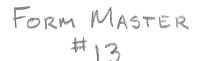
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BDCPcomments
Stop the Twin Tunnels



Dear BDCP.

My family owns property on Long Island located on the Sacramento River, across from Isleton. We have seen the results of the current lack of run off from the drought, increased river bottom weeds and water water hyacinth. This plan will destroy the water quality and the ecosystem of the Sacramento River, Delta and San Francisco Bay.

As a resident and registered voter of California, I demand that the Twin Tunnels plan be rejected. We need instead to bring together experts in all relevant fields to develop a plan that really does address California's water problems going forward, and does so in ways that conserve our financial resources and protect our wildlife, water quality, and environment.

The Twin Tunnels will cost the public about \$40-\$50 Billion and not create any new water.

The original version of the Twin Tunnels plan--the Bay Delta Conservation Plan--was rejected last fall by the National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency. These and other federal agencies criticized the application's faulty science and fuzzy economics. Instead of modifying the plan, the Governor has stripped out almost all funds for mitigation of damage and has re-submitted the same Twin Tunnels plan under a new name.

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Likely environmental results of the Twin Tunnels project are the collapse of the Sacramento-San Joaquin-San Francisco Bay ecosystem, elimination of salmon and most other native fish species, reduction of endangered bird populations, periodic toxicity of shellfish, massive fish kills in San Francisco Bay, weeds and stagnant water along shorelines, and permanent disruption of offshore ecology.

Predictable economic outcomes include severe effects on San Francisco's tourist and convention industries; a loss of appeal for the Bay Area as a site for new business location; a reduction of property values in communities near waterways; and an end to farming, sport fishing, and seasonal work in the Delta, Stockton, and adjacent areas of the Sacramento Valley.

Please stop the Twin Tunnels!

Andrea Brant