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**From:** Ferranti, Annee@Wildlife <Annee.Ferranti@wildlife.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 1:17 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Request for DVD copy RDEIR/SDEIS - California WaterFix

Good afternoon:

I am requesting a DVD copy of the California WaterFix RDEIR/SDEIS. You can mail it to the address below. Thank you for your prompt attention. Annee

Annee Ferranti  
Senior Environmental Scientist  
Bay Delta Region  
CA Department of Fish & Wildlife  
7329 Silverado Trail  
Napa, California 94558

Ph: (707) 944-5554  
Fax: (707) 944-5563

**From:** Michael Veale <mveale@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 2:50 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** 2015 RDEIR/SDEIS

Requesting a DVD copy of the above document.

Michael Veale  
c/o William Veale  
259 Manzanita Drive  
Orinda, CA 94563

Thank you.

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**From:** Dudley Reiser <dreiser@r2usa.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:12 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Request for copy of BDCP RDEIR/SDEIS

Please send to –

Dudley W. Reiser, Ph.D.  
R2 Resource Consultants, Inc.  
15250 N.E. 95<sup>th</sup> Street  
Redmond, Washington 98052

Phone – 425-556-1288

Thanks

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**From:** Purcell, Larry <LPurcell@sdewa.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** DVD of 2015 RDEIR/SDEIS Public Review Document

Please send a DVD of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix recirculated/supplement DEIR/DEIS to:

Larry Purcell  
Water Resources Manager  
San Diego County Water Authority  
4677 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123

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**From:** Daniel A. McDaniel <damplic@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:43 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** RDEIR/SDEIS

Please provide me with a copy of the DVD of the RDEIR/SDEIS

Daniel A. McDaniel  
Nomellini, Grilli & McDaniel  
Professional Law Corporations  
235 East Weber Avenue  
P.O. Box 1461  
Stockton, California 95201-1461  
Telephone: (209) 465-5883  
Facsimile: (209) 465-3956  
E-mail: [damplic@pacbell.net](mailto:damplic@pacbell.net)

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**From:** Daniel A. McDaniel <damp1c@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 10:59 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** RE: RDEIR/SDEIS

Can you please advise when I can expect to receive this per my request last Thursday?

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**From:** Daniel A. McDaniel [<mailto:damp1c@pacbell.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2015 10:43 AM  
**To:** 'BDCPcomments@icfi.com'  
**Subject:** RDEIR/SDEIS

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**From:** Steve Mayo <Mayo@sjcog.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:44 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** Laurel Boyd  
**Subject:** San Joaquin Council of Governments - RDEIR/SDEIS DVD request

Our agency would like to request a DVD be provided to our staff for review of the recirculated materials. The mailing address is below and put to my attention.

Sincerely,

**Steven Mayo**  
**Program Manager**  
*Habitat Conservation Plan*  
*San Joaquin Council of Governments*  
*555 East Weber Avenue*  
*Stockton, CA 95202*  
*209-235-0600 phone*  
*209-235-0438 fax*  
[www.sjcog.org](http://www.sjcog.org)

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**From:** Hilts, Derek <derek\_hilts@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:52 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** DVD of the Draft RDEIR/SDEIS

Per the public notices, I'm requesting a DVD of the July 10, 2015 RDEIR/SDEIS.  
My mailing address is provided in the signature block below. Thanks very much.  
Derek

Derek Hilts M.S., P.E.  
Water Resources Engineer  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
650 Capitol Mall Suite 8-300  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: 916.930.5625



**From:** Myles, James <jmyles@sjgov.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:55 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Copy of DVD

I would like to receive 6 copies for San Joaquin County.

Thank you,

J. Mark Myles, Esq.  
County Counsel  
San Joaquin County  
44 N. San Joaquin St., Ste 679  
Stockton CA 95202-2931

Tele: (209) 468-2980  
Fax: (209) 468-0315

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**From:** Patterson, Katie <kpatterson@sjgov.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 10:55 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Document Request

I am formally requesting a DVD copy/Disk of the RDEIR/SDEIS. Please send it to:

Katie Patterson  
County Deputy Administrator  
44 N. San Joaquin St., Suite 640  
Stockton, CA 95202

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**Katie Patterson** | Deputy County Administrator – Legislative Coordinator | San Joaquin County | ☎ (209) 468-2997 |  
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**From:** Rogene Reynolds <reynolds6568@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:15 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Request for copy of Revised BDCP/FIX

Please forward a DVD copy of the RDEIR/SDEIS of teh BDCP/California WaterFIX plan.

To:

William Reynolds  
4444 West Undine Road  
Stockton, CA 95206

Please confirm receipt of this request and let me know when to expect the DVD.

Thank you.

William Reynolds

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**From:** Emily Pappalardo <EPappalardo@dccengineering.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 11:39 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** BDCP/WaterFix Initial Comments

Dear BDCP Comments,

Thank you for the notification of the upcoming public comment period of the updated BDCP, now named California WaterFix. The provided comment period from July 10 to August 31 is too short. Fifty or so days is not enough time to even attempt to review thousands upon thousands of pages. Please extend the comment period to a minimum of 90 days and give those who will be negatively impacted by the "Fix" a fighting chance.

Sincerely,

Emily Pappalardo  
DCC Engineering Co., Inc.  
PO Box 929, Walnut Grove, CA 95690  
Ph (916)776-9128 Fax (916)776-2282  
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**From:** Kier Associates <kierassociates@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:17 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Partially Recirculated Draft  
Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear BDCP Comments

We would very much appreciate receipt of a DVD copy of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement at the mailing address listed below

Thank you for your assistance

Bill Kier

Kier Associates, *Fisheries and Watershed Professionals*

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San Rafael, CA 94901

Office: 415.721.7548

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**From:** Michael A. Brodsky <michael@brodskylaw.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:53 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Water Fix Request to Extend Comment Period to 180 Days

FORM MASTER  
#4  
[SAVE THE CALIFORNIA  
DELTA ALLIANCE]

This office represents the Save the California Delta Alliance. Delta Alliance requests that the comment period be extended to 180 days.

Alternative 4a represents an abdication of seven years of assurances from the state that the twin tunnels would be a part of a habitat conservation plan that met the "gold standard" of environmental stewardship. All previous review and comment has been predicated on those representations from the state.

A 45 days comment period for an entirely new and radically different approach is inadequate. Alternative 4a does not represent an adjustment or response to previous comments. It is entirely different in character from previous proposals and requires at least the same length of comment period that was originally allocated for the HCP version of the BDCP.

Please extend the comment period to 180 days to allow for a meaningful and forthright public process that is the cornerstone of NEPA and CEQA.

Michael Brodsky  
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**From:** E. Begley <pbegley88@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 4:03 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Request for Delta tunnels RDEIS DVD

Greetings –

Please send me for my review one copy of the DVD containing the partially recirculated RDEIR/SDEIS for the proposed Delta tunnels project (“Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix”). I assume there is no charge for the DVD; if there is, please advise me of its cost.

Thank you.

Eva Begley, Ph.D.  
4224 Burrell Way  
Sacramento, California 95864  
(916) 487-7245

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**From:** mary mctaggart <cavelanding@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 11, 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** BDCP/CA Water Fix Partially RDEIR/RDEIS

Please send a DVD of the Subject documents to the following address:

Mary McTaggart  
34840 S River Rd  
Clarksburg, CA 95612

Thank you very much.

Mary McTaggart



**From:** AlMeg <amgibr-lwv@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2015 2:40 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** request for DVD, RDEIR/SDEIS documents (Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix...)

I write to request a DVD copy of the RDEIR/SDEIS documents (**Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS)**).

Please let me know where in Sacramento my husband or I can pick up the DVD copy, either on July 13 or July 14, 2015.

Thank you,

Meg Giberson

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**From:** Sean Murphy <sean.murphy07@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 2:22 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnels

All,

In this time of extreme drought, I ask why are we spending time in developing a new water conveyance system when the existing one is functional. Recent studies have identified areas where the California Delta Levee system can be reinforced, strengthened and made much more seismically sound for a fraction of the cost of the tunnels.

Where do we get the additional water needed for our expanding populous. How can the tunnels help in this matter.

Should we not start thinking of new approaches to water management than simply hoping the snow will fall in winter.

Should we not start planning to capture the additional rainfall in the upcoming El Niño weather pattern?

Should we not start planning to be ready for the water that flows down our storm drains and canals during the rainy season. Placing temporary pumping stations adjacent to storm canals, capturing, and then refilling percolation ponds can be easily achieved with the tools we have today. Example- the storm canal that parallels San Tomas Expressway in Campbell, Ca; is very near the percolation ponds.

We now have large amounts of water waiting to be recycled and returned to the ground for future use.

The above ideas are just a few, and certainly not as costly as the tunnels project and PROVIDE EXTRA SOURCES OF WATER we so desperately need. Thinking towards the future.

I have asked in the past and will ask again. Please reconsider the Twin Tunnels Project. This money can be better spent to keep the water flowing out of all of our faucets.

Thank-you,  
Sean Murphy  
Saratoga, Ca.  
[sean.murphy07@att.net](mailto:sean.murphy07@att.net)

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**From:** Humphrey, Shay  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 2:20 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: Funding for Revised BDCP/CA WaterFix

**Sent on behalf of Lauren Simonich**

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**From:** [lauren@sacfarmbureau.org](mailto:lauren@sacfarmbureau.org) [<mailto:lauren@sacfarmbureau.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 12:47 PM  
**To:** [info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com](mailto:info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com)  
**Subject:** Funding for Revised BDCP/CA WaterFix

Hello,

I was wondering where I might find information pertaining to the funding for this? I didn't see any titles here implying it and would really rather not read through the entire document:  
<http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/2015PublicReview/PublicReviewRDEIRSDEIS/PublicReviewRDEIRSD EIS Links.aspx>

Thank you,

Lauren Simonich  
Program Coordinator  
Sacramento County Farm Bureau  
8970 Elk Grove Blvd.  
Elk Grove, CA 95624  
phone: (916) 685-6958 fax: (916) 685-7125 cell: (916) 712-6731  
[www.sacfarmbureau.org](http://www.sacfarmbureau.org)

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**From:** Daniel Kwong <ghh\_dwk@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 11:17 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Re: Dr. Daniel W. Kwong

Hello:

Thanks for the postcard on Water Fix Comments.

I learnt about the hearing at Walnut Grove on July 29, 2015. 3-7p.m. at Jean Harvie Senior and Community Center.

Then I am very interested to see if I would be able to present at the hearing while I have just joined the lobbying at

Sacramento in February 2015 on CLEAN AIR for Sierra Club.

May God bless the Planet and the WildLife and natural resources overall.

With faith,

Dr. Daniel W. Kwong

E-Mail: ghh\_dwk@yahoo.com

Mail;

Dr. Daniel W. Kwong

1603 West Valley Blvd #3665

Alhambra, Ca 91803

USA

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**From:** Clare M. Spensley <clare@spensleymail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 5:48 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** BDCP Comments

Dear BDCP Comments people:

You are not giving the public and government entities enough time to comment on your outrageous and criminal plan to drain the Sacramento Delta Estuary, we need at least 3 months. Two lame meetings on this BDCP plan are an insult to the people who are fighting to stop this stupid TUNNEL plan to DRAIN the DELTA. Even the Federal E P A has advised you that the plan is not legal nor workable!!

If you were not the puppets of the Westlands & Metropolitan Water districts and people like the uber - wealthy -Resnicks then your plan would be dropped by now as it is not in the true interests of the residents, farmers and boaters of the Sac. Delta Estuary. In fact, the plan would be a huge waste of money as it will not create any more water for CA. Stop the madness, drop the twin tunnel plan!

You need to attack the lack of water with the following actions:

- 1) Improving the ability to move water around as needed with water system improvements.
- 2) Increasing storage capacity.
- 3) Reinforcing our levee system.
- 4) Protecting and improving water quality and quantity.
- 5) Local storage, increased conservation plans, water reuse and recycling and desalination.
- 6) Restoring the Delta's environmental health.

Sincerely yours,

Clare M. Spensley--Farmer on Andrus Island, in the Sac. Delta

**Clare M. Spensley--**

Cellular- 209-479-6154

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**From:** Annie Hoagland <anne@jb-comm.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 4:29 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: Questions on two different project plans

Question number (2) below.

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----- Original message -----

From: Janet McCleery <jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com>  
Date: 07/12/2015 9:44 AM (GMT-08:00)  
To: "Bisnett, Lauren@DWR" <Lauren.Bisnett@water.ca.gov>  
Subject: Questions on two different project plans

Hi Lauren -

Thanks again for all your help last summer on the BDCP plan. I wondered if you were still at the DWR. Two questions:

(1) Delta Gates Plan: There was a draft plan February 2015 plan proposing Delta Barriers, [https://bdo-portal.water.ca.gov/documents/92073/249680/ESS-03+Management+Draft\\_02132015.pdf](https://bdo-portal.water.ca.gov/documents/92073/249680/ESS-03+Management+Draft_02132015.pdf). I just found out about it and am trying to read through it but cannot tell if the barriers at Three-Mile Slough, Turner Cut, and Columbia Cut are going to be simply bubble fish barriers that lie on the bottom of the river bed hence cause no issue with boating, or floating fish fences which would cause issues, or real gates/locks. Is there a quick summary somewhere or updated plan? Also do you know if there will be a comment period. As I said, I didn't see any notice from DWR about it in February.

(2) BDCP/Cal Water Fix: I never heard an answer on what the cancer concern was in Byron in the old BDCP plan. Do you know if the new California Water Fix solves that or, if it's the same, what the concern/risk is?

Jan

Janet McCleery | [jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com](mailto:jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com)  
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On Jul 10, 2014, at 12:38 PM, Bisnett, Lauren@DWR <Lauren.Bisnett@water.ca.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jan,

I forwarded your inquiry to staff to delve into for you and provide response; they will be contacting you directly.

If you do not hear back from someone by Monday of next week, please let me know and I will follow-up for you.

Thank you,  
Lauren B.

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**From:** Bisnett, Lauren@DWR  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 12:30 PM  
**To:** 'Janet McCleery'  
**Subject:** RE: Question on Chapter 22

Hi Jan,

When the drought was declared, I was activated for emergency response duties and have been working full-time on that, but I'm happy to help you track down or connect you with who best to respond to your questions.

I'll make a few calls and get back to you.

Thank you,  
Lauren B.

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**From:** Janet McCleery [mailto:jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 09, 2014 12:20 PM

**To:** Bisnett, Lauren@DWR

**Subject:** Question on Chapter 22

Hi Lauren - I've been trying to track down the basis for statements saying there would be a cancer risk in Byron due to tunnel construction. What that is and the location exactly. The on-line FAQs refer to it <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/AboutBDCP/YourQuestionsAnswered.aspx>

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**Will the air quality impacts during construction force hundreds of residents to move?**

The Draft EIR/EIS Chapter 22 (Air Quality and Greenhouse Gasses) evaluates human health threats associated with construction of each BDCP alternative. The analysis evaluated impacts to all air district-defined sensitive receptors, which include residences, schools, hospitals, places of worship, daycare facilities, parks, or any other facilities where people are susceptible to air pollutants. Construction of the BDCP would not exceed standard air quality thresholds and would not expose residents to corresponding health threats, with the possible exception of one residential household.

The impact assessment included in the Draft EIR/EIS addressed whether construction emissions would exceed a cancer risk threshold for Diesel Particulate Matter (DPM) of 10 in one million. The analysis identified one location in which such a risk might exist: a residence located near the southern portion of the Alternative 4 (CEQA preferred alternative) alignment along Byron Highway. Implementation of Mitigation Measure AQ-13 could eliminate this impact by permanently or temporarily relocating this household, if the resident agrees to the relocation. Although one house is identified as impacted by Alternative 4, project proponents continue to explore options to further minimize and mitigate impacts.

Above it says "a residence located ... along Byron Highway... permanently or temporarily relocating this household.

Naturally since Discovery Bay is officially part of Byron and the Byron Highway goes with 3000 feet of Discovery Bay homes and the Middle School is on Byron Highway, that raises a lot of concerns.

Can you help me find (a) the exact residence location and (b) an explanation of what the risk is and how could it be isolated to only one residence? Would appreciate it!!!

RECIRC 21

*Jan*

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**From:** Jackson, Judy J (Sacramento) <judy.j.jackson@aecom.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 9:35 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** BDCP EIR Copy Request

To Whom It May Concern:

What is the process for obtaining a hardcopy of the BDCP EIR?

Regards,

**Judy J Jackson**  
Administrative Assistant to  
*Sujan Punyamurthula, VP Water – Greater Northern California*  
D 1-916-679-2234 C 1-916-202-1751  
[judy.j.jackson@aecom.com](mailto:judy.j.jackson@aecom.com)

**AECOM**  
2870 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 150, Sacramento, California 95833  
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**From:** susan\_don@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 10:30 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Stop the Tunnels

Here we go again. If this is such a good plan, why are there no open meetings, and such a short time to respond to the new reports.

This insanity must stop. Isn't the sign of insanity, doing the same thing over and over and getting the same results, expecting a different result?

Stop the insanity and stop the tunnels!

Susan Ludwig

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**From:** Janet McCleery <jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 6:22 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Alignment Comment

Hello - I submitted comments on the prior EIR and was disappointed to see in the current version that the alignment choice continues to be through the heart of the Delta.

From an environmental standpoint and in keeping with the Delta Plan goals to protect Delta communities, boating and recreation, wildlife habitat, etc., I do not understand why the alignment was and still is through the most sensitive environmental and community areas. If the alignment instead followed I-5 and then Highway 4, areas already with noise and owned by the state, it would greatly diminish the concerns.

I also am unclear why the decision was made to put the tunnels 150 feet down - costly and disruptive. This requires dewatering ground water tables that local farmers rely on. It risks impact to other wells that communities, like mine, rely on. A pipe just below the surface would not have that impact. And could be done with more traditional equipment than the fancy, expensive borers. Highway 4 needs a lot of improvement - put the pipe partially above-ground and move Highway 4 over it. The route is longer, but I can't see that it wouldn't be less costly overall.

That path would not disrupt recreation and boating at all. As it is, the current path will put many of our favorite waterways out of commission for years and years.

That path would not affect the Delta waterfowl or the small communities because it would be next to a big noise freeway.

Why, oh why does this plan continue to propose digging through a sensitive estuary?

*Jan*  
Janet McCleery | [jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com](mailto:jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com)  
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**From:** william <jvs5253@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 11:09 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** tunnels

I have read the revised proposal and still do not buy it. Increased storage (above and below ground), desalinization, and deepening of the Sac/SJ Delta are the quickest and cost-effective actions. If you want to build water transport, why not think about transcontinental pipelines from the east where they flood annually. The hydro power, and storage along the route (s) alone would benefit so many. Sounds like 'shovel-ready' jobs to me.

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**From:** Enos, Cassandra@DWR <Cassandra.Enos@water.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 9:54 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: Extension Request for BDCP comments  
**Attachments:** 7 16 15 comment time ext req.pdf

**From:** Bob Wright [<mailto:BWright@friendsoftheriver.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 8:48 AM  
**To:** Murillo, D@USB; Goncalves, Kimberly@CNRA; Cowin, Mark@DWR  
**Subject:** Extension Request for BDCP comments

Dear Secretary Laird, Director Cowin and Regional Director Murillo,

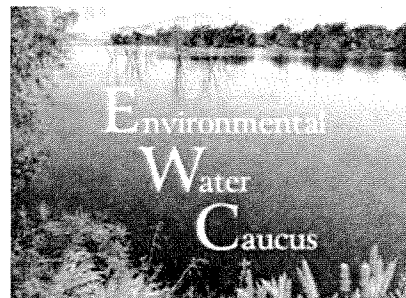
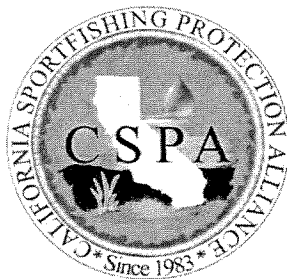
The attached short letter requests an extension of time to comment on the BDCP/California Water Fix REDIR/SDEIS. The comment period provided is plainly too short. Consequently, the organizations jointly authoring the request letter seek your intervention to insure that the important purposes of the public comment processes mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are fulfilled. As you probably know, the proposed Delta Water Tunnels are the most controversial proposed public works project in California history.

We have already this morning separately transmitted the attached letter to Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell.

I would be happy to do my best to answer any questions that you or other California or Federal officials may have.

Sincerely,

Bob Wright  
Senior Counsel  
Friends of the River  
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July 16, 2015

Via Email and U.S. Mail

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**Re: Request for 77-day Extension of Comment Deadline for BDCP/California Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS Comments**

Dear Secretary Jewell, Regional Director Murillo, Secretary Laird, Director Cowin and Federal and California Agencies, Officers, and Staff Members Carrying out the BDCP/California Water Fix:

Friends of the River, Restore the Delta, the California Water Impact Network, the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and the Environmental Water Caucus (EWC) (a coalition of over 30 nonprofit environmental and community organizations and California Indian Tribes) request an extension of at least 77 days for submitting public comments on the 8000 pages (we believe) supplementing 40,000 pages previously issued, constituting the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/California Water Fix Partially Recirculated Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS (RDEIR/SDEIS) for the BDCP Draft EIR/EIS. ***This request would extend the deadline for public comment on those documents from August 31, 2015, to at least November 16, 2015.*** This is a request for a 120 day period for public comment in place of the 45 day period provided by the BDCP lead agencies, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, United States Department of the Interior and the California Department of Water Resources, California Natural Resources Agency. (The last day for a 120 day comment period would fall on a Saturday, November 14, 2015. This Request follows federal and California practice of extending a time period that falls on a Saturday or Sunday to the next business day).

***This Request is for an extension of time for the public including all individuals and non-governmental organizations, and also for public agencies, to comment on the subject documents.*** This Request is necessary because of the extraordinary volume of the technical and scientific material to be read, understood, researched, and then commented upon.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, 40 C.F.R § 1502.7, mandate that “The text of final environmental impact statements. . . shall normally be less than 150 pages and for proposals of unusual scope or complexity shall normally be less than 300 pages.” The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulation, 14 Cal. Code Regs § 15141, is similar: “ The text of draft EIRs should normally be less than 150 pages and for proposals of unusual scope or complexity should normally be less than 300 pages.”

Here, the drafts previously issued including plan, Draft EIR/EIS and appendices included more than 40,000 pages. We are informed and believe that the new CEQA/NEPA documents include about 8000 pages. Moreover, the new drafts are unavailable in a single, unified document. Instead, the BDCP website provides access to a multitude of sections through a byzantine list of nebulously titled hyperlinks. Rather than facilitating public participation, this format deters it, as website visitors will find themselves blindly clicking through over 125 hyperlinks, grasping to gain a sense of the Draft EIR/EIS as a whole. Moreover, the original 40,000 pages must be revisited to understand the new 8,000 pages. As the RDEIR/SDEIS itself claims: “When reviewed together with the Draft EIR/EIS, this RDEIR/SDEIS sufficiently describes and discloses the effects of implementing Alternatives 4A, 2d, and 5A for the purposes of CEQA and NEPA.” (RDEIR/SDEIS 1-5). A 45 day comment period may be adequate for a 150 or 300 page Draft EIR or EIS. It is not adequate for review of 8000 pages revising and supplementing 40,000 pages.

This short public comment period looks like a deliberate effort to make it virtually impossible for members of the public to be able to comprehend and respond with meaningful comments to the new NEPA and CEQA documents. The BDCP agencies took almost one year to prepare the new documents and there is no public need for haste in providing too short a comment period. There are many reports in the media that the exporters who would pay for the Water Tunnels are now uncertain whether it makes sense to do so. That is because the change from a Habitat Conservation Plan to the California Water Fix means there would not be a 50 year permit for virtually guaranteed water deliveries making the project at least arguably worthwhile to the exporters financially. In other words, there is no need for a rush at this time because the beneficiaries of the project have not even decided whether they are willing to pay for it.

Since the Bureau of Reclamation has not prepared the required Biological Assessment and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service have not prepared the required Biological Opinions (RDEIR/SDEIS 1-15), the BDCP agencies have deprived the public of critical information in the form of Biological Assessments and Biological Opinions to be able to meaningfully evaluate the proposed actions. The ESA Regulations (50 C.F.R. § 402.14(a)) require that “Each Federal agency shall review its actions *at the earliest possible time* to determine whether any action may affect listed species or critical habitat. If such a determination is made, formal consultation is required. . . .” *Karuk Tribe of California v. U.S. Forest Service*, 681 F.3d 1006, 1020 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2012) (en banc)(emphasis added), *cert. denied*, 133 S.Ct. 1579 (2013). The Biological Assessments and Biological Opinions are the written documents that federal agencies must prepare during the ESA consultation process. The NEPA Regulations require that “To the fullest extent possible, agencies shall prepare draft environmental impact statements concurrently with and integrated with environmental impact analyses and related surveys and studies required by the . . . Endangered Species Act. . . .” 40 C.F.R. § 1502.25(a). Here, there is no compliance with the “at the earliest possible time,” “concurrently with,” and “integrated with” requirements. “ESA compliance is not optional,” and “an agency may not take actions that will tip a species from a state of precarious survival into a state of likely extinction.” *National Wildlife Federation v. National Marine Fisheries Service*, 524 F.3d 917, 929-30 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008). The result is that commenters are deprived of the critical information that would be provided by a Biological Assessment and Biological Opinions.

In addition, the BDCP agencies received a total of 18,532 separate comments on the original draft documents. (RDEIR/SDEIS 1-3, 1-4). Those comments included 1518 unique letters from individual members of the public and 432 letters from agencies, organizations, and stakeholder groups. (*Id.*) Those comments are vital to learning the views of organizations and public agencies that are not Water Tunnels boosters and contractors. For example, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declared last August that: “Specifically, we recommend that an alternative be developed that would, at minimum, not contribute to an increase in the magnitude or frequency of exceedances of water quality objectives, and that would address the need for



water availability *and greater freshwater flow through the Delta.*” (EPA letter August 26, 2014, p.2) (emphasis added). For another example, on July 16, 2014, the United States Army Corps of Engineers issued comments that: “I have determined the EIS/EIR is not sufficient at this time in meeting the Corps’ needs under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). . . in particular with regard to the incomplete description of the proposed actions, alternatives analysis. . . and impacts to waters of the United States and navigable waters, as well as the avoidance and minimization of, and compensatory mitigation for, impacts to waters of the United States.” (Letter p. 1).

Despite repeated requests, the BDCP agencies have continued to refuse ever since December 2013 to post any of the comments by organizations or public agencies on the BDCP website. This deliberate concealment of independent and contrary views and information from the public also now makes it more difficult for the public to prepare meaningful comments on the new NEPA and CEQA documents. In effect, the BDCP agencies require everyone to start from ground zero in an effort to understand the project and its environmental impacts by concealing the independent and contrary views and information provided by previous comments. Moreover, comments such as those from the EPA and Army Corps constitute critical new information that would be the foundation for many informed comments at this time. The comments from agencies and the public were so important that the BDCP agencies say they modified the documents and the alternatives based on the input. (RDEIR/EIS ES 2, 9, 15;1-2). The comments already received are thus admittedly important and must be provided to the public on the BDCP website at this time so that the public will also have the benefit of the critical information provided by the previous comments.

Finally, extension of time for comment is also necessary because the Department of Water Resources has declared it will not be producing documents previously requested by Restore the Delta pursuant to California’s Public Records Act until August 28, 2015. The requested documents are essential with respect to the description of the subject project.

In sum, the current comment period is inadequate because it fails to provide members of the public with adequate time for review. The proposed project is the most controversial public works project in California history. It is extremely complicated and the subject of voluminous analysis in the form of project justification and advocacy. The subject is critically important to every Californian. We therefore request the additional time necessary to attempt to carefully scrutinize the subject NEPA and CEQA documents and then provide meaningful input by way of public comment.

Should you have questions, please contact Conner Everts, Co-Facilitator, Environmental Water Caucus at (310) 394-6162 ext. 111 or Robert Wright, Senior Counsel, Friends of the River

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at (916) 442-3155 ext. 207 or [bwright@friendsoftheriver.org](mailto:bwright@friendsoftheriver.org). We also request the courtesy of a prompt written response to this Request for a 77-day extension of the public comment period.<sup>1</sup>

Sincerely,

/s/ Conner Everts  
Co-Facilitator  
Environmental Water Caucus

/s/ E. Robert Wright  
Senior Counsel  
Friends of the River

/s/ Carolee Krieger  
Executive Director  
California Water Impact Network

/s/ Bill Jennings  
Executive Director  
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

/s/ Barbara Barrigan-Parilla  
Executive Director  
Restore the Delta

Additional Addressees, all via email:

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National Marine Fisheries Service

Michael Tucker, Fishery Biologist  
National Marine Fisheries Service

Larry Rabin, Acting, Field Supervisor, S.F. Bay-Delta  
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Lori Rinek  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mary Lee Knecht, Program Manager  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Patty Idloff  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

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<sup>1</sup> The BDCP agencies are so disinterested in public involvement that we have not found contact information for a contact person in the new NEPA and CEQA documents, necessitating addressing this Request letter to a number of federal and California officers and staff members.

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Department of Interior Solicitor's Office

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State Water Resources Control Board

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**From:** Bob Wright <BWright@friendsoftheriver.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:39 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** request for more time to comment  
**Attachments:** 7 16 15 comment time ext req.pdf

Dear icfi.com:

Attached please find our July 16, 2015 letter requesting on behalf of the public additional time to comment on the new RDEIR/SDEIS documents. Please confirm by reply receipt of this initial comment letter. Also, the letter requests a prompt written response to the request for more time.

Sincerely,

Bob Wright  
Senior Counsel  
Friends of the River  
Sacramento, CA  
(916) 442-3155 x207

**From:** Kyle Miller <kyle.steven.miller@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 9:42 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

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Kyle Miller 90631 07/17/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

[Californians for Water  
Security]

Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

California Department of Water Resources:

I am writing to express my strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). It 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 as quickly as possible.

Our state's aging 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 must update this aging system to protect water supplies for our state.

The California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) is 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. It reflects significant changes and improvements to the plan to address comments from the state and federal governments and other stakeholders.

The California Water Fix will replace aging dirt levees with a modern, secure water pipeline; upgrade the water distribution system to protect water supplies from earthquakes and natural disasters; and restore more natural river flows to protect fish and wildlife.

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.

**From:** Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Don Campbell  
<info@friendsoftheriver.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 12, 2015 6:10 PM  
**To:** BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

Jul 12, 2015

Mr. Ryan Wulff, NMFS  
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Form Master 2  
[Friends of the River]

Dear Mr. Wulff, NMFS,

Thank you for receiving public comments in response to the 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.

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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FORM MASTER #3

## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 13, 2015

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

**SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE 4A OF CALIFORNIA WATER FIX  
 SUPPORT**

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

The California Chamber of Commerce is pleased to submit these comments to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan 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 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 (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 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 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.

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 and others, we support the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Sincerely,

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Valerie Nera  
Policy Advocate

cc: Martha Guzman-Aceves, Office of the Governor

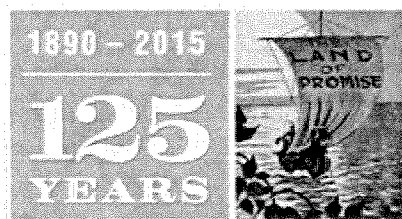
**From:** Solis, Michael <michael.solis@calchamber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 2:07 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** 'martha.guzman-aceves@gov.ca.gov'; 'governor@governor.ca.gov'  
**Subject:** CalChamber Commernts - BDCP/Water Fix Alternative 4A  
**Attachments:** CalChamber Comments BDCP Alt4 7-13-15.pdf

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached are the California Chamber of Commerce comments concerning BDCP Alternative 4A.

IF you should have additional needs, please contact me.

**Michael Solis**  
Policy Assistant

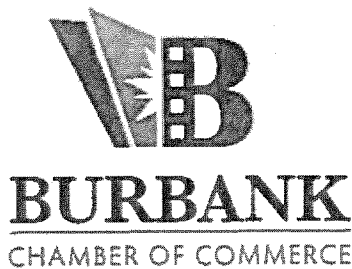


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July 9, 2015

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

Re: Alternative 4A

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

We are writing in support of the California Water Fix Proposal (Alternative 4A), a plan to effectively address California's aging water distribution system supplying 25 million Californians and millions of farmland acres.

This proposal will have water delivered through a modern pipeline, improve the system's ability to withstand earthquakes, move water more efficiently to storage facilities, restore natural flows within our rivers and streams, and protect the environment and wildlife within the San Joaquin Delta.

We support having both the Department of Water Resources and Administration implement this California Water Fix Proposal (Alternative 4).

Respectfully yours,

  
Gary Olson  
President-CEO

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 3:10 PM  
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July 9, 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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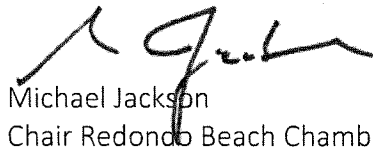
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Sincerely,



Michael Jackson  
Chair Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce

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**From:** Henry Rogers <henry@pearstrategies.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 3:45 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix  
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Greetings,

Attached are letters of support on behalf of the

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce and the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

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Henry Rogers  
Founding Partner  
PEAR Strategies  
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[www.PearStrategies.com](http://www.PearStrategies.com)



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Sincerely,

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Michael Jackson  
SBACC Chair

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**From:** Henry Rogers <henry@pearstrategies.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 3:45 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix  
**Attachments:** 4A of CA Water Fix.pdf; Comment Letter Support\_Coalition Allies\_RBCOC.pdf

Greetings,

Attached are letters of support on behalf of the

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce and the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

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Henry Rogers  
Founding Partner  
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July 9, 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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Jerry L. Wheeler, Sr. IOM, ACE  
President/CEO

**From:** Jerry Wheeler <jwheeler@hbcoc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 2:07 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** BDCP Water Fix Support by HB Chamber of Commerce  
**Attachments:** BDCP Water Fix Support 07-09-15.pdf



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*President/CEO*

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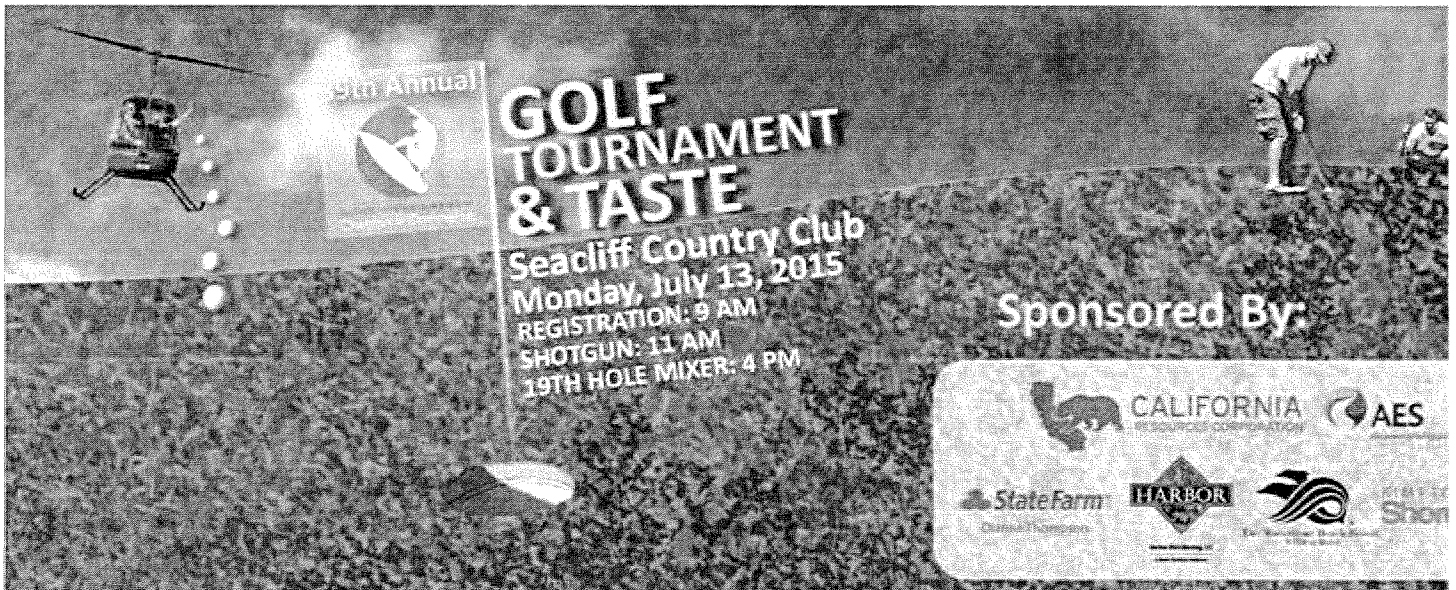


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LOS ANGELES AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 13, 2015

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

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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Sincerely,

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Gary Toebben  
President & CEO

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**From:** Elizabeth Ramseyer <eramseyer@lachamber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 1:52 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Letter of Support of behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
**Attachments:** 7.13.2015 Governor.pdf

**Ellie Ramseyer** | Executive Assistant & Assistant Corporate Secretary  
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**From:** Michael Harper <m2003h@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2015 4:43 PM  
**To:** BDCP.comments@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** Tunnels

Sirs please tell Me How Tunnels to Extract More water from My already low Delta .....Helps the Fish My favorite Fishing area?

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**From:** fredrinne@monkeybrains.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 4:26 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** [Fwd: "Water Fix", "Eco Restore"]

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Subject: "Water Fix", "Eco Restore"  
From: [fredrinne@monkeybrains.net](mailto:fredrinne@monkeybrains.net)  
Date: Thu, July 9, 2015 4:25 pm  
To: [BDCPComments@icfi.com](mailto:BDCPComments@icfi.com)  
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To whom it may concern:

The proposed "conveyance facility" (TUNNELS) is the most awful plan to hit the Delta since the Peripheral Canal and should be rejected out of hand.

The capacity of them enables private actors to loot yet more of our public water resource for personal gain, be they Westlands Water District, Kern County growers or real estate developers in Southern California. Once the tunnels are in, no agreement to retain environmental water for the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta will be worth the paper it's printed on.

The Eco Restore program is a bait and switch hustle that can come nowhere close to mitigating the de-watering of the Sacramento River and at 30,000 acres (much of them already restored and counted twice) is remarkable only for its' stinginess.

Remember if you people have already forgotten: you work for US, the people of California, not the billionaires and developers.

thank you for your time

Fred Rinne

San Francisco

**From:** Structo H <stevharrisca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 7:12 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** GET GOING ON THE WATER FIX PLAN 4A

DO IT...GET STARTED...PEOPLE ARE DEPENDING ON YOU

**From:** JaNann <vchjanann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 9:13 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Twin tunnels plan

Absolutely, positively against this idea!!  
JaNann Lewis

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**From:** Kenneth Wilson <kenneth@WilsonVineyards.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:13 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Tunnels review

How has the council limited the farming opening up even more desert with more water verses recharging the souths aquifers that is required and has been neglected for decades? How has this been addressed?

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Kenneth Wilson <kenneth@WilsonVineyards.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2015 3:16 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** The tunnels

How has the council addressed the guarantees of the Delta and it's island maintenance needs and farming needs verses sacrificing them so as to supply the mega farms with water down south?

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Francis Coats <fecoa@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 11:45 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Bay Delta Conservation (Twin Tunnels) Environmental Documents

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Please feel free to contact me for an further discussion of the public trust lands and the public's right to use them

Frank Coats, 3392 Caminito Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991 530-701-6116, fecoats@msn.com

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**From:** Humphrey, Shay  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:56 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: Bay Delta Conservation (Twin Tunnels) Environmental Documents

**From:** Francis Coats [mailto:fecoats@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:25 PM  
**To:** Humphrey, Shay  
**Subject:** RE: Bay Delta Conservation (Twin Tunnels) Environmental Documents

Mr. Humphrey:

Thanks for the confirmation.

The public has an existing right to be on any navigable river, including the temporarily dry banks of the river below ordinary high water mark.

State agencies are obligated to refrain from unnecessarily interfering with the public use of these public trust lands.

In discussing the effect of the project on recreation, the documents do not recognize that the entire length of the river and its banks below high water mark are now lands open to public recreation; and, therefore fail to address the effect of the project on the public use of these lands.

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From: [Shay.Humphrey@icfi.com](mailto:Shay.Humphrey@icfi.com)  
To: [fecoats@msn.com](mailto:fecoats@msn.com); [info@baydeltaconservationplan.com](mailto:info@baydeltaconservationplan.com)  
Subject: RE: Bay Delta Conservation (Twin Tunnels) Environmental Documents  
Date: Tue, 14 Jul 2015 12:10:33 +0000

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/ California WaterFix. Formal comments should be submitted to [BDCPComment@icfi.com](mailto:BDCPComment@icfi.com).

I apologize for any confusion.

Shay

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**SHAY HUMPHREY**

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**From:** Francis Coats [<mailto:fecoats@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 12:40 PM  
**To:** [info@baydeltaconservationplan.com](mailto:info@baydeltaconservationplan.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Bay Delta Conservation (Twin Tunnels) Environmental Documents

It is a little unclear which address is appropriate for submitting formal comments.

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**To:** [bdcpccomments@icfi.com](mailto:bdcpccomments@icfi.com)  
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**Date:** Mon, 13 Jul 2015 11:44:47 -0700

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**From:** Whitney Wildman <surlygirl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 8:31 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Whitney Wildman 94117 07/17/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

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For these reasons, I support the California Water Fix.

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**From:** Vants Anseth <vantsanseth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 8:28 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Vants Anseth 93444 07/17/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

[ Subject: California water waste & Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

One of my major concerns is the water being wasted by the millions upon millions of gallons daily that are fed into out creeks to support such things as native fish, but then the water is allowed to dump in the ocean. Catch basins should be installed and that water rescued, pumped back up and put back into the aquifers. The cost of this would be minimal as compared to building desalinization plants and the savings in water would be astronomical.

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The California Water Fix will replace aging dirt levees with a modern, secure water pipeline; upgrade the water distribution system to protect water supplies from earthquakes and natural disasters; and restore more natural river flows to protect fish and wildlife.

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.

Strengthening the Voice of Business

July 14, 2015

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

## Re: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

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## BizFed urges the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to move forward to bring the California Water Fix to fruition.

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The California Water Fix will improve water delivery infrastructure to allow responsible capture and water transport 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

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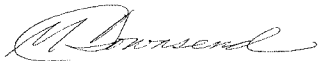
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We are committed to working together with an open mind and approach to address our state's water needs. Getting to this point has been a long and thorough process. Now is the time to act and move forward to protect California's water security.

**For these reasons, BizFed supports the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).**

Sincerely,



MC Townsend  
BizFed Chair  
Regional Black Chamber -  
San Fernando Valley



David Fleming  
BizFed Founding Chair



Tracy Rafter  
BizFed Founding CEO  
IMPOWER, Inc.

CC: Governor Jerry Brown

**From:** Linda Bermudez <linda.bermudez@bizfed.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 12:48 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** BizFed Letter in SUPPORT of California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)  
**Attachments:** Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix (Final).pdf

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Please click [here](#) or see the attached official letter of support on behalf of BizFed.

Thank you.

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Linda Bermudez, Policy Manager  
BizFed, Los Angeles County Business Federation  
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RON MILLER  
Executive Secretary

# Los Angeles / Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council

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July 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:

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Sincerely,

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Ron Miller  
Executive Secretary

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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**From:** Annette H. Tijerina <atijerina@laocbuildingtrades.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 3:03 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov; Ron Miller  
**Subject:** SUPPORT Alternative 4A of CA Water Fix  
**Attachments:** Alternative 4A - CA Water Fix.pdf

To whom it may concern:

Please see letter of Support for Alt. 4A

On behalf of R. Miller,

*Annette Tijerina*

*Administrative Assistant to:*

**Ron Miller**, *Executive Secretary*

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## Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.

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July 09, 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 Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc., 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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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 supply cutbacks and shortages for people, farms and businesses, as well as damage to fish, wildlife and the environment.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Cohen", written over the printed name.

Lee Cohen, General Manager  
Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.

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**From:** Alissa DeWitt <adewitt@settonfarms.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 2:05 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix  
**Attachments:** BDCP.pdf

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July 10, 2015

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

**Subject: The California Water Fix / Alternative 4A – SUPPORT**

The Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA) strong supports Alternative 4A, which is being touted as "The California Water Fix." We have long advocated for 4A because of its 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 state's system of aging dirt levees, aqueducts and pipes that brings water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains 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.

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

Coby King  
Chair

Stuart Waldman  
President

cc: The Honorable Governor Jerry Brown

**From:** Sara Mitchell <Sara@vica.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 10:09 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** governor@governor.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Alternative 4A Letter of Support  
**Attachments:** 0709 - BDCP - 4A - SUPPORT.pdf

Please see VICA's attached letter of support for Alternative 4A.

Thank you.

**Sara Mitchell**  
Legislative Affairs Manager  
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July 10, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments  
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cc: Governor Jerry Brown  
Email: [governor@governor.ca.gov](mailto:governor@governor.ca.gov)

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

KernTax is a member-supported, 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation, with the mission to bring about more accountable, effective, efficient, reliable government. Basing its actions on common sense, innovation, and the long-term view, KernTax crafts positions based on adopted values. Founded in 1939, KernTax has provided a consistent presence examining the actions of government.

KernTax is 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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For these reasons, KernTax supports the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Respectfully

*Michael Turnipseed*

Executive Director

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**From:** Kerntax <Kerntax@kerntaxpayers.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2015 4:07 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments; Governor Jerry Brown  
**Subject:** Support For CA Water Fix, Alt. 4A  
**Attachments:** CA Water Fix Support Letter 150710.doc

Attached is a letter in support of CA Water Fix, Alternative 4A.

*Michael Turnipseed*

Kern County Taxpayers Association

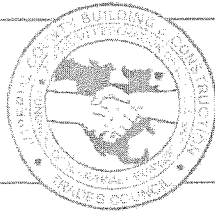
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**July 13, 2015**

**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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Sincerely,

  
Sterling Mayes

Secretary/Treasurer

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**From:** Arkie Mayes <arkiemayes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2015 11:16 AM  
**To:** governor@governor.ca.gov; BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Support Water Fix  
**Attachments:** Scan0012.pdf

In Support Alternative 4A of California Fix