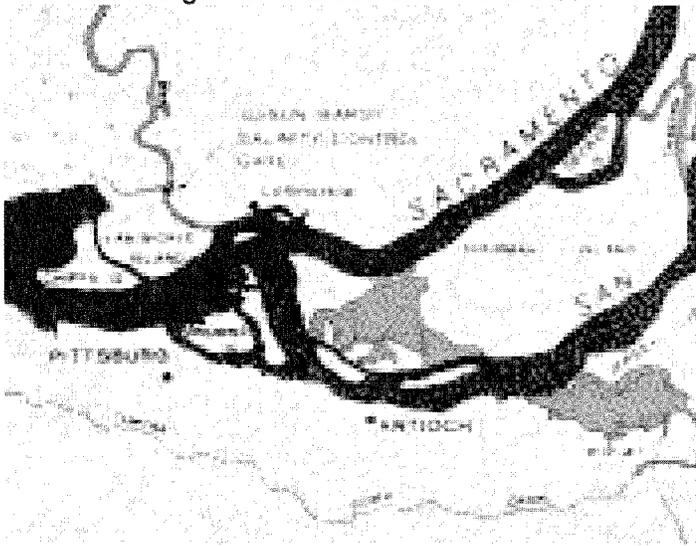
**Solution:**

Install a "backflow preventer" in the river at **Pittsburg**. This would be similar to the tidal gates now being used in Europe. These would only be deployed during levee failure emergencies and would prevent saltwater intrusion until the flooding of an "island" is stabilized. This would be relatively cheap and completely non-obtrusive when not being deployed.

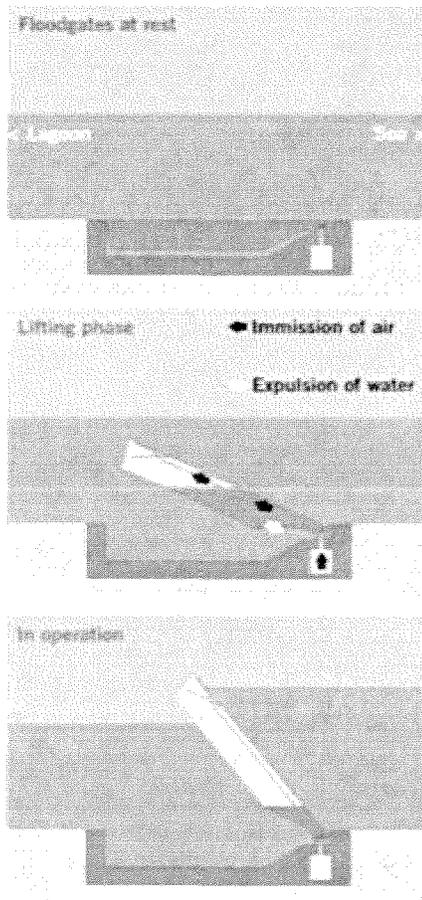
**Benefit:**

- a) Eliminates risk of saltwater infiltration during island flooding emergencies which are always rare and short-lived by definition.
- b) Comparatively low cost
- c) Minimal environmental impact and only temporary at that, when deployed.
- d) No "periferal canal" or "conveyance" delta bypass canal required...which is an expensive, highly unpopular solution that is tantamount to extending the current concrete California Aquaduct to the upstream headwaters of the Delta below Sacramento. Such a bypass canal would create a tremendous negative environmental controversy and would have highly divisive political consequences.
- e) Would allow maximum allowable acre-feet of pumping at the California Aquaduct intake- fully as much as any periferal canal or other Delta bypass would allow, taking environmental factors into account. Even if many "islands" flooded, this supply of fresh water could continue noninterrupted.

Install the "backflow prevention gates" at / around Pittsburgh, where the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers converge into one outflow. This is also where the fresh water begins to transition to salt water.



Here are the recommended "backflow prevention" gates:



**What about the specter of rising sea levels?**

This long-term speculation is completely independent from the saltwater intrusion risk discussed above. If sea levels *do* rise significantly (say, 10'-15'), the entire low-lying Bay Area and Central Valley will be flooded. Trillions of dollars of real estate and industry will be underwater. Fortunately, this change would likely occur slowly over decades, allowing plenty of time for a *radical* response. Example: San Francisco and the central valley could be protected by the creation of a permanent dam at the Golden Gate area (yes!) with shipping locks. The coastal mountains would do the rest of the job.

John Anderson  
Isleton, Ca

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**From:** Matt Bettencourt <mattbettencourt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2015 8:36 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** alternative 4a

I am writing this email not in the hope that somebody will read it and that it will change opinions but in the hopes that there is some tally of comments on this new massaging of the proposed delta tunnels.

i understand that water is an important commodity in CA and that in order for our state to exist and support the population we've brought to it that we have to severely alter nature and move water around. despite all of our manipulating we still have a water problem.

my fault with this is that we are doing the same thing that we did in the 20s and 30s to solve this problem and we are still faced with it. we need a new solution; which is a bigger bucket or more buckets. if the state water project is simply a way to catch water from nature and then move it to other parts of the state it can be reasonably equated to somebody collecting rain water on their property and then using hoses to move it to other areas.

CA gives us all the water we need, it just doesn't do it at a constant demand cuz nature doesn't work that way. instead of building more pipes and hoses to move water from one area to another we need to have bigger buckets or more of them. new reservoirs, similar to the Kern County water bank, are our future. having open reservoirs kills the efficiency of our system (and yes i know it costs more).

lastly, the old grandfathered laws (such as the water rights laws in 1919) have to be eliminated. laws that give people blank checks to use water make them use it inefficiently and hurt all Californians.

these tunnels will NOT solve the water problem in CA but cuz the problem is continuous demand of a item that is supplied in fluctuating quantities. the tunnels do not address this and will be another unsuccessful government project that will costs billions of dollars to construct and millions to maintain.

Matt

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**From:** PatC Matteson <pcmatteson@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:40 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** senator@boxer.senate.gov; senator@feinstein.senate.gov  
**Subject:** Please cancel the California Delta twin tunnels

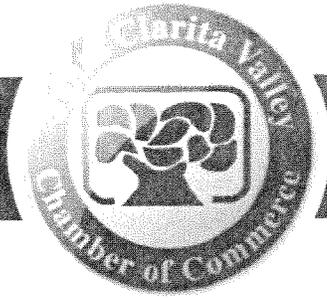
As a resident of the Delta and a biologist who favors preserving California natural resources for all its citizens, I oppose the proposed Delta twin tunnel (WaterFix) and am angered by the EcoRestore proposal to reduce wetland restoration under the BDCP:

1. Fish for People--Preserving the health of the Delta ecosystem and California aquatic species for the benefit of all Californians should be the highest priority of the state and federal governments. Once expensive new waterworks for increased southward water transport degrade that ecosystem further, it will be gone for ever, for everyone. "People vs. Fish" is the deceptive spin of the agricultural industry; in reality it is "Special Interests vs. Fish." University of California Davis economic studies (see <https://watershed.ucdavis.edu/droughtimpacts>) are showing that California agriculture is more resilient than expected, declining in value slowly even if the current drought lasts years more. In any case, it would be better to let California agriculture cope long-term with less water than to continue to prop it up by further harming our state's surface water and ground water resources.

Westside San Joaquin Valley farmer-plutocrats have been sucking at the government teat at taxpayer expense for years, water-wise. That should have been stopped long ago. Let's do it now. Legislators should give careful consideration to the July 2015 ECONorthwest report, <http://www.econw.com/our-work/publications/estimated-costs-to-retire-drainage-impaired-lands-in-the-san-luis-unit>. That report proposes retiring salty land in the San Joaquin Valley as a cost-effective way to cut agricultural water demand. It recommends appropriate compensation to landowners, who must give up their water rights and not be allowed to sell their unused water to others.

2. BDCP bait and switch--I am dismayed at the splitting of BDCP into two halves--environment (EcoRestore) and water supply (WaterFix)--for separate and unequal action. Weren't those supposed to be indissolubly linked co-equal priorities? Under EcoRestore, Delta wetlands restoration goals are lowered from 100,000 acres to 30,000. Presumably this will reduce the restoration area in Suisun Marsh--a personal disappointment for me as a Suisun City resident. Meanwhile the expensive tunnel juggernaut ploughs ahead. One has to think that special interests have managed to hijack the BDCP process. Elaborate efforts appeared to be made to achieve an even-handed process; now I feel deceived.

Patricia C. Matteson  
832 Driftwood Drive  
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August 19, 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:

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Sincerely,



Terri K. Crain  
President / CEO

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**From:** Lori Cueto <lcueto@scvchamber.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Alternative 4A of Water Fix  
**Attachments:** Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix.pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached letter form the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce regarding Alternative 4A of Water Fix.

Lori Cueto  
Administrative Assistant  
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce  
661-702-6977 X2000

**From:** Patricia Schifferle <pacificadvocates@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:36 PM  
**To:** 'Bay Delta Conservation Plan'  
**Cc:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder: Comment Period Extension to October 30, 2015 and Errata Posted

Dear BDCP ICFI,

I could not locate the Errata sheet. Could you please forward it to me.

Thank You.

Patricia Schifferle

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**From:** Bay Delta Conservation Plan [<mailto:info=BayDeltaConservationPlan.com@mail23.wdc01.mcdlv.net>] **On Behalf Of** Bay Delta Conservation Plan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 1:33 PM  
**To:** =?utf-8?Q??=  
**Subject:** Reminder: Comment Period Extension to October 30, 2015 and Errata Posted



AUGUST 19, 2015

## **Reminder: Comment Period Extended to October 30, 2015**

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### **How to Comment:**

**Comments must be received electronically or postmarked on or before October 30, 2015.**

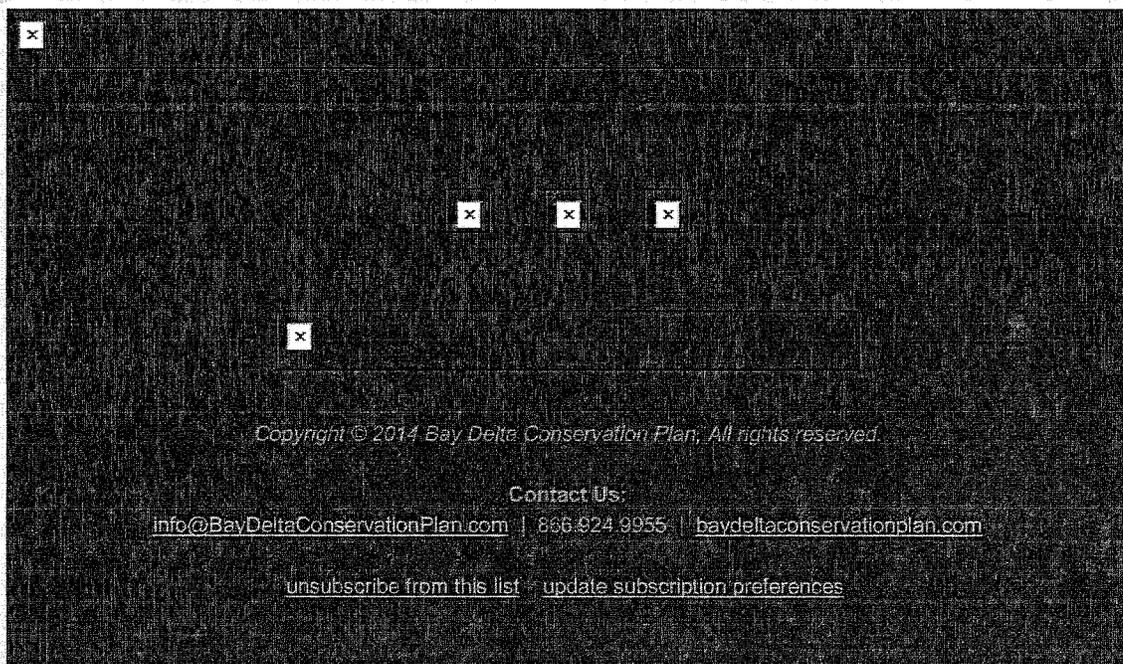
- Mail to: BDCP/WaterFix Comments, P.O. Box 1919, Sacramento, CA 95812
- Email to: [BDCPComments@icfi.com](mailto:BDCPComments@icfi.com)

## Errata to the BDCP/California WaterFix RDEIR/SDEIS Posted

An errata sheet for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) is provided at [www.BayDeltaConservationPlan.com](http://www.BayDeltaConservationPlan.com).

The errata sheet corrects errors and omissions discovered in the RDEIR/SDEIS and is considered to be in progress and may be updated. Please continue to check the website for updates.

If you need assistance in locating the errata sheet, please call 1-866-924-9955.



**From:** Suria, Jamie@DWR <Jamie.Suria@water.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 8:36 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** Yee, Marcus@DWR  
**Subject:** Cultural Section Request

To Whom It May Concern,

Terrie Robinsen from the NAHC General Counsel dropped by DES in hopes to pick up a copy of the Cultural Resources Section. She was under the impression from a sign she saw at Starbucks that we had hard copies to give out. Unfortunately I didn't think to give her a CD since it was almost the end of day. If we could email her that section I think that's all she needed. Her email is [Terrie.Robinson@nanc.ca.gov](mailto:Terrie.Robinson@nanc.ca.gov). Thank you!!

Kind regards,

Jamie Suria  
Environmental Scientist  
CA Department of Water Resources  
Division of Environmental Services

3500 Industrial Blvd  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
Office: (916) 376-9754

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**From:** john mcnear <john@mcnear.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 11:21 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** BDCP/WaterFix Comments

Gentlemen,

Much as I like Jerry Brown's high speed train, I dislike his proposed twin water tunnels. They are just like the Delta Bypass Canal, only underground. For the same reasons they should be stopped. They would destroy the ecosystem of the Delta.

I am not a Delta farmer, but if I were I would not like the water to get any more saline. I am a duck hunter who hunts in the Suisun Marsh.

Recently, with the drought, it has been hard to grow much alkali bullrush; instead there is mostly pickleweed. The hungry migrating ducks don't like it or the salty water.

I propose moving the tunnel inlets from near Sacramento to near Rio Vista. The tunnel pumps would run only when there is an ebbing tide and fresh water. The tunnel outlets could be in the Clifton Court Forebay. When there are neap tides, a little water could be pumped into Clifton Court as is now.

This way the Delta itself would not be disturbed as it has been ever since its fresh water has been sent South. San Pablo Bay would not feel the difference because it has not received much fresh water ever since Shasta Dam was built. I live next to the bay and I remember.

Sincerely,  
John E. McNear

**From:** Bryce Edmonds <bryce@bryceedmonds.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2015 9:28 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** lunacy

To Whom it May Concern (which should be every last one of us), Simply put—any measures that increase water use anywhere in the state are flat-out nuts. (Pun intended.)

If I need to write anything more than that, there is something very, very wrong with this world.

Thanks for the time.  
Bryce Edmonds  
Los Angeles, CA

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**From:** Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Monica Padilla <info@friendsoftheriver.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:07 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** I oppose all alternatives in the Revised BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

Aug 19, 2015

BDCP Comments

Dear Comments,

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.

.As a Southern Californian, I am totally against this proposal. To my mind this completely defeats the purpose of conserving water. Why are we going through all of these restrictions if we're just going to have water poured down our throats. Look, you have the citizenry in conservation mode right now. I don't think it would be prudent to now give people the idea that they may not have to be so committed to conserving in the future. We need to get our priorities straight. As Californians, conservation is our future! If we don't accept that, then we're doomed to cycles of "feast or famine."

Instead of throwing more money down the drain (or tunnel), why don't we use it to help residents retrofit their homes for "gray water" use, or a rain barrel set-up or increase irrigation efficiency on our farms and in our cities. There are so many other ways that this money could be used to affect change and preparedness in our state for years to come.

I believe that the Revised BDCP should have included, 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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To Whom It May Concern:

The proposal to build two giant tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to ship northern California water south is so blatantly unwise as to be ridiculous! If we wish to protect the environment and save the Delta from disaster, we must not allow this to happen.

Salt water is already encroaching upon the Delta as a consequence of the diminished flow of fresh water through the estuary. The tunnels would be able to carry up to two thirds of the volume of the Sacramento River. If they were to operate up to capacity, it would completely destroy the ecology of the region. The idea that this project would provide an acceptable solution to California's water crisis is outrageously absurd!

I'm afraid that this proposal is just another example of how powerful, moneyed interests are corrupting our ability to make sound, intelligent and rational decisions about crucial matters that affect our economy, and the environment upon which we all must depend for our survival. We must ask ourselves, Who stands to benefit from this project?

We need look no farther than the Kern County Water Agency and the Westlands Water District. These agencies represent California's most powerful corporate agribusinesses. These organizations will consume and exploit the lion's share of our water in order to continue and expand their operations.

The construction of the tunnels is likely to cost more than fifty billion dollars. Who would benefit from the actual construction of this mammoth project?

The San Joaquin Valley is a desert. Water-intensive agriculture in the desert cannot be sustained without importing increasing amounts of water from other sources. Northern California needs this water. We cannot afford to export it to sustain that which is unsustainable in the long run.

We must come to our senses. Environmentally destructive activities can no longer be tolerated! If we continue to destroy the planet upon which we all depend for survival, we shall all lose in the end, including those whose selfish, greedy interests drive this capitalist economy!

Sincerely,



Miguel Melbin

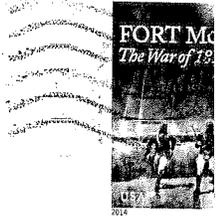
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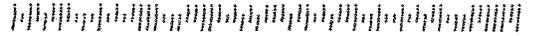
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**From:** Francis Coats <fecoats@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 6:02 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Bay delta conservation plan comments

Please assure that the plan acknowledges the public's right to be on the navigable water and on the temporarily dry banks of the water below ordinary high water mark; and the obligation of state agencies to refrain from unnecessarily interfering with the public's use of these public trust lands. In particular, that state agencies should not prevent members of the public from crossing state-owned or state-controlled land to get to the public trust lands.

Frank Coats, 3392 Caminito Ave., Yuba City Ca 95991 530-701-6116

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** Francis Coats <fecoats@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 7:07 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Bay delta conservation plan

In addressing the effect of the project on recreation and access to recreational site, please recognize that the entire length of the navigable water including banks below high water are now open to public recreational use. Please do not address only access to oarks, wild lif areas, and other formally designated sites.  
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**From:** Jim \_ <shutterbugjj@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2015 6:50 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Tunnels

To whom it may concern,

I personally believe that the proposed twin tunnels will devastate the environment, the economy and the wildlife of the Sacramento Delta area if they are allowed to be built. There isn't enough fresh water in this area as it is. And to pump more of it south will only make it worse.

Please do not allow this to happen to the Sacramento Delta area.

Thank you,

Jim Johnson

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**From:** Gayle Crockett <gaylecrockett@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:50 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Stop the Tunnels

I am opposed to the tunnel project. Please reconsider spending our hard earned money on this endeavor. The long term health of the delta depends on us to be good stewards of our resources. This project does not do that. We don't need these tunnels and they will destroy our ecosystem.

There are plenty of other problems or issues that could benefit from our attention and hard earned money. The tunnel project is not one of them.

Thank you.

Gayle Crockett  
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**From:** Jimmie Speers <jdspeers1@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 3:00 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Statement

Well so far you've deceived us by having contractors map land and farms they plan to take by eminent domain, the process hasn't been thoroughly vetted yet and you're doing this. This shows me why I have little faith in your development plans and being open with me. All you care about is not having open discussions, stealing water, so the Delta will cease to exist in its present form. It is barely existing with you taking all the water you over allocated. Start over and only allow water to cover what storage we have the ability to contain. Build more storage, then allow it to go south.

V/R

Jimmie D Speers

**From:** Neal Fearn <nhfearn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:35 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Comments

This should not be named the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. It does the EXACT opposite. It wrecks the Bay and the Delta.

Removing water from the Bay and Delta won't make the Bay and Delta better.

Obviously what has happened is that the agribusiness in the south has given money to Governor Brown's campaign fund in order to steal water for them.

Sent from my iPhone

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August 14, 2015

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**RE: Drought Oversight Lax Conservation Measures**

In the 1980's at the planning stage of South Valley Water Project, I was studying at the University of California graduating from the College Of Natural Resources during my studies I wrote several papers on Southern Valley Water Project, a shift in water suppliers to Los Angeles Basin. I proposed the central valley project could only be short term solution, as an efficient long term supply it would depend on alternative watersheds and supplies (Hetch Hetchy and EBMUD) to complement and back up the central valley water project (supply), addition water storage collection for dry years, proposed as only optimal long term water supply without causing dissertation in supply region overtime.

Approval of the Project without proposed conservation measures thereby ignoring the micro hydrologic cycle of the region, implementing an inefficient allocation of current project application has changed the basis of the optimal solution or sustainable water supply from Central Valley Water Project.

The constant remove of water from central California overtime evaporation transportation creates "evaporation transformations". Transforming the LA Basin into mountain lakes and a major flood basin and leaving the central valley in a permanent drought scenario, South California unprepared for this change in hydrology, all addition rainwater was lost to ocean run off.

Southern California has built up water reserves and will continue to receive large amounts of rain during the winter due to evaporation transformation. The current measures implemented by region of central California must be modified before we run out off fresh water. If, conditions continue from SWP/BDCP this will have the opposite effect as expected under the Endangered Species Act, instead permanent loss of freshwater will wipe out the endanger species we are protecting.

I propose, "the new tunneling technology is used for BDCP be also used to create additional watershed for central California is greatly needed."

Sincerely

Clyde Livingston

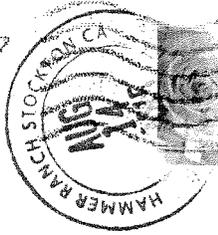


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July 27, 2015

Dear Bay Delta Conservation Plan:

My name is Belinda Halonen. I was born and raised in California and I absolutely love our state. I was born in Southern California, raised in San Jose, went to college in Fresno and had my first teaching job in South Lake Tahoe I now live in Vacaville which is a perfect spot for me because it is so central to all the people I love and to all of the natural resources I love: Pt. Reyes, Mendocino, Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, Lassen and most especially the Sacramento Delta. The Sacramento Delta is unique to California: the fishing, the water sports, the quaint little towns, the boating makes this geographical area a landmark for the Solano, Yolo and Sacramento counties. It is a treasure just like Yosemite is a treasure. Would you even think of removing the water from Bridal Veil Falls to So. California? No—there would be public, nationwide and perhaps even international outrage (given to how many tourists visit the area). The same is true to the Sacramento Delta. There are many families who do not have the funds or resources to travel to Yosemite, Lake Tahoe or Lassen so they picnic, camp and visit the Sacramento Delta.

Have you visited the Delta? There are many farmers who provide produce for our nation here on our Delta. And I am against the rerouting of our local water for central and southern California. As assemblyman Jim Frazier so aptly put the BDCP's proposal will not create "additional water" it will merely dig a deeper wound to our water supply from here in Solano, Yolo and Sacramento counties to put a bandage on the water needs of central and southern California.

When voters voted last year for your proposal there was supposed to be attention and aid given to marshes and the Delta and now that is nowhere in sight.

The tunnels are expensive and so are desalination plants. But desalination plants will produce additional water—other countries use desalination plants—why can't our country? We have brilliant people living in California I'm sure they can figure out a way to build them and as far as funding them how were the tunnels going to be funded? Use the same madness. Or perhaps a new tax from water parks and swimming pool construction/water usage can be incorporated.

We also need to continue to educate people and corporations that water is a precious resource and we need to respect it's value and conserve it just like we conserve electricity and gasoline; and not just in times of drought but at all times—because droughts just like earthquakes are a part of California.

Please don't create havoc with the beauty of **our local** landmark, The Sacramento Delta lets cherish it like we cherish Yosemite, Lassen Volcanic National Park, Pt. Reyes, Golden Gate Park, Muir Woods for the people who live and visit the Solano, Yolo and Sacramento counties.

Sincerely:



Belinda Halonen

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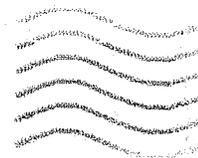
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**From:** Harris, Polly <pollyh@cityofwestsacramento.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:54 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Please remove from you mailing lists

Wesley Beers , Toby Ross and Oscar Villegas  
City of W Sac  
1110 W Capitol Ave  
West Sacramento CA 95691

All 3 of these men are no longer associated with the City of West Sacramento.

**POLLY HARRIS**  
Senior Clerk



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**From:** Lawrence Danos <ldanos@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:22 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Bay Delta Tunnel Project

I'm against the tunnel project. The Delta is our ecological wildlife sanctuary that also contains farms, fisheries and recreational businesses. I think it best that California plan on more prolonged drought years (even if we have a wet year or two) and find ways to send more water through the Delta instead of less. The large orchards in the south have to find other ways to get more water and we need to find more ways to allow fresh water to flow through the marsh and into the Bay.

Thank you for this opportunity,  
Lawrence Danos  
24087 Park St.  
Hayward, CA 94541

**From:** Kathi Norgon <katluvsdoxies@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 7:48 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta

You are killing California. We've burned up now you're going to dry us up more and kill our habitats. Next the poorer people will have to draw straws to even get water in lieu of the rich. Stop this now.

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**From:** Jeannie Wilhoit <jeanniewilhoit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2015 1:15 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Save the Delta...Stop the Jerry Brown's tunnels

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE...Hear the People of California and NOT the Governor, special interest money-greedy groups and the almond growers who are going to ship out the almonds to other counties anyway.

I was born in Stockton and like all who were raised there, work there or moved away...know all about the Delta and what it stands for and what is it's duty for the wildlife, people and economy.

The tunnels will RUIN what the Delta is there for. Once the bad deed of building a tunnel is done, The California Government won't be able to go backwards and fix it to it's original form. They will have Death on their hands killing thousands and thousands of all wildlife and people who depend on the Delta for their livelihood. We refuse to be his Guinea pigs...pet project to leave his name/legacy at our expense and suffering. And if it backfires? Think about this one thing.....Drought, water problems have always been with us. If before and in the 40's 50's 60's 70's 80's 90's and so on, this tunnel idea came about....it would of be shredded and off the table. Maybe it has and it was weighed and stopped as the right people saw the effect it would have on the environment This is a one man's desire with bad money behind him and it is dirty, smells dirty, and will end up dirty. Jerry Brown is known for his bull-doze get it done no matter what policy. Blinders are on him on this Tunnel issue and he will not listen to THE PEOPLE.....What happen to By the People..For the People? (Not--- By Jerry...For Jerry!!!) And the recent secret meeting in Sacramento where there was no public forum...only propaganda at tables and question and their answer??? We the people WANT A VOTE!!! It is our Right to Vote on this Tunnel issue.

Northern California is part of land mass that respects their state more than Southern California. We are a state known for our mountains, oceans, Redwoods, wildlife....our beauty! This plan will put into motion that will ruin everything In California that it stands for. We will have nothing except Tunnels that suck our water system dry, kill all nature, and strip us all from our heritage that our forefathers gave to us. My Great- Great Grandfather was one of the Founding Fathers of Stockton. He never intended to ever put the Delta in harms way. Jerry Brown is putting the Delta in Harms way....not a good man..caring man. We are losing everything to growth, greed and to egos in the Capital of California. Southern Calif. is sucking Northern Calif. dry. Agricultural communities are going to be hurt by this project and I am sure it will cost them financially dearly and some farms won't survive, including their families. Tunnels will cost the tax-payer dearly and we are all over-taxed as it is. So many things and projects throughout California have been cut and for what??? All the money going to the Bullet Train and the Tunnels??????? Criminal and dirty.

Look around...when was the last time you saw peaceful wildlife and clean rivers and clean beaches? The Tunnels will effect the natural life of the land and eco balance flowing normally...each season to season, the way it has for hundreds and hundreds of years. The Tunnels and Bullet train will cause nature to go against the grain. Maybe only in the Monterey Region where the laws are stiff and they protect our environment much better than Jerry Brown does. Maybe he should move there for a while and take some lessons from that government operation.

NO TUNNEL, NO BULLET TRAIN, NO CHANGES THAT ARE ONLY FOR THE WORSE....NOT FOR THE BETTER!!!!

Sincerely,  
J. Wilhoit

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**From:** Robert Nelson <fishingbobnelson@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 6:29 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)

Sirs:

FORM MASTER #5  
[RESTORE THE DELTA]

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan.

The Delta Reform Act of 2009, in which the California State Legislature committed to the "coequal goals" of providing a more reliable water supply for California AND protecting and restoring the cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta, cannot be upheld if the Delta Tunnels come to pass.

The California Water Fix does not meet the restoration goals of the Delta Reform Act; it is simply a plan to export more water out of the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary. The Delta Tunnels will also fail to provide more reliable water because the Delta watershed is already oversubscribed by five times in normal water years.

My objections to the tunnels are threefold:

The California Water Fix does not address the environmental, public health or economic impacts of the proposed Delta tunnels project. Also, the plan ignores alternatives that would save California tax and ratepayers billions of dollars, while investing in the jobs and local water sources that build sustainability.

**My environmental concerns with the plan are:**

- The impact on wildlife and plant species in the Delta that depend on freshwater include the Delta smelt, chinook salmon, steelhead, San Joaquin kit fox, and tricolored blackbird, protected species already on the brink that will face decimation due to a diminishing food-web.
- At sea, even the ESA-listed South Pacific Puget Sound Orca Whales depend on migrating Delta species that will be harmed by less water flowing through the Delta.
- The tunnels plan seems to ignore Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act which prohibits federal agency actions that are likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or that "result in the destruction or adverse modification of [critical] habitat of [listed] species."

**My public health concerns with the plan are:**

- The tunnels will cause increased contamination of municipal water and wells for the millions of rural and urban residents living in the five Delta counties.
- The tunnels plan fails to model for potential increases of carcinogens and other formation of byproducts that would cause cancer and other serious health effects.
- Environmental justice communities, who depend on subsistence fishing, will also face food and health insecurities as a result of increased contaminants, specifically mercury contamination, in fish and wildlife populations.

My economic concerns with the plan are:

- For large metropolitan cities such as Los Angeles and San Jose that depend on export water, water rates and/or property taxes will go up, but they will get no additional water.

- No analysis has been done on how the lack of fresh water flows will impact San Francisco Bay tourism and recreation. These industries depend on Delta fresh water flows for their crab and salmon fisheries, wildlife sighting, boating, and their restaurant economy. This industry is worth billions annually.
- Salinity intrusion is already impacting the western Delta farms and removing Sacramento River freshwater from the system will make matters worse. Delta farmers cannot irrigate crops with salt water and they certainly cannot plant crops in contaminated soils. The Delta Ag economy, which consists of generations of family farms and farm workers, generates \$5.2 billion for the California economy, annually.
- California coastal fishing communities depend on thriving wildlife. This historic industry is worth billions annually, with the salmon industry worth \$1.5 billion annually alone. Thousands of jobs and livelihoods are tied to these industries.
- The operation and construction of the tunnels will obstruct and disable navigable waterways for boating, marinas and other types of leisure activities, in addition to creating conditions of low water flow that will foster invasive aquatic species, such as water hyacinth. Poor water quality also creates unsafe recreation. Recreation and tourism in the Delta generate \$750 million annually.

### **Alternatives to Water Exports Ignored**

Far far less expensive and less environmentally destructive alternatives to the Delta Tunnels were largely ignored. The plan does not seriously consider any alternatives other than new, upstream conveyance. The decision-making process (from the outset) has tilted in favor of increasing water exports from the Delta.

Our tax and ratepayer dollars would be much better spent on:

- More aggressive water efficiency program statewide that would apply to both urban and agricultural users.
- Funding water recycling and groundwater recharging projects statewide that would be billions of dollars less expensive for rate payers than constructing a new version of the Peripheral Canal or major new surface storage dams. Meanwhile, these projects move communities towards water sustainability.
- Retiring thousands of acres of impaired and pollution generating farmlands in the southern San Joaquin Valley and using those lands for more sustainable and profitable uses, such as solar energy generation.
- Improving Delta levees in order to address potential earthquake, flooding, and future sea level rise concerns at a cost between \$2 to \$4 billion and is orders-of-magnitude less expensive than major conveyance projects that are currently being contemplated.
- Increasing freshwater flows through the Delta to reduce pollutants so ecosystems and wildlife can be restored.
- Installing fish screens at the south Delta pumps to reduce the current salvage of marine life.

### **In Summary**

The Delta has problems that need to be addressed, but the CA Water Fix tunnels are a 20th century idea that won't fix them. It won't produce more water, more reliable supplies, or improved conditions for the environment in the Delta.

The new EIR/EIS has not adequately addressed my above stated concerns. That is why I oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Reclamation and DWR should prepare and circulate a new Draft EIR/EIS that will include alternatives that reduce water exports and increase Delta flows for consideration by the public and decision-makers. Such

alternatives have a far better chance of complying with the Delta Reform Act and the federal Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Dennis <d\_eisenbeis@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)

Dear Madam or Sir,

Please accept this email to inform you of my extreme opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. As an engineer and voter, I can assure you that this plan makes little logical, economic or political sense, will not fix the water shortage problems, nor assure continued water supply in the event of a large earthquake.

This project will cause irreparable harm to farmers and business in the most fertile part of the State, and will only exacerbate the environmental problems caused by farming in the Westlands and South part of the State.

The structures, as planned, will be more susceptible to damage from earthquakes and terrorist attacks than the existing pliable levee system, and with no ability to immediately stop the flow of water, a failure of the tunnel structures will cause immense flooding to several heavily populated areas.

This plan is an example of the worst that Government has to offer! Moving forward with this project will only endanger numerous lives, destroy several local economies, invite numerous lawsuits based on environmental, economic and safety issues.

Please do not let this plan go forward!

Best regards,  
Dennis Eisenbeis  
Morgan Hill, California

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**From:** Jim <jtw185@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 9:12 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** The governor's revised Tunnel plan

The problem is the governor is taking all the freshwater and sending it to LA. Leaving more salt water throughout the Delta. He calls for an emergency to block up false river which has been flowing like that for 75 years. So what was the emergency, so he could bypass the environmental studies. How convenient only the government can do that. The governor needs to run a pipe from the Antioch Bridge down the railroad tracks through Brentwood through Byron into Clifton Court tract. Yes, it would cost a lot of money but it wouldn't destroy the Delta. The State Water Resource Board is located right here in Sacramento and they're allowing the governor to ruin the Delta because of all the salt water he continues to pull up in here from taking too much fresh water. With the new dam installed in False River fisherman cut as more current than ever before and where it ends back up at False River it creates a huge Eddie when it hits false river and the water stays turn up and dirty all the time. I wonder what it's doing to the channel in false river there's probably going to be a 60 foot hole when the governor finally pulls down the dam in False River. Also, the dam built by The Department of Water Resources built in Grant line that they take out once a year because if they didn't they would drain Grant line in the summer months when the pump kicked on at Clifton Court. The government spends billions of dollars so it won't be a problem to put this pipeline from the San Joaquin River down to Clifton court and let LA share with our salt water problem. The salt level at Orwood tract was almost too high to irrigate crops because of the salt level in the water. But the governor already knows this and he doesn't want to share in the salt water problem he just wants to continue to take all the freshwater of the Delta. Northern California is the only one in a drought go to Southern California and see if there conserving water. The politicians don't care about the Delta they only care about the water. Go take a ride in the Delta and look at how the water resource board is controlling the Delta, it allows people to litterate and pollute the Delta Waters with all boats, barges and construction stuff that is sinking in boat births and around marina's. I fish the Delta 2 to 3 times a week I see all this firsthand I would be happy to take a party of politicians around and show them the litter and the pollution in the Delta.

So supervisor Mary Nejedly stand up to the governor and don't let him ruin our home.

Sent from my iPhone



Advocate for the Heavy Construction Industry

August 26, 2015

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

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

The California Alliance for Jobs, a labor-management partnership representing more than 2,000 heavy construction companies and 80,000 union construction workers from the Kern County line to the Oregon border, strongly supports the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

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

The recirculated documents 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 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 brings water from the Sierra Nevada to 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.

The California Water Fix will improve our water delivery infrastructure to allow us to responsibly capture and move water during wet years so 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.

The California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) will:

- Protect water supplies by delivering them through a modern water pipeline rather than relying solely on today's deteriorating dirt levee system.

- Build a water delivery system that is able to protect our water supplies from earthquakes, floods and natural disasters.
- Improve the ability to move water to storage facilities throughout the state so we can capture it for use in dry years.
- Restore more-natural water flows above ground in rivers and streams in order to reduce impacts on endangered fish and other wildlife.
- Protect and restore wildlife and the environment of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Getting to this point has been a long and thorough process. Now is the time to act and move forward to protect California's water security.

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

Sincerely,



Michael P. Quigley  
Executive Director  
California Alliance for Jobs

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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**From:** John Frith <jfrith@rebuildca.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:35 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support Letter for Alternative 4A  
**Attachments:** DOC082615.pdf

Attached is the support letter for Alternative 4A from the California Alliance for Jobs. Please let me know if you need any further information from us at this time.



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**From:** Bisnett, Lauren@DWR <Lauren.Bisnett@water.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Phone Message  
**Attachments:** VoiceMessage.wav

Hello Cal Water Fix Team,

I received the following phone message regarding BDCP and I am submitting to you for follow-up. I have not contacted the individual back.

Name: Renee (no last name specified)

Phone: (415) 286-6100

Topic of Interest/Questions:

- Status of construction scheduled for tunnels
- Rough estimate of expected completion of the EIR(s)
- Has an engineering design team been selected?

Attached is the audio recording of the voice message. Feel free to contact me as needed.

Best regards,

Lauren Bisnett, Information Officer I (Specialist)

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*Transcript of voice message:*

Hi Laura. My name is Renee. It's about 11:00 on Thursday.

I'm calling because I wanted to find out some information on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan -- in particular the tunnels, construction of the tunnels. I understand it's still under EIR, but just wanted to get a rough estimate on when you see the EIR completed, what date that will be. And also if an engineering design team has been selected yet for design of the tunnels.

Those are my 2 questions, so anyway if you could give me a ring back at 415-286-6100. I'd really appreciate it. Thanks. Have a good day. Goodbye.

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**From:** Patrick Tully <ptully@mindsetsoft.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 4:05 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Restore the Delta; Patrick Tully  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (alternative 4A)

I am writing to share my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. I agree and concur with Save the Delta in their assessments, and also mirror their concerns. In addition to currently published comments, I would like to add two specific concerns:

- 1) Lack of large scale mitigation summation across the Sacramento/San Joaquin River watershed by State Agencies.** The Delta is the low spot of a complex watershed that stretches across the State. It is directly affected by upstream changes and modifications. These modifications take time and eventually, either directly or indirectly, affect the Delta. From Redding, to Sacramento, to the Delta, government and quasi government bodies have modified this watershed and received mitigation approval to do so from DWR & Fish and Game. Their requests to perform a detrimental act to the environment was classified as a “take” and provided approval was given based on a mitigation that was largely only evaluated locally only. Sacramento, for example, mitigated the Swainson Hawk’s tree loss by purchasing existing trees in another distant county. These mitigations were approved on a local basis, but without an overall view of the Sacramento/San Joaquin watershed. Yet, it is exactly the State’s obligation to its citizens to act on the whole system, not just locally. An encompassing view is exactly what the State should be involved in, but it has not tracked, nor can it explain the overall changes to the watershed that is so important to the State. It is my contention that the upstream “takings” and subsequent mitigations have never been added together to determine, if in fact, the overall watershed is experiencing negative effects. Some of these mitigations may take years to realize success or failure, and the Delta may not know for years beyond that. The upstream watershed has been extensively modified in recent years mostly in the Sacramento area, either directly or indirectly – expansion of cities, removal of habitat etc. The impact of these significant large scale modifications have not yet been felt in the Delta. In other words, the tunnel project assumes the current state of the Delta is “normal”, and it’s not. In fact, the upstream watershed has been and is being modified, with the approval of the same government agency – DWR. Significant modifications within the delta without fully understanding the impacts of the local modifications within the rivers, is akin to troubleshooting a problem while changing multiple variables at once. The lack of assessing the takings and modifications of the watershed as a whole could possibly lead to a compounding of problems within the Delta and put wildlife at risk very rapidly as all the changes come together.
- 2) The Delta Breeze –** We all know the affected predictions of global warming to the State of California. We understand now that small environmental changes over time can be compounded and produce disastrous weather results. The Delta is the heart of one of our most important weather systems and proper consideration has not been provided. What has not been considered is the affect the Delta has on the Delta breeze. In a nutshell, the Delta is the swamp cooler of the Central Valley. Without the Delta breeze weather system, the Central Valley would be a far different place – unbearable likely. Each year the Delta breeze breaks the summer hot streaks. The Sacramento Valley currently relies on the Delta Breeze to provide a reprieve from extreme heat that would otherwise have the valley at weeks upon weeks of above 100 degree temperatures. The Delta breeze blows in from the ocean across the Delta where it picks up moisture, cools, and provides important wave action, as it blows into the valley where its cooling is desperately needed for crops, people, animals, and the mountains. The Delta Breeze is a fundamental weather system for a majority of Northern California, and the cooling waters of the Delta are an important part of the system. Significant changes to the Delta, its temperature, and its available pool of fresh water, may alter the positive benefits of the Delta Breeze that the Central Valley currently relies upon. Without a strong Delta Breeze the Central Valley would be unbearable and the inhabitants and farmers of the valley would have to use MORE water, not less. It would be ironic that a

water project would alter the weather resulting in more water use, not less. The current EIR does address negative effects on the Delta Breeze.

Respectfully concerned,

Patrick Tully  
Sacramento Homeowner and Business owner

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**From:** Jim Gerst <jgrst.033@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 1:40 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix

As a California water user and water conservationist, fishing sportsman, and a voter; I strongly OPPOSE The Delta Tunnels. These tunnels will cause irreversible loss to our food, wildlife, and clean water. And, these tunnels go against Section 7 of The Endangered Species Act.

Our Delta needs to be preserved and restored. These tunnels will be the death of the Delta and erode our fresh waters.

These tunnels are a Water Killer for the Delta; not a "Water Fix".

I firmly request a NO VOTE for the Delta Tunnels.

Thank you.

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**From:** Charlene Woodcock <charlene@woodynet.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 1:49 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Comment in opposition to WaterFix Twin Tunnels

BDCP/WaterFix Comments  
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RE: Comment in opposition to Delta Tunnels/California WaterFix (Alternative 4A)

Exporting more water from the Sacramento River is not good policy for California.

Restoration of the Delta and our fisheries requires a greater freshwater flow from the Sacramento River through the Delta rather than one diminished by the diversion of more water from the Sacramento River to the Westlands Water District and southern California. An increased flow will disperse pollutants and benefit ecosystems and endangered fish and wildlife.

The WaterFix plan fails to acknowledge the significant environmental and economic damage it would cause by disrupting productive agricultural land that also benefits fish and wildlife, and instead turning these productive areas into a construction site for years, forever destroying many small-scale Delta farms. Delta wildlife on the brink of extinction will be pushed over and this project will cause a significant loss of diversity, so the monocrops of water-needy rice and almonds can be supplied their disproportionate amount of water. This is in defiance of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act which prohibits "the destruction or adverse modification of [critical] habitat of [listed] species."

As California committed to do in the Delta Reform Act of 2009, we urgently need to restore and protect our great Delta and fisheries, and that will require the cessation of water giveaways to the Westlands Water District and southern California users and those northern California towns that do not measure water use. The Twin Tunnels plan is no solution to reducing water use in a time of drought and of climate change. Rather, it represents another huge, and hugely costly, engineering of our water system to serve special interests. This project demonstrates megalomania on the part of state officials, most significantly Governor Brown who should know better, and the Westside industrial agriculture moguls who are now increasing their almond orchards that require year-round water rather than growing the seasonal crops that make them smaller profits but also use significantly less water.

Instead we need serious support for and requirement of water conservation and efficiency and water reuse. The state taxpayers can support such an effort at a fraction of the financial and environmental cost of the giant tunnels or new surface storage dams that harm both people and fish and lose water to evaporation.

The state needs to require the cessation of farming West Valley lands that should never have been put to agricultural use. These lands can instead provide solar energy that will benefit the state rather than wasting our limited water supplies and further polluting our soil and water. Because the revised EIR/EIS does not address these very basic concerns, we need the DWR to create a new Draft EIR/EIS that provides

real alternatives including increased freshwater flow through the Delta and reduced water exports and that does not so heedlessly, pointlessly waste huge amounts of taxpayer and ratepayer dollars on so destructive and inappropriate a plan.

Sincerely,

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