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August 4, 2015

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

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the Association of California Cities, we are writing in support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The Association is gravely concerned with our State's long-term water reliability and this plan is a viable, responsible vision to secure our water future statewide. The State should be commended for its long-term visioning and planning.

We also understand that any major infrastructure plan can and should be refined throughout its planning process. 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.

Thus, 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of aging dirt levees, aqueducts and pipes that brings water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to 2/3 of the State is outdated and at risk of collapse in the event of a major earthquake or flood.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.

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- 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lacy Kelly".

Lacy Kelly
Chief Executive Officer
Association of California Cities

From: Diana Victoria Coronado <dcoronado@accoc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 4:31 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov; Lacy Kelly; Steve Greyshock (21 Strat)
Subject: ACC-OC_Support Letter
Attachments: BDCP Letter_Support.pdf

On behalf of the Association of California Cities- Orange County (ACC-OC), please see the attached California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) support letter. Please do not hesitate to contact our office for any questions about our position or the ACC-OC.

Thank you,
Diana

Diana Victoria Coronado
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August 5, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O.Box 1919
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cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the Ventura County Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (CoLAB), 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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For these reasons, we support the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Matt Guthrie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot at the end.

Matt Guthrie
Director of Development
Ventura County Coalition of Labor,
Agriculture and Business (CoLAB)

From: Matt Guthrie <mguthrie@colabvc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:31 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov
Subject: Support letter for California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)
Attachments: CA Water Fix Letter.docx

Please review the attached letter in support of California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Thank you,

Matt Guthrie
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 Ventura County Coalition of Labor,
 Agriculture and Business (CoLAB)
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From: Marcos Guerrero <mguerrero@auburnrancheria.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 9:03 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: Jason Camp; Agustinez, Anecita S.@DWR (Anecita.Agustinez@water.ca.gov); Nelson, Tim@DWR (Tim.Nelson@water.ca.gov); LPerry@usbr.gov
Subject: BDCP/CA Fix RDEIR/SDEIS

Hello, please see UAICs comments to the BDCP/CA Fix Project, Sacramento County, CA.

After an internal review of the project documentation the RDEIR/SDEIS for the BDCP/CA Fix Project has some significant deficiencies.

1. RDEIR/SDEIS does not appear to contact an Environmentally Preferred Alternative that is required under CEQA Guidelines 15126.6(e)(2) and NEPA. The tribe would like to be allowed to microsite or get other design features incorporated to reduce the potential for direct cultural impacts.
2. UAIC left out of RDEIR/SDEIS analysis as Tribe, government or partner. There is no discussion of the Tribe/tribal values in areas of controversy, construction timing, project and alternatives screening criteria (i.e., a tribal burial mound avoidance alternative), environmental commitments for cultural resources, social effects, environmental justice or identified as a viewer group for visual impacts. The UAIC requests to be allowed to participate in the RDEIR/SDEIS analysis.
3. On Alternatives, it appears that very little consideration was given to any others. The rationale for rejecting other design features and preservation in place falls short of what the Tribe considers a minimum level of effort. The Tribe requests a complete and full analysis of such preservation in place and avoidance alternatives as alternative siting locations for the intake tanks. The fact that the project is being approved with not adequately identifying all known resources and a finding of no adverse effect is of concern to the UAIC.
4. If the USACE materially revises any section of the RDEIR/SDEIS then the document should be recirculated. USACE shall evaluate, determine effects, and develop treatment before the project construction activities begin. The tribe does not consider data recovery, curation and testing/analysis appropriate which is in fact a negative effect and direct impact to the cultural resources. The RDEIR/SDEIS addresses solely scientific archeology, there is zero discussion regarding tribal cultural values, sanctified cemeteries, or cultural landscapes. Include a section on why preservation in place is a feasible alternative. RDEIR/SDEIS does not admit that human remains could be impacted and that state law would be followed.
5. The RDEIR/SDEIS also will any new sections on PG&E utility relocation be in the RDEIR/SDEIS? Especially of this work includes use of cranes, land leveling, poll removal and relocation, tree replanting and vegetation removal - all activities that could have significant impacts on cultural resources.
6. The cumulative impact section is wholly deficient and also contains improper analysis such as cultural resources are typically not subject to cumulative effects which is unsupported in CEQA/NEPA. Yet RDEIR/SDEIS then admits impacts are cumulatively significant but then offers no mitigation for that impact. Again, there is no mention of tribes or cultural landscapes, the latter is especially relevant when dealing with cumulative effects or effects across several phases or projects over wide geography.
7. Specific borrow and staging sites were not identified in the RDEIR/SDEIS, it is not appropriate to recommend cultural resource areas for these types of activities;
8. Will there be a section on Wetland delineation.

9. Will the project be avoiding FEMA land use restrictions and are barges included in the project - use of barges could help to reduce impacts on cultural resources?

10. Other interesting points, we would like to discuss are:

- Admits no further federal action assumed, raises question of whether feds could assume the project without reopening the environmental review;
- No analysis of vibration or compression effects on project on cultural resources;
- No analysis of vegetation impacts that relate to native or cultural plants including those that might have been part of the burial mounds or part of the tribal cultural landscape;
- Will there be conservation bank purchased for giant garter snake - why not for cultural landscape;
- Please note that post approval technical studies are not okay;
- No section in climate change discussing whether it makes sense to consider alternative to proposed intakes;
- No text references to NPS Bulletin 38 (TCPs) or ACHP guidance on cultural landscapes, document takes a very stilted view of what Section 106 means. We understand this may be in the RDEIR/SDEIS, yet to be developed, but it would be good to include the important of place, setting, landscape, to the Tribe;
- NAHC not listed as a trustee agency.

Please include these comments in the FRDEIR/FSDEIS. We will also be submitting additional comments and would like to schedule field visit and a government to government meeting to discuss this project. Please provide some possible dates. If possible we would also like to meet with DWR and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Thank you for your time and patience,

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From: Lynn Styles <stylesrescue@mail128-15.atl41.mandrillapp.com> on behalf of Lynn Styles <stylesrescue@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2015 6:12 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Lynn Styles 95473 08/01/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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.

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For these reasons, I support the California Water Fix. It is time for those in the wine, meat and dairy industries are held accountable. We are to blame for allowing so much pain and suffering in the animal industry....and for allowing the greed of the alcohol business to destroy our trees and habitat for their lust for wine.

From: Joan Wagstaff <joaniewags@mail128-15.atl41.mandrillapp.com> on behalf of Joan Wagstaff <joaniewags@webtv.net>
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 7:43 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Joan Wagstaff 91016 08/03/2015

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.

Also, additional resevoirs need to be built so our rain doesn't run off into the Pacific.

From: Paul Hess <paulhess.007@mail17.wdc04.mandrillapp.com> on behalf of Paul Hess
<paulhess.007@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2015 9:15 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Paul Hess 94568 08/02/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Enough Water for Californians

California Department of Water Resources:

I am writing to express my strong support for building water desalinization plants along our ocean beaches instead of funding the expensive fast trains. Israel has done this, and we should too.

Paul Hess
Dublin, CA

From: Gayle Hudert <mamagaywah@mail136-25.atl41.mandrillapp.com> on behalf of Gayle Hudert <mamagaywah@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 11:23 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Gayle Hudert 95051 08/05/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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). After completing research of available materials on the internet, I believe 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.

I am particularly concerned that our state's aging system of 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.

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For these reasons, I support the California Water Fix.

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August 5, 2015

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

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On behalf of the California Construction Industry Labor Management Trust, 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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For these reasons, we support the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Sincerely,



Robert Balgenorth
Chairman

cc: Governor Jerry Brown, State of California

From: Arlene Holm <aholm@sbctc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 12:58 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: governor@governor.ca.gov
Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix
Attachments: alt4a-08052015124710.pdf



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From: Michael Miller <derphmm@mail128-7.atl41.mandrillapp.com> on behalf of Michael Miller <derphmm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 10:38 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Michael Miller 95823 08/06/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

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This needs to be finished before the next drought cycle and to help restore the fisheries by moving the diversions to get the people that are paying for the flood control dams the water they were promised as part of the payment for those dams.

For these reasons, I support the California Water Fix.

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From: Elle <ellecee330@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 6:12 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta Tunnel Questions

How will tunnel construction over a 14 year period be at all helpful or preventative of drought?

How does a Delta tunnels-only project and less than 2000 acres of mitigation habitat comply with the 2009 Delta Reform Act "coequal goals" of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration while protecting the Delta as a place?

From: frank <frankspinelli@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2015 5:02 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Tunnels

NO TO THE tunnels. The governor is wrong, this will destroy the delta an he knows it.

Frank Spinelli

17 Macy Lane

Oakley, California 94561

Sent from my telephone

AUG 04 2015

July 24, 2015

John Laird, Secretary
CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix

Dear Mr. Laird:

Alternative 4a of the subject "plan" 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.

The May 5, 2015 Contra Costa Times Editorial stated:

"Gov. Jerry Brown has abandoned any pretense that his massive Delta twin-tunnel project could benefit the environment, leaving it simply as one of the biggest water grabs in state history."

Governor Brown has disingenuously abdicated his responsibilities to California and all of its citizens in favor of the biggest billionaire agricultural king in the nation. Discovering all of the deceptions and defects in the Governor's latest plans for destruction of the Delta will take much more time than the 45 days he would like to allow.

The 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.

Thank you,



William R. Richardson

cc: DDCP Water Fix Comments
PO Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

From: Nichole Leonard <leonard@MBKInc.onmicrosoft.com>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2015 4:16 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Address change for MBK Engineers

Hello,

We'd like to notify you of our new address.

Your mail piece was forwarded and we want to make sure we don't miss anything in the future.

Our new Address:

Gilbert Cosio
MBK Engineers
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Sacramento, CA 95825

Thank You,

Nichole Leonard

Receptionist

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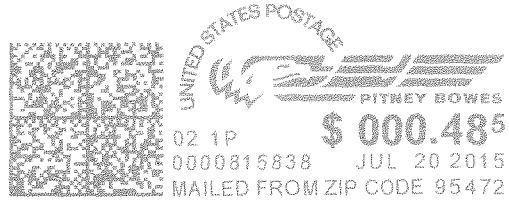
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John Laird, Secretary

California Natural Resources Agency

1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311

Sacramento, CA 95814


Kinberly.goncalves@resources.ca.gov

Dear Sir.

Changing the name from twin tunnel project to the Delta water fix does not change the environmental issues and the impact that it will have on the local communities, farmers and boaters along the Delta. We have water shortages and fines now. Massive tunnels will take more of our water away.


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Comment re Bay Delta Conservation Plan

After attending the public review event at Walnut Grove, we feel as strongly as ever that the “California Water Fix” is not a fix at all, and will cause great harm to the Delta. First, this plan will not add one drop of water to fight the droughts that California will continue to face. People may actually be misled by the term “water fix” to think that the plan will produce more water for California – which is untrue. What we need is storage – in the north and down the valley - so that in wet years we can prepare for those drought years. This plan will not prepare us in any way to capture that water.

Second, this plan would divert the water flow that flushes through the delta during the wet part of the year. This flush has historically maintained the health of the delta. In fact, EBMD is required to release precious water from May rains to help flush the delta, even in drought years. Salt water intrusion is a concern even now. With the water removed upstream by the tunnels, it will be an even bigger problem. There is no “fix” to replace the natural flushing. We live close enough to be concerned about a salt water problem in our wells since our aquifer is replenished by Sacramento and Mokelumne rivers.

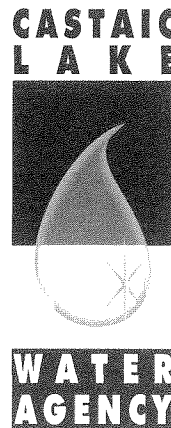
Third, the earthquake issue seems overblown. To us it is a scare tactic for the public. We think the concern for the health of the delta levees can be handled in a much less costly way and directly address the issue of any possible damage by earthquake. Many landowners of delta property do a good job of maintaining their levees. It would take a few million dollars to upgrade any levees that need it, a much cheaper fix than the BDCP project.

Fourth, the fish issue. Evidently, state of the art fish screens have been planned for the tunnels. Why not apply that technology to the present system?

This project is projected to cost 15 billion dollars. The cost will easily double or triple before completed. How much will farmers on the Westside be expected to pay per acre foot for their water? After all, the water districts will have to recover their costs.

San Diego is going to build a desalination plant. If Los Angeles wants more water, let them build one too. Keep the present system with upgrades, **build more storage**, upgrade the delta levees. Keep the water flowing through the delta for the health of the delta, the benefit of the fish, and the support of our very valuable farming and recreation industries.

The BDCP/California Water Fix is not a “fix”. It is a way to claim an “environmental solution” to our water problems and get around having to bring the issue to voters. Unfortunately, the “fix” is in.



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Attention: Cassandra Enos-Nobriga

Subject: Castaic Lake Water Agency Comments on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix and its Associated National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act Document

The Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor that serves the 270,000 residents and businesses of the Santa Clarita Valley with imported water. Imported water primarily from the SWP provides about half of our service area's water demand in normal years. We appreciate the opportunity to provide the following comments on the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and its recirculated draft environmental impact report/environmental impact statement (DEIR/DEIS) released on July 10, 2015. In addition, we request copies of all subsequent documents and notices, including the Record of Decision (ROD).

In recent years, SWP deliveries have been repeatedly interrupted and reduced due to operational conflicts with threatened and endangered Delta species. Additionally, the SWP risks complete failure given the vulnerability of the Delta levee system to catastrophic earthquake and flood events. Such an event could threaten water supplies for Southern California, the Bay Area, the Central Coast and the Central Valley for several years. These risks are unacceptable, and conditions are expected to worsen with climate change unless steps are taken now to mitigate these concerns. Alternative No. 4A of the Draft BDCP DEIR/EIS is the most promising plan developed to address these issues.

CLWA SUPPORT FOR BDCP AND DEIR/DEIS PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

We support Alternative No. 4A's proposed twin-tunnel conveyance system that would isolate and protect drinking water supplies in the event of catastrophic levee failure and help restore natural Delta flow patterns to benefit native species, as well as fully mitigating construction impacts of the project. Further, the modifications incorporated into Alternative 4A reflect changes in response to many concerns identified in comments on the original DEIR/DEIS. The process for compliance with Federal Endangered Species Act under Section 7 and the California Endangered Species Act under 2081b provides for the most timely schedule for completing these projects. This is of great importance to CLWA given the ever increasing risk of seismic failure in the Delta.

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CONCLUSION

California's experience of a declining Delta ecosystem, reduced water supply reliability and increased vulnerability to natural disasters serve to highlight the consequences of decades of failing to invest in vital water supply infrastructure. We urge the state and federal governments to quickly move forward with Alternative No. 4A.

Sincerely,



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1 COMMENTS BY MR. MARION WILSON

2 My question is: How is this, the water
3 conversions, going to affect my father-in-law's ranch on
4 Ryer Island? Is it going to affect his ability to
5 irrigate his pears?

6 Because he's worked for 40 years to get what he
7 has, and I don't want anything to jeopardize what he's
8 worked so hard for. That's it.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. RICHARD WAREHAM:

2 Well, I think this tunnel is a terrible idea,
3 and that's why we came to the meeting. It diverts all
4 the water from the Delta down to Southern California
5 through the California Aqueduct. And it looks like it
6 just drains the Delta and lets the sea water come in
7 through the connection down to the west a little bit.

8 I think it's a Jerry Brown boondock -- and I
9 don't know how to spell "boondock" -- and I think it's
10 just like his high-speed rail, same kind of thing. It's
11 something we don't need. What we should do is put some
12 money into water storage.

13 You've probably heard all this before haven't
14 you? Same song, different dance. So that's how I feel
15 about it. Of course, I live here, which affects me more,
16 but...

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. JAY UHALT:

2 Hi, my name is Jay Uhalt. I live on Sherman
3 Island, and I'm definitely opposed to the tunnels.

4 The salt water is already intruding farther up
5 the Sacramento River, especially in the years of drought,
6 and it's pulling the water out of the Sacramento River up
7 by Courtland and Hood. That water that would normally be
8 flowing through the Delta is going to be gone. And I
9 can't understand how you people, you DWR people, can
10 maintain that the water would still be of good quality
11 down in the -- especially in the lower Delta.

12 Also the Government, the State Government, in
13 recent projects, has a history of not running the
14 projects on budget or on time. And a project of this
15 scope, I could see it -- the budget doubling and the
16 timeline being a lot longer. I worked for 30 years in
17 the construction industry and worked on a couple
18 different tunnels, and there's no more dangerous method
19 and more expensive method of constructing a water
20 conveyance.

21 To me, you are catering and pandering to
22 Southern California, and I feel that Southern California
23 should figure out where to get their own water. They're
24 doing better with conservation, and we could desal, like,
25 San Diego. I don't know why the State doesn't make all

1 new subdivisions and have gray water and black water
2 sewer treatment facilities.

3 I think it's a fanciful idea to build the
4 tunnels, and I sure hope it can be put to a vote because
5 I'm pretty sure most people would be against it. Thank
6 you for your time.

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1 COMMENTS BY MS. MARY UHALT:

2 My name is Mary Uhalt, and I am against the
3 tunnels because I feel that there's no way, considering
4 today's water resources, that they could ever be of any
5 use, as well as the fact that paying for them would be
6 beyond anybody's capability to pay for.

7 Governor Brown has said that the people in the
8 San Diego area -- wherever the water's going -- are going
9 to have to pay for it, and they don't even know how much
10 that water will cost to run.

11 On top of that, I'm sure that it will bring more
12 salt water into our area. Just like Jay before me said,
13 I've seen the salt water come up to the north end of
14 Sherman Island over the last ten years because of it
15 being compound. I think that's all I have to say. I'm
16 sure my husband said a lot more.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. DAN HARRIS:

2 My comment is that I came here today to ask
3 questions. I want to know: What are we doing for people
4 who have lived somewhere for 150 years, have been farming
5 pears there for 150 years, and now they're going to
6 remove their home and put in the two 40-foot tunnels,
7 initial sucking stations?

8 And so I went and talked to a lot of people, and
9 it seems like the primary answer that I was given in
10 there is, "Actually" -- quote, "Actually, I'm just a
11 person who has a communications company, and I have a
12 very limited knowledge of the questions that you're
13 asking about."

14 I also asked questions about -- is there a
15 minimum flow that would stop the water from being sent
16 down south?

17 I asked the question: Why are we sending water
18 away from a fertile area into an area that is basically
19 not meant to be farmed? I mean, it's a desert full of
20 selenium. So now we're bringing that water in developing
21 it into the water table, and essentially poisoning the
22 California water table.

23 And every time I ask one of these questions in
24 there, I get the same answer, 'I have a communications
25 firm and you're getting beyond what I really know about

1 that,' and they frankly they told me that. And I was
2 just a little bit disgusted in the fact that my limited
3 knowledge and my simple questions couldn't be answered
4 because they were over the head of people being paid.
5 And then I asked them, 'Who paid you?' and they told me
6 that they're being paid by the -- I think it's ICF and by
7 an environmental firm that's hired by the people who are
8 ultimately going to get the water.

9 So my view on the California Water Fix is: The
10 fix is in. And I really hope we can turn it around and
11 keep the water here, where the farms are fertile.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. MARK CLARK:

2 My concern is with the fish studies, what it's
3 going to do to the salmon, steelhead and sturgeon
4 fishing. The studies for the program are inaccurate,
5 they were rushed, they haven't been done by an outside
6 agency. They've only been done by government people that
7 are paying their paychecks. So how do they think their
8 studies are going to come up?

9 The water quality isn't going to help the fish.
10 The salt water is going to be moving farther up this way,
11 which isn't going to help the farmers. They talk about
12 that they're only going to take -- every station that I
13 went to had the same thing, 'Well, we're only going to
14 take as much water as we're taking now.' What are they
15 building these big tunnels for if they want the same
16 amount of water? Eventually they're going to take more
17 water. They want to get their foot in the door.

18 I'm tired, as an American citizen, of being lied
19 to by the Government. They've been trying to pass this
20 through the voting process, and they have not been able
21 to pass it for more than 30 years. They've tried again
22 and again and again. They built that -- part of that
23 canal right down here by Courtland is part of it that --
24 that's how long they've been pushing for it.

25 And then somebody got the bright idea -- and

1 they're a genius; right? I have to give them credit --
2 to disguise that as this as a save the fish, save the
3 wildlife, save the birds, sanctuary thing, when in
4 reality what it really is is we're taking water down to
5 Southern California, the same water that you all voted no
6 for 30 years against. We set up a smoke screen,
7 re-described the project and everything to make it
8 sound -- and the only fish that it's really going to help
9 are the smelt fish, which nobody cares about. Okay?

10 They're -- they're a very small -- how many
11 people do you know that go smelt fishing or have anything
12 to do with smelt? None. Zero. Right? They're -- I'm
13 sick of the Government making -- you know, it's just like
14 when the Government wants to condemn a building. All
15 they do is bring an engineer down and tell them, "Hey,
16 we're telling you to tell us that that building isn't
17 safe, and before you know it, that building's going down
18 to the ground. And the same building would have stood
19 there for 100 years if -- if it's in their way -- and big
20 money people are pushing for this down South. You can
21 tell that by who's funding the project; right? The --
22 and they're -- it's been disguised to help fish, to help
23 people.

24 And what are you going to do -- I need a little
25 more time. What are you going to do when the salmon

1 numbers and steelhead and sturgeon numbers drop? They're
2 already in the toilet. Anybody that works for the
3 Department of Fish and Games will tell you that the
4 numbers of these fish are way down; right?

5 And so now when you guys start doing this and
6 all the sudden, hey, they drop down, way down even much
7 farther, what are you guying going to do? You know what
8 I mean? You're going to say, "We're sorry." Right?
9 It's not going to help our fish. It's not going to help
10 the guys going out there fishing. God's been taking care
11 of the rivers and fish for many years.

12 It's just like they destroyed the natural gravel
13 beds and all the stuff for the salmon to lay their eggs
14 and stuff, and they put these dams in and stuff, and
15 they're -- and so then they build fisheries, and they
16 take these fish, and they take the fish and cart them off
17 in these great big trailers and dump them into the river,
18 and they're in shock and most of them just get eaten by
19 other fish. When you put the Government in charge of
20 fish, the fish always come out high and dry.

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1 COMMENTS BY DR. BARBARA ARNOLD:

2 As a physician, I'm quite sensitive to the risk
3 of vector-borne disease. I've had a patient who lived
4 locally that died of West Nile Virus. I'm well aware of
5 another patient -- and I'm married to a physician -- and
6 this lady lives on the river. She had a paralytic,
7 polio-type form of West Nile and has to travel with long
8 leg braces, crutches or walker. She can't walk
9 independently.

10 Again, because spraying for mosquitos is done in
11 urban areas, it's not done along the river, but the
12 proposed style of water exposure makes us very vulnerable
13 to West Nile. I'm particularly living in terror about
14 the West Nile risks because I have children and
15 grandchildren present in my home every weekend, and our
16 property on Scribner Road is within about 30 feet walking
17 distance of the first intake.

18 I think the mosquito problem will make it
19 uninhabitable, as well as the loss of the aesthetic
20 comfort of having to leave a farm home, when we're used
21 to living in rural America, and suddenly be living in
22 industrialized America. Our home was an original
23 Scribner home. We have a lot of Scribner neighbors.
24 We've been privileged to watch farming operations at our
25 home.

1 I'm quite concerned about the displacement of
2 the crane population. When I come home at night, the
3 cranes, all winter long, fly overhead. I can go out and
4 photograph them. I have a huge collection of photos I
5 can submit. These cranes don't have a place to come to
6 because they can't feed on the ground that you're going
7 to use for muck piles and your concrete batch production.

8 There's Indian burial grounds in the area. And
9 I think it's disturbing the ancestral bones of our Native
10 Americans will be disturbed by the location of the first
11 intake. And it's going to wipe out all the businesses
12 between Freeport and Walnut Grove because it's going to
13 use the River Road, which they now do.

14 The beauty now is people can come here on foot,
15 by bicycle. You don't need a boat to go fishing. You
16 can fish from the banks. We have greater than two
17 million people in the metropolitan area, and these people
18 need a place for recreation. You can get here from
19 downtown in 10 or 20 minutes, and you don't have to make
20 the four-hour drive to beautiful Yosemite. This is our
21 equivalent of Yosemite Valley, and we need to preserve
22 the sacred beauty of its fishing, cycling, visiting
23 wineries, visiting the restaurants. It's all an
24 important destination for people living in urban America.

25 We also have the farm deform issue. I live next

1 door to a truck driver, where farm produce is raised by
2 Mr. Kelly. Your batch plant would take out his farming
3 operation.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. DOUG HEMLY:

2 One of the questions that I would like to see
3 answered is why the alternative of using the Deep Water
4 Channel on the east side -- or the west side of the Delta
5 is not being looked at. It is a much more efficient,
6 cost-effective approach and handles it more with the
7 realities of what's available to be transferred.

8 Another point I would like to have answered is:
9 Will the tunnels be dewatered when they are not flowing?
10 And if they are being dewatered, what does that do to the
11 integrity of the tunnel? And if they aren't being
12 dewatered, what does that do to the quality of the water
13 that will go stagnant in the tunnel while it's not being
14 used? My understanding, it will pollute a large
15 percentage of what is in the aqueducts going south as the
16 putrid water comes out of the tunnels after.

17 I also do not understand how they can have the
18 amount of tunnels that they're going to propose based off
19 of the water flows that have been forecast with the
20 change in climate.

21 If this takes ten years to build these tunnels,
22 the associate disruption in the entire North Delta
23 community may not kill the agricultural operations but
24 will clearly destroy the social fabric of the small
25 communities and kill the restaurants and the recreational

1 community -- because who wants to go on vacation in a
2 construction zone?

3 What will be the mitigation issues ten years
4 from now when -- after the point of construction, when
5 you get soil -- surface subsidence, which breaks pipes,
6 alters aquifers and disrupts the health and safety of the
7 community because it will disrupt the reclamation
8 districts?

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1 COMMENTS BY MS. CRISTINA PARKS:

2 My concern is that I live on Highway 160, and
3 I've been a resident of the Delta for 40 years. I've
4 seen when the canal, the Peripheral Canal, was first put
5 in and how it affected Sherman Island and destroyed its
6 agriculture from being the richest in farm to literally
7 seeing the white of the salt on that whole entire island
8 and destroyed the agriculture in most -- in parts of the
9 Delta.

10 I'm also very concerned about the fact that the
11 water that's being deferred is going to the wrong people.
12 I see -- I see how there's towns that need it and
13 families that have no water and towns that have no water,
14 but yet I know, as I drive down to Southern California to
15 take my daughter to college, I see brand new orchards of
16 almonds and the cutie growers who are dumping millions of
17 dollars into the politicians' hands to give them more
18 water and take it from the people, and that's what I have
19 a problem with.

20 How can these people sleep at night? How can
21 they take water from families and people that need it to
22 survive to give it to people who are going to take more
23 water and water that is not theirs to have. They're
24 taking it into Central California which is a desert land.
25 It's sand. Even if they take our water to Central

1 California, it's still desert. You can't make it fertile
2 by adding water. It's still a desert and will always be
3 a desert because God made it a desert.

4 Deferring water to Central California for the
5 purposes of almond growers and the mandarin oranges is
6 not a priority or it should not be a priority. The
7 priority should be in taking water and giving water to
8 the people that need it and the families that need the
9 water, and that's my whole concern.

10 And also the weakening of levees, I believe, is
11 inevitable. As much as some of your engineers assure me
12 that it's not, I still have that concern. My levy taxes
13 have gone up 200 to 300 percent in the last ten years. I
14 don't know when this is going to stop. I would like some
15 answers.

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1 COMMENTS BY NIK BERTULIS:

2 My name is Nik Bertulis, and I am very concerned
3 about the cultural loss of salmonid culture and collapse
4 of the Delta habitat as it's reflected in the collapse of
5 the salmonid fisheries and the millennial traditions of
6 what are -- what are the staple protein of this land for
7 many thousands of years. The 35% pumping of fresh water
8 to the canals represents a reduced flow to the wetlands
9 of the Delta that were and are critical to the habitat
10 restoration potential.

11 The -- technology improvements can be made on
12 the existing pumps, and the -- the political economic
13 climate that has historically overallocated our
14 freshwater resources are only further enabled to
15 overallocate future resources, and the new tunnels will
16 and can serve to enable this overallocation.

17 Desal technology is a better use of public
18 resources as well as the complete habitat restoration of
19 the Delta for juvenile salmonids.

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I, BRIANNA RUDD, a Shorthand Reporter, State of California, do hereby certify:

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. ROGER MORGAN

2 I'm Roger Morgan. I have a houseboat just
3 down the road from this building at a private dock. I'm
4 concerned about the encroachment of the salt water
5 coming up. I'm concerned about the water level going
6 down and also the quality. If it doesn't get flushed
7 down through here, it's not going -- it's not going to
8 go get flushed out. So you start sucking all of it from
9 above and going around the Delta, it's a no brainer.

10 I mean it, you know, we've shot this thing
11 down, we shot the canal down in '82, the voters, and we
12 fought it all along, and our dear Governor is here again
13 trying to shove it through. So -- and it's all about
14 pandering for votes. It's all about shipping our water
15 to the users down south.

16 Look at Pyramid Lake, it's full. You look at
17 Folsom Lake, it's almost down to where it can't suck
18 anymore water out.

19 So I just -- I'm just totally, totally against
20 it all the way around. And I will do anything I can to
21 fight it.

22 So, appreciate you taking my comment.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. ANDREW JOHAS

2 Andrew Johas. And I'm making this statement
3 here the 29th of July. I've come to this meeting and
4 I've watched this whole procedure very closely, and I'm
5 adamantly opposed to what is being shown to us.

6 I'm a farmer in the Delta. I've been a farmer
7 in the Delta for well over forty years. My father
8 farmed in the Delta long before this. And I've seen the
9 Delta damaged over the years more and more.

10 My father used to farm on Sherman Island.
11 Sherman Island now is unfarmable because of the salt
12 water intrusion that's come up the bay. You know, back
13 in the thirties and forties it was a very, very
14 productive island. The same thing is going to happen
15 right now with the Delta.

16 There is absolutely no way that you can save
17 the Delta by stealing the water and routing the water
18 around the Delta. I don't care how many studies they
19 show, I don't care how they try and frame it, this is a
20 pig, and they're putting lipstick on a pig, but it's
21 still a pig.

22 They are routing water around the Sacramento
23 Delta. There is a theft of water. There si no excess
24 water. We've been in a four year drought situation. We
25 have had droughts previously. As I've farmed in the

1 Delta I've seen droughts. There is no excess water.
2 They have not provided the storage necessary for there
3 ever to be excess water, and until they do so, there is
4 none.

5 And to route water around the Delta is a very,
6 very poor idea. It's going to destroy the natural
7 habitats of the Delta, it's going to destroy the
8 wildlife in the Delta, it's going to destroy the
9 economic farming of the Delta.

10 As the water is removed and circled around the
11 Delta, there will be salt water intrusion, there is no
12 way that they can prevent it. And so as the salt water
13 intrudes, it is going to be a damage to the Delta, the
14 wildlife, the flora and fauna in the Delta, and I am
15 very much opposed.

16 We are sacrificing one area of the state to
17 bring water to another area of the state. If there was
18 excess water I wouldn't have a complaint, but there is
19 no excess water. They've shown there's no excess water.
20 This drought has put a underline under the fact that
21 there is no excess water.

22 The farmers in the Delta are very much
23 concerned, as I am, being one of those farmers, that
24 this is nothing more than a theft of the water to supply
25 another region of the state. And this is something that

1 is just totally unacceptable to the farmers and the
2 people that are the natives that, you know, live and
3 work in the Delta. And the wildlife, the fish and fauna
4 will be damaged.

5 And that's my comments. Thank you.

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1 COMMENTS BY MARY HELEN DOHERTY

2 So I've been working with small farmers in the
3 Sacramento area about certified farmers markets. And
4 we're very dependent on the small farmers in this Delta
5 for our asparagus and pears and other extraordinary
6 food. The economy of that size farmer in this region is
7 really significant, and a different kind of, you know,
8 agricultural that's the more corporate, you know,
9 Southern California, so I'm very concerned about the
10 preservation of that.

11 I'm also very concerned that in this climate
12 change period of time that we're going through, that I
13 think is seriously real, that we would make such a
14 permanent investment in something where we haven't tried
15 other alternatives. We need to test out other ways to
16 reclaim water, do cisterns, and spend billions of
17 dollars exploring more ways to use the water that is
18 coming to us when it's so unpredictable about what will
19 happen currently and in the future.

20 And then, lastly, living here I became
21 originally a birder, and didn't know about the Sandhill
22 Cranes, but grew up with the eagles and the preservation
23 of that habitat. I know work has been done on this
24 plan, but since I've been viewing the birds for the last
25 eight years, there's been a significant loss of habitat

1 already by orchards coming in, so we need not to disturb
2 that habitat any longer, even though it's been disturbed
3 already without us building a tunnel.

4 So I seriously think more creativity needs to
5 be given with the current knowledge we have about
6 climate change and options that haven't been explored,
7 we need to explore them before we make this significant
8 harmful thing called the tunnel.

9 So I also feel like there's a design period, I
10 mean, I think this project has been going on for eight
11 or nine years, and it's sort of like talking a little
12 bit about what's happened with court reporting tools
13 based on technology and creativity, and we can't hold
14 onto something that was started in a design as long ago
15 as that was.

16 The place where agriculture is in a corporate
17 sense in Southern California, was never intended to be
18 an agricultural place, it was a desert. And it was only
19 possible because of the water we've taken from other
20 parts of the country. And environmentally we just can't
21 continue to do that.

22 So I think there are a lot of creative people
23 right now, scientists and advocates who are really
24 looking at other ways for us to capture water, use other
25 tools that -- I mean, there's just a lot of creativity

1 going on.

2 I read today that forty percent of --
3 Californians have reduced their water by forty percent
4 in California already, our use. There's a lot of
5 creativity and we have to explore it before we do this.
6 I hope we never do this.

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1 COMMENTS BY MIKE REAGAN

2 My name is Mike Reagan. I'm representing
3 Solagra Company. We have put in an alternative intake
4 and conveyance option in the west Delta.

5 The Solagra proposal basically addresses only
6 the state water project's entitlements, water rights.
7 We will basically pump those, filter those, de-sal a
8 million acre feet of water from the Suisun Bay so that's
9 new water to the system. And we would pump it through a
10 23 foot tunnel to Bethany reservoir to place into the
11 state water project's existing conveyance. The water
12 would be higher quality than what is now being provided.

13 We would power this with a solar project that
14 is in process of being worked currently on Ryer Island.
15 It would generate more than 700 megawatts of solar
16 power.

17 The -- we put the comment in during the initial
18 comment period on the BDCP, never really got any
19 questions. Our project is very different than what was
20 proposed by Mr. Pike.

21 So basically we need to ensure that other west
22 Delta intake alternatives are evaluated under NEPA and
23 CEQA rather than just these intakes on the Sacramento
24 River in various routes to get to the south.

25 Our project would have the advantage of

1 improving the water quality in the Delta by retaining
2 the flow of the Sacramento River, and decreasing the use
3 of banks to zero except when there is flood stage, which
4 would increase the amount of water and freshen up the
5 water in the Delta which would solve many of the water
6 quality project problems.

7 We would be providing desalinated water for one
8 million of the 2.5 million acre feet that the state
9 water project has, taking that from the Suisun Bay. So
10 it would be much less of a demand on the water intakes
11 in the Delta.

12 We would basically be enabling then the Big
13 Gulp concept for the central valley project by using
14 Bethany.

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1 COMMENTS BY MATT BREWER

2 Matt Brewer. I live in Hood, California. I'm
3 concerned about two aspects of the tunnel.

4 One, how will the pipelines from the intakes
5 traveling directly below Hood affect the wells, the
6 water wells in Hood, the water availability? Is there
7 mitigation?

8 Number two, Hood Franklin Road, will there be
9 access to the staging area on the south side of Hood
10 directly from the bridge on the east side of Hood rather
11 than driving through the community of Hood?

12 Also, an access road to the intakes north of
13 Hood directly from the ridge north rather than driving
14 through the community of Hood.

15 Lastly, the power. Number three, the power
16 lines traveling through and around Hood, will they
17 affect our power availability?

18 Those are my concerns.

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1 COMMENTS BY RICHARD STANLEY GRANT

2 I'm a vineyard consultant. I help people grow
3 wine grapes. I've been working in the Delta since 1987
4 one way or another. I have degrees in physical
5 geography, soil science. And as I said, I've been a
6 practicing agroecologist for a number of years, so I
7 feel that I can speak with some authority about this
8 issue.

9 Concerns are the costs of this project. This
10 environment has some very unique agricultural land, both
11 in terms of soils and climate. For instance, a lot of
12 the soils that line the inside of the levees are
13 alluvial soils formed from Placer mining debris. And
14 there are no other soils like that anywhere else, in
15 this state at least.

16 Another concern is the soils that will be
17 buried with all the debris from the construction of the
18 tunnels.

19 And along with that, of course, is the impaired
20 aesthetics from that debris.

21 I'm also very concerned about the reduced
22 flushing of the Delta due to the diversion of the water.
23 And a special concern about water quality down where the
24 Delta enters the Carquinez Straits. I have growers that
25 I work with down there that are already challenged at

1 times with excessive chloride from these waters.

2 And, of course, there are the construction
3 costs associated with this whole project. So those are
4 the costs.

5 When I look at the benefits side, I've only
6 heard that there are two possible benefits.

7 One is increased reliability of supply for
8 regions further south, and reduced fish kill. And while
9 those are laudable benefits, I don't see how they
10 outweigh the costs.

11 And I also feel that alternatives have not been
12 considered fully, such as water storage upstream,
13 reservoirs that would allow the release of water as
14 needed down south.

15 And also the possibility of some engineered
16 feature to keep fish out of the forebay. Some clever
17 source of screens or some other devices that I'm sure
18 somewhere there's a clever engineer that can come up
19 with a solution for that.

20 And that completes my comments.

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1 COMMENTS BY LORRAINE SCRIBNER

2 I'm Lorraine Scribner. I -- my husband's
3 family have been farming since the 1800's. My husband
4 and I alone for fifty years are farmers.

5 We built Scribner Bend Vineyards on the bend of
6 the river. We any work very, very hard seven days a
7 week. We rebuilt this business ourselves, we didn't
8 even have a riding lawn mower. And now this is where
9 all of this project is starting to take place is on our
10 property. Okay.

11 We're very concerned. It took us a long time
12 to build this up. My husband is now 73, I'm 72. Our
13 children will be trying to go on with this.

14 We have a winery and wedding facility where it
15 has grown and become very popular because of word of
16 mouth and because of the way people are treated when
17 they come to our area. They love the beauty of the
18 river. They love that it's so close to town but yet
19 feels so far away.

20 We're very concerned, a lot of this project is
21 going on our property. We know that trucks will be
22 coming up and down which will ruin our business
23 completely. This will devastate us.

24 We asked how we would be compensated, what
25 their plan is, their long-range plan. One person told

1 me that there won't be any trucks going up and down the
2 river, that it won't be stopped. Another person told me
3 yes, it will be stopped.

4 If I thought that this was going to better our
5 world or Southern California, I would be the first one
6 behind it. I don't think the plan is a good plan. I
7 think there's other options. I think the Delta has come
8 up with other options.

9 I think you're destroying one of the last
10 beauties of California, and we are completely devastated
11 over this terrible decision.

12 We're worried about the salt water coming up.
13 We already can see it in Isleton if you look across the
14 water and see what was done.

15 We just took a trip to Southern California,
16 came back, people are using water like there's no
17 tomorrow; where our crops, if you look at, we have cut
18 early to save water, we're doing everything in our power
19 to do it. I don't even turn on the sink water without
20 thinking twice about it. So really no one has answers
21 for me.

22 I feel very, very sad about this. And I don't
23 know what else to say other than the fact that I think
24 it's a horrible decision.

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1 COMMENTS BY REVEREND LINDI RAMSDEN

2 So I'm Lindi Ramsden, and I'm a unitarian
3 universalist minister. I've been serving for thirty
4 years in California.

5 When I look at the Delta tunnels, one of the
6 concerns that I have is that it appears that we're using
7 about a 20th century solution for 21st century problems.
8 It kind of reminds me of when you have a traffic
9 problem, and you think to solve it you should add
10 another freeway, which works for awhile, but it doesn't
11 address the underlying issues of where people live and
12 how far they need to go to get to work and school and
13 things like that.

14 So when we look at the tunnels, I'm encouraged
15 to see some of the changes that are trying to take into
16 account, the environmental concerns that were in the
17 previous versions, but I don't think that we've actually
18 looked at the core problems underneath all of this. And
19 as I look at the core problems, it has to do with how
20 much water is there in California, and what can we do
21 with it.

22 It appears to me that in the agricultural
23 sector we have, I think, ten million acres or so in
24 production, and it's more than we really can manage. So
25 as I look at it, I think we need to think about retiring

1 some of the agricultural sector in California, and
2 sharing that cost among all of us so that farmers are
3 appropriately compensated, themselves and their
4 descendants.

5 When you approach things carrying a hammer,
6 everything tends to look like a nail. And when I see
7 the talent that's available, the engineering talent and
8 the brilliance that is there in California, it would be
9 wonderful to see that brilliance applied to creating
10 more local solutions so that we're not trying to get rid
11 of storm water while bringing in drinking water from far
12 away.

13 So could we start by looking at how much water
14 and how much usage really is appropriate in California?
15 Getting more local engineering solutions in place? And
16 then if we have to look at creating longer, you know,
17 longer-term strategies or longer-distant strategies,
18 then we can look at it at that time.

19 I worry that by having the tunnels in place it
20 will increase the pressure to raise the Shasta Dam on
21 the federal side, which will drown out the Winnemem
22 Wintu's cultural sites. And I hate to see cultural
23 genocide, once again, against a small tribal community
24 in California.

25 I think we need to look at what our limits are

1 and what kind of creativity we can bring to bear.
2 California can be a leader in a way that is definitely
3 much more creative than going for a tunnels type of
4 solution.

5 I'd love to see the Governor, who does not need
6 to be reelected, providing the leadership in that
7 regard.

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RE: Request for an Extension of the Comment Period for the Public Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix Recirculated Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement

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

Contra Costa County is reviewing the recently released and rebranded Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/California "WaterFix" and the partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS). These documents contain substantial changes from the initial public draft. We hope that this latest iteration of the BDCP will provide a complete and detailed description of the revised project, an accurate assessment and characterization of the potential impacts, and the specific elements of a comprehensive mitigation strategy to compensate for the impacts of this massive project. An extensive and detailed analysis is required in order to make that determination.

Additionally, Contra Costa County has requested the California Department of Water Resources provide us with all the updated reservoir and export operations and water quality modeling data used to prepare the REIR/SEIS. We sent a Hard Drive to the Department of Water Resources that was received on July 22, 2015. We have not yet received these modeling data. We will need additional time to carefully review these important modeling results.

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The spirit of both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is grounded in fully disclosing the potential impacts of project actions so that we as a society can make sound decisions with respect to our communities and environment. The RDEIR/SDEIS amount to nearly 8,000 pages of additional documentation. Given the size and complexity of the document, and the need to refer back to the initial 40,000 pages, the current public comment period is not sufficient for an adequate review and thoughtful response.

On behalf of the County and all who live in the Delta, we respectfully request that the public comment period for the RDEIR/SDEIS be extended by a minimum of 60 days beyond the October 30, 2015 comment period deadline.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



JOHN GIOIA
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors
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David Twa, County Administrator
Delta Counties State Legislative Delegation
Delta Counties Federal Legislative Delegation
The Honorable Michael L. "Mike" Connor, Commissioner, United States Bureau of Reclamation
Mr. Gary D. Frazer, Assistant Director, Endangered Species Program, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Mr. Samuel D. Rauch, III, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service
Mr. Ryan Wulff, National Marine Fisheries Service
Delta Stewardship Council
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Ryan Hernandez, Water Agency, Contra Costa County

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Cc: Ryan A. Hernandez
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Attachments: CalWater Fix Comment Period Extension Request 08.10.15.pdf

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

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Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 4:15 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Tunnel project

How is moving water from point a to point b in the same state going to solve a water crisis. Here's an example if Tony has a glass of water and Timmy also has a glass of water they're sitting at the same table and Timmy drinks all of his water so he borrows Tony's. But Tony then gets thirsty and Timmy already drank all of his water, how does Tony get water?

Concerned tax paying citizen,

Desiree Wright

From: mary switzer <mswitz@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 1:40 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta Tunnels

To Who It May Concern:

I am so concerned about the massive tunnels being planned to take water from the Sacramento River to the south state. Why are the big agribusiness planting nuts instead of sustainable crops? Because they are very lucrative! Why are we in the north subsidizing this? How will these tunnels help the Delta/San Francisco Bay? They won't. Both will be irrevocably harmed. With a completion date of some 12 to 14 years, how will this help our current drought? It won't. For whatever reason, Gov. Brown is hell bent on building these tunnels for water transport that won't be there . At what cost? We know overruns are rampant in big public works projects. What a boondoggle all around, especially for the Delta and Bay region.

Sincerely,

Mary Switzer
43 year resident of Pleasanton

From: David Wulfe <dmwulfe@yahoo.com>
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To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Twin Tunnels

I would like to add my opposition to Governor Brown's twin tunnel proposal.

David Wulfe

From: Gang Zhao <gzhao@flowscience.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:09 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: DSM2 model output data for the BDCP RDEIR/SDEIS

Hi,

I am preparing comments for the latest BDCP RDEIR/SDEIS. I noticed the model DSM2 has been used to simulate the three new alternatives (2D, 4A and 5A). I wonder whether it is possible to make the DSM2 model output data public. Checking the model output data will be really helpful in preparing comments. I remember all modeling data were made public during the review process of the last BDCP DEIR/DEIS. I hope the same type of modeling data can also be made available this time.

Thanks.

Gang

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From: Bob Michel <bob.j.michel@gmail.com>
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To: BDCPcomments
Subject: BDCP/ California Water Fix is Long Term Fix!!

To Whom It May Concern -

To spend \$15,000,000,000. to move water which might not be there is not long term thinking. How much is a desalination plant - \$1-\$2 Billion??? That would get us 7-10 plants up and down the coast. Why are we not looking in that direction instead of scaring the earth and environment for a plan that has been around for 30 years? This makes no sense. Only politicians will see this as a good idea. PLEASE, be responsible and take a long term view of California's water needs.

Respectfully Yours,
Robert J. Michel
Alamo, California

From: Ali Terzian <ali.terzian62@mail134-17.atl141.mandrillapp.com> on behalf of Ali Terzian <ali.terzian62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:02 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Ali Terzian 94089 08/11/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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.

We need to address these issues in a proactive manner. If we wait until things are reactive it is already too late. Having homes in the bay area and in the Central Valley i am extremely concerned about the water situation. The basic equation is no water = no life. Most of the Bay area is doing their part to conserve water but when I look at how much of the central valley doesn't even have water meters, then to me, therein lies the disparity. Everyone in other states seems to think "oh its a California problem" but in reality when the price of everything we can no longer produce starts to trickle through the agri based economic structure it will quickly become relevant to a large part of the United States. Another consideration is the possible exodus of millions of people from California to neighboring states. Most are not old enough to remember the Dustbowl in Oklahoma but there is a prime example in the somewhat recent past. It seems we should rethink the funding of "the train" as well. I voted for it, but have since reconsidered, especially since it is now billions of dollars more to accomplish what was set forth as well as where do we get the electricity for said train with no water. We don't even have the water to put out our fires so at this point reallocation of that money into water infrastructure seems like not many would complain. Most of the problems have come from mismanagement of resources and the PG&E

water rights grab dating back to the 1800s. As if fracking was not bad enough If Central California keeps drilling deep water wells it will leave California in a giant sink hole and uninhabitable. The Aquifers also act as a geological movement dampening system. The lower water gets the more tectonic shifts will occur. The resulting geological shifts will be cataclysmic. Pay out of pocket now or pay with peoples lives later. The warning signs are there.



State Council of the International Association of Fire Fighters • California Labor Federation • AFL-CIO

August 11, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
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Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: California Water Fix – Alternative 4A. (SUPPORT)

The California Professional Firefighters (CPF), state council of the International Association of Fire Fighters, representing over 30,000 career firefighting and emergency medical service personnel statewide, strongly supports 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 re-circulated 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.

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 poses a serious public safety risk in the event of a collapse due to a major earthquake or flood. Problems with the 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.

For these reasons, we urge the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to move forward in bringing the California Water Fix to fruition. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our position in this regard.

Sincerely,

Lou Paulson
President

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From: Amy Howard <ahoward@cpf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:07 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: Lou Paulson
Subject: California Water Fix – Alternative 4A (SUPPORT)
Attachments: California Water Fix Alternative 4A SUPPORT 8.11.15.pdf

Good afternoon:

Attached please find comments, as submitted by Lou Paulson, President of the California Professional Firefighters.

Thank you,

Amy Howard, Legislative Director

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Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 4:27 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

Robert Conaway 92308 08/10/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Fair Conservation policies - why the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) is bad policy

California Department of Water Resources:

I am writing to express frustration with another special interest protection folly by the Governor's administration (which includes many of you as appointeds--so I am not optimistic this letter will get a fair consideration).

California policy sucks. California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) does not solve the underlying policy problems.

First, we must address reckless growth. Southern California has overgrown itself. It is a desert. While many people call Southern California home, it cannot be sustained by pumping local wells, capturing runoff or draining the Eastern Sierras. The bread basket Central Valley has outstripped resources even before the current severe conditions. We have tolerated water pig policy too long. We need to put development approvals under state review during the severe shortage period to determine WHETHER the local county and city governments are approving projects without regard to water resources. If the water is not there, we need to stop the new projects.

Second, California needs to COVER the aqueduct to stop needless and wasteful transeaporation. I suggested this to CWCI over 12 years ago and that went no where. We'd have 50% more water in our reservoirs had the State done that.

Third, stop injecting fracking waste into our well recharge zones.

Fourth, stop watering golf courses, even if it means compensating the operators.

Fifth, stop watering landscape on the freeways. We did not need it before. We can't afford it now.

Sixth, put a moratorium on new water intensive crops like alfalfa (an example only).

Seventh, prosecute, don't protect industrial polluters.

Eighth, start building desalination plants.

Ninth, seed the clouds when they come over to increase precipitation.

The California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) is a special interest fix--it does not comprehensively address the waste and bad policies.

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Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2015 9:07 AM
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Subject: Support Alternative 4A - the California Water Fix

art rasmussen 92078 08/08/2015

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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.

We do NOT need to suffer another dust bowl. We have the technology to recover destructive water from other places, and pipe it to Shasta. As you know, we lose MILLIONS because of the inability to get full use of our aqueduct. Let's be smart and manage our environment instead of spending \$\$\$\$\$\$ on disaster repair from floods. Create jobs like the dam projects that helped my Grandfather become a successful businessman. He worked the Grand Coulee then Shasta and then had enough money to start a 40 year roofing company.

For these reasons, I support the California Water Fix.

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Jeffrey Di Sabatino 92126 08/10/2015

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California Department of Water Resources:

I am writing to express my strong support to fix are water problem that i hold the city government,the state government and the feds for not have for sight to build new holding tanks and fix the dames and not to punish the citizens of our state get it together and fix this with not raising rates for water it is time that the water department need to reduce some of there staff or reduce pay rate to all not increasing our ratesstart upgrading the infrastructure with reclaimed water to each home yes it would coast a lot but it would be so good for our city down the road

Thank you ,Jeffrey Di Sabatino
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California Department of Water Resources:

The time is long overdue, for the State of California to build an Ocean Water filtration Plant to supply the cities of Southern California with fresh water.

Herb Frick
Retired U.S. Army