

**Subject: Oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)**

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I am a young adult sending my first political letter in order to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. Facing a lifetime of ever-increasing climate catastrophes is a terrifying prospect. Your generation is still in power, and yet doesn't seem to care about the world you are leaving us.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Alternatives to Water Exports Ignored**

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

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

- More aggressive water efficiency program statewide that would apply to both urban and agricultural users.
- Funding water recycling and groundwater recharging projects statewide that would be billions of dollars less expensive for rate payers than constructing a new version of the Peripheral Canal or major new surface storage dams. Meanwhile, these projects move communities towards water sustainability.
- Retiring thousands of acres of impaired and pollution generating farmlands in the southern San Joaquin Valley and using those lands for more sustainable and profitable uses, such as solar energy generation.
- Improving Delta levees in order to address potential earthquake, flooding, and future sea level

rise concerns at a cost between \$2 to \$4 billion and is orders of-magnitude less expensive than major conveyance projects that are currently being contemplated.

- Increasing freshwater flows through the Delta to reduce pollutants so ecosystems and wildlife can be restored.

- Installing fish screens at the south Delta pumps to reduce the current salvage of marine life.

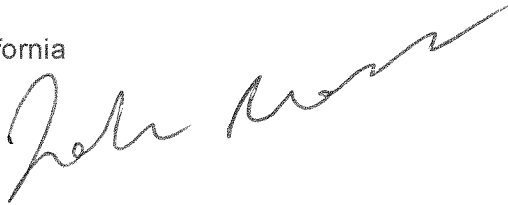
### **In Summary**

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

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

Reclamation and DWR should prepare and circulate a new Draft EIR/EIS that will include alternatives that reduce water exports and increase Delta flows for consideration by the public and decision-makers. Such alternatives have a far better chance of complying with the Delta Reform Act and the federal Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts.

Thank you  
John Ross  
Davis, California

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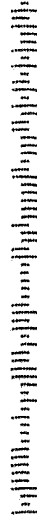
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**From:** David F. Scatena <geyservilledave56@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 12:22 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** TWIN TUNNELS

I have lived in Stockton, Ca. since 1972. I have fished, boated and enjoyed the 1000 miles of waterways since then! Starting in 1998 the deterioration of the San Joaquin/Sacramento River Delta dramatically increased. The fisheries diminished especially the salmon after 2004. The striped bass fishery has dramatically reduced, the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife set the healthy population at 3,000,000 and a year or so ago they estimated there were only 600,000 striped bass in the system. That is only 20 % of what was considered a healthy population.

Farmers in the West Delta have had to change crops as the salinity of the irrigation water prevented some crops from surviving. This was caused by annual increases in the amounts of water being sent down the aqueducts to the south. The Westlands Irrigation Dist. [W.I.D.] farmers are raising crops that back at the construction of the aqueducts were not to be planted. Specifically they were to plant only annual crops so that in short water years the land could be held fallow. Further they were to only receive water that was excess to those who

held senior water rights. So what have they planted; trees that require water whether there is excess or not!

Well, we now know that the W.I.D. farmers ask and get what they want in spite of farmers in the Delta whose families have been farming their land for over 100 years and have Senior Water Rights[S.W.R.]!!! This project impacts S.W.R. Farmers so severely that is unfathomable that anyone could or would support it.

There is insufficient water available to meet the desires of cities, and farmers south of the Delta. Other plans are needed to "save water" in our state ie conservation measures: more efficient irrigation, Desalination plants, use of reclaimed water, underground storage etc. etc.

**Why would anyone, especially taxpayers support a project that is not going to generate one additional drop of water for Californians?** The only people supporting this plan are those people who believe they will receive additional water once it is complete! The tunnels will only increase the amount of water siphoned off the Delta and leave it a salt water wasteland.

My wife, myself and my step-son oppose this project. We find it objectionable that the Dept. of Fish

and Wildlife has not and still does not step forward and oppose it as the Delta Fisheries are being depleted and ocean salmon numbers are reduced. We find this project objectionable as it will only benefit junior water rights holders and punish Senior Water Rights holders.

So to summarize: This is a project from Hell and should not even be a subject of conversation or consideration. Put the twin tunnels plan in an incinerator, make it disappear!

David & Betty Scatena

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**From:** Betsy Darr <betdarr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta tunnels wrong for California's environment

Dear Friends,

Indisputably, California faces severe water challenges. However, the Delta tunnels are not the solution.

These tunnels endanger the health of the the delta and of San Francisco Bay, which is near my home, but is the home of many other species so important to our environment, and thus our health.

This is not a good investment. A much less expensive fix of the levees can be done. The Army Corps of Engineers has undertaken many projects in the past with poor, unexpected outcomes.

Among other problems, major fish species, long an important food source for California, will be imperiled; their stocks can be expected to severely decline, even if they are not eliminated in these waters.

The health of an ecosystem is very complex, and such a major interference with its workings is unwarranted and unwise. We can find other solutions,

Thank you.

Betsy Darr, San Francisco

**Treasurer, International Association for Religious Freedom**

I support a Strong, Compassionate, and Binding International Climate Agreement this December in Paris--as resolved by the Unitarian Universalist Association.



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**From:** Richard S. <argalite@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 2:39 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Tunnels Comment

BDCP/WaterFix Comments  
Sacramento, CA 95812

P.O. Box 1919

RE: Tunnel

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to send my opposition to the tunnel project. What a fiasco! You couldn't do it before because the people do not want it, nor will it be good for the state, as your report spells out quite nicely.

If you want to kill most native aquatic species in this part of the state, your tunnels will do it. We had the National Academy of Sciences give a report that states that a certain amount of water at critical times of the year is necessary for anadromous fish, but did your report say it would follow the National Academies advice? No, in fact I could not even find a reference to that report in your ill-prepared document. I call it a document as it does not follow the Council of Environmental Quality's recommendations for an adequate NEPA document.

Since you can't even detail how much water will flow, or even detail the proposed impacts, how can you even promote something that is so inadequate?

Californians do not want this fish killing project. Californians want a living Delta, and this project will kill the state.

Take it back. You people do not want the consequences of this fiasco to come to fruition.

Thank you,

Richard Smith

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Sacramento, CA 95827

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**From:** Donald McCaleb <dmccaleb480@att.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 1:24 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Fw: Twin Tunnel (Peripheral Canal)

--- On Mon, 9/14/15, Donald McCaleb <dmccaleb480@att.net> wrote:

> From: Donald McCaleb <dmccaleb480@att.net>  
> Subject: Twin Tunnel (Peripheral Canal)  
> To: Zachary.M.Simmons@usace.army.mil  
> Date: Monday, September 14, 2015, 10:58 AM Dear Zachary,  
>  
> I wanted to drop a quick note to voice my opposition to Governor  
> Brown's latest attempt to ship water to the Los Angeles/San Diego area  
> & destroy the Sacramento delta region. We went through this same  
> scenario when Brown was governor last time and the people voted  
> against the poor idea. Now, he's at it again with his Twin Tunnel  
> plan! I can't imagine how anyone thinks that pumping million of  
> gallons of fresh water south will not harm the already ecologically  
> challenged Delta region. With our present drought, we're seeing first  
> hand the salt incursion that is happening due to lack of fresh water  
> flowing into the Delta. I'm sure that this will be a continuous  
> problem if the tunnels are built. The Delta region is a wonderful  
> area for wildlife, recreation and exploration. Not to mention the  
> myriad small Delta towns with rich history that will be hugely  
> impacted (if not  
> destroyed) by this project.  
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> Let's encourage Governor Brown to seek a "legacy" project that is  
> beneficial to the entire state!  
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> Sincerely,  
>  
> Donald McCaleb  
> Tracy, CA  
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**From:** Mendoza, Tiffany  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 2:52 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: Twin tunnels

-----Original Message-----

From: Marilyn Reineman [mailto:marilyn@reineman.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 5:49 PM  
To: info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com; info@friendsoftheriver.org  
Subject: Twin tunnels

I am opposed to this project. The damage to northern California will be hideous to deal with. It probably will not be correctable. The supports for the tunnels will sink solid materials down into the ground, to a depth that will cut off the flow of underground water from east to west. So, it will create vast amounts of water pooling east of the tunnels, and dry up the ground to the west. So, areas just west of the tunnels will completely dry up. Communities on the west of the tunnels, now relying on ground water as a source of drinking water will be out of luck. Obviously there will be no farming, since there will be no well water to draw upon. This area would encompass most of northern California. What are these people thinking? The loss of groundwater alone will turn everything west of the tunnels into desert. Millions of people live there, as well as animals. This will destroy the ecosystems east of the tunnels. For hundreds of miles north to south and hundreds of miles east to west.

This tunnel project may seem like a quick fix, but it will create as many problems as it solves. If these tunnels are built, and affect me and my home, I PROMISE to sue the state and federal governments for compensation. Compensation for property damage and my other personal losses. I also PROMISE to spend the rest of my life encouraging everyone else injured by this to sue the state and federal governments, as well. This is a reckless plan and the state and federal governments will be paying a LOT of money for having ruined the environment and the lives of people living in the affected areas.

I have previously written to you about this issue. The problem is that southern California has never had an adequate natural water supply to support the population. I understand that the LA basin has a natural water supply for 500 people. They have upwards of 20 million people living there now. This is a local problem, and they need to step up and deal with it locally. Look at Santa Barbara: They limited new building to deal with similar issues. They have always been clear with residents that the water shortage is their problem FIRST, not others. This is an exception, since most southern Californians actually believed that the water problem was limited to northern California. Well, it is THEIR problem, and they need to first work with their own resources. Drain the swimming pools, place a moratorium on the building of new pools. Meter and limit water consumption by residents. Severely fine those who use too much water. Make southern Californians take out lawns. Build plants to make salt water drinkable on a large scale. There is NO genuine, sincere effort being made in southern California to deal with their problem.

So, instead, they have been harassing northern Californians to limit their water use FOR MANY YEARS. Stalin deprived people in the Ukraine of food because there was a food shortage in the country in the 1930's. So, he chose one region of the USSR and refused to send food to them, thereby solving the national food shortage problem. Has the State of California chosen to deprive the people of northern California of water, to solve the southern California water problem? Something to think about, right?

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**From:** Dr. Roger Lang <drlangdds@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 12:55 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Twin tunnels

I am a Stockton dentist and part of friends for the Calaveras River--this twin tunnels will destroy the delta water way and the entire communities around the water ways--no more water will go south, that is already going south with our current waterway system--spend the money to update that and allow the natural water flush to happen here--NO-NO-NO on twin tunnels Roger Lang DDS



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**From:** Jim Finch <jandlfinch@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 12:30 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** twin tunnels

To all parties concerned: I wish to take this opportunity to voice my opposition to the Brown twin tunnels! A lesson in futility which robs the delta and northern California of a valuable resource. The money to fund this pipe dream of the governor would be better used by providing more water storage facilities and water treatment plants .

James Finch  
716 N. Roper Ave.  
Lodi, Ca. 95240

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**From:** Jim Finch <jandlfinch@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 12:10 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnels Opposition

I stand with the County Board of Supervisors and Rep. Jerry McNerney in opposition to the twin tunnels. Southern California has long been greedy at the expense of the northern part of

our state. The money spent of this project could well be used in Delta Levee restoration and improvements. Our agricultural lands need to be protected at all costs.

I thought this quote from the California Water Resources Development Bond Act of 1960 says it all: "No area will be deprived of water to meet the needs of another."

Sincerely, Lois Finch  
716 N, Roper Ave.  
Lodi, CA 95240

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**From:** Greg Willett <greg164@centurytel.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 1:21 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

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This is a very short-sided solution you have in the works. Please do not continue on with this plan.

Sincerely,

Greg Willett  
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US

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**From:** D. FIERI <d-j-f@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:18 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

THIS IS NOT A WATERFIX IT IS COSTLY TO THE TAXPAYERS AND RUINS NECESSARY HABITATE. ALL LIFE FORMS ARE CONNECTED AND WE ARE PART OF THE PLANETARY PROBLEMS EVERYTIME TO PELL MELL INTERFER WITH NATURE AND ITS BALANCE!

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Sincerely,

D. FIERI  
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US



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**From:** Chris Casper <casper4427@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:37 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

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I don't live in CA but I know a scam when I see one & so I am speaking up! The country is aware of what's going on here so I would say you need to end this plan.

Sincerely,

Chris Casper  
1600 Sherman Ave  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
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**From:** Michael and Ann Wylie <mdwylie@ix.netcom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:09 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** \*\*\* OPPOSE the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A) \*\*\*

Dear BDCP Officials,

I am writing to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

WE WILL MONITOR YOUR ACTIONS AND WE VOTE.

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Sincerely,

Michael and Ann Wylie  
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**From:** Michelle Mackenzie <michellehmackenzie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 8:41 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Save the Delta! Please Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I have lived in California my entire life. I love our wild lands and the Delta has a special place among those - great birding. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

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Sincerely,

Michelle Mackenzie  
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**From:** Kathryn Dorn <kmdorn@mail.usf.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 6:24 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A), Please!

Dear BDCP Officials,

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Sincerely,

Kathryn Dorn  
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**From:** Steven Combes <fire\_n\_ice2000@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:35 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

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STOP THE GLUTTONY!!

Sincerely,

Steven Combes  
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**From:** Linda Silversmith <lindas@capaccess.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:50 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

Basically this is called "robbing Peter to pay Paul":

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

The WaterFix fails to meet the restoration goals of the Delta Reform Act of 2009, in which the California state legislature committed to the "coequal goals" of providing a more reliable water supply for the state while protecting and restoring the delta's cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values. The WaterFix is simply a plan to export more water out of the Bay-Delta estuary. The Delta Tunnels will not provide more reliable water because the delta watershed is already oversubscribed by five times in normal water years.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Tom Williams <twilli02@socket.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 2:23 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

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Californians must face the reality of where they live.

Sincerely,

Tom Williams  
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US

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**From:** James R Monroe <randy@monroescienceed.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:22 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

T^THE FOLLY NEEDS TO CEASE GOVERNOR BROWN.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

The WaterFix fails to meet the restoration goals of the Delta Reform Act of 2009, in which the California state legislature committed to the "coequal goals" of providing a more reliable water supply for the state while protecting and restoring the delta's cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values. The WaterFix is simply a plan to export more water out of the Bay-Delta estuary. The Delta Tunnels will not provide more reliable water because the delta watershed is already oversubscribed by five times in normal water years.

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Sincerely,

James R Monroe  
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**From:** Tena Scruggs <tenas7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:01 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** I Now Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

After learning that these tunnels will suck away needed water for salmon and other native fish and that most of the diverted water will be used to grow thirsty crops for export, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan ("California WaterFix").

I've also learned that the "WaterFix" fails to meet the restoration goals of the Delta Reform Act of 2009 and that the delta watershed is already oversubscribed by five times in normal water years.

I do, though, have a lot of respect for the Center for Biological Diversity which points out that there are less expensive and less environmentally destructive alternatives to the Delta Tunnels but they have been largely ignored -- alternatives that would save taxpayers billions of dollars, while investing in the jobs and local water sources that build sustainability.

The plan does not seriously consider any alternatives other than new, upstream conveyance. And the decision-making process favors increasing delta water exports. For all these reasons, I urge you to reject this harmful project.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Dwight Johnson <dwright62@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 6:32 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I strongly oppose the Delta Tunnels plan. This so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize all aquatic and bird life in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

The WaterFix fails to meet the restoration goals of the Delta Reform Act of 2009. The WaterFix is simply a plan to export more water out of the Bay-Delta estuary. The Delta Tunnels will not provide more reliable water because the delta watershed is already oversubscribed by five times in normal water years.

Far less expensive and less environmentally destructive alternatives to the Delta Tunnels were largely ignored. I urge you to reject this harmful project.

Sincerely,

Dwight Johnson  
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**From:** Aimee Polekoff <aimeechan.polekoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 7:41 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies, or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

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I'm temporarily living in California, and everyone I know is against the Delta Tunnels project.

Far less expensive and less environmentally destructive alternatives to the Delta Tunnels were largely ignored -- alternatives that would save taxpayers billions of dollars, while investing in the jobs and local water sources that build sustainability. The plan does not seriously consider any alternatives other than new, upstream conveyance. And the decision-making process has tilted in favor of increasing delta water exports. For all these reasons, I urge you to reject this harmful project.

Sincerely,

Aimee Polekoff  
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**From:** robert smith <tofindbob@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 3:42 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

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healthy planet before profit...plz/thx

Sincerely,

robert smith  
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**From:** Laura Long <lauralynn7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:16 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)- animals deserve water, too!

Dear BDCP Officials,

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Sincerely,

Laura Long  
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Chicago, IL 60616  
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**From:** Matthew.Brodie@wellsfargo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 7:33 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** twin tunnels

What a boondoggle. Even if I thought the tunnels were good idea – and I don't – we don't have the money to build it. Don't even try to tell us you know what the ultimate cost of this will be.

Matt Brodie

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**From:** Bill Ferrero <info@mokefishing.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 6:54 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Stop The Tunnels

To Whom This May Concern,

I have spent my entire life growing up in the Lodi area and embracing the incredible outdoor resources our area has to offer. This includes the San Joaquin Delta and most of the rivers that feed into this large estuary. I also know many farming families who have farmed and been stewards of the Delta for several generations. In addition, as a Fishing Guide, I understand the importance of this estuary as it is the path to both migrating anadromous species and other species to their spawning grounds in the many rivers that feed the Delta.

This is a bad idea to divert water that currently does not even exist to support the hedge-fund almond orchards and other water users in Central and Southern California. As a society, we typically don't miss our water until the well is dry as demonstrated by the four-year drought in California.

Please don't push this terrible idea through.

*Bill Ferrero*



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**From:** Mendoza, Tiffany  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 5:05 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: Twin Tunnels

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles John Kovats [mailto:kovatscharles@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 8:04 PM  
To: info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com  
Subject: Twin Tunnels

I support any and all opposition to the building of the twin tunnels as this boondoggle will devastate the economy and environment of my home.

Charles Kovats

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**From:** Maxwell's Bookmark <orders@maxwellsbookmark.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 4:40 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnels

The Twin Tunnels seems like the worst possible alternative to "fix" our state's water problems. Storm water and gray water capture and cleaning systems for cities and individual residences, more subsurface storage efforts, and desalination are all better ideas than just another water grab that fuels the south state's addiction. The entire project is a huge waste of taxpayer's money. Gov. Brown needs to get over his daddy issues.

Wm Maxwell  
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**From:** Bradley Winchell <bradley50@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 5:02 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** Bradley Winchell  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Twin Tunnels

To whom this concerns,

I am 61 years young and have been living around the Delta most my life. I feel very strongly against the twin tunnels. Isn't there another option for the south to obtain water? How about more reservoir's down south? Or de-salinity plants to pump from the Pacific ocean? Please don't kill our delta. I am Against the twin tunnels period.

Bradley Winchell  
5205 Verdi Way  
Stockton, Ca. 95207  
Registered Voter

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**From:** Carol <cldsc729@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:14 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** BDCP WaterFix Comments

Dear Sir or Madam:

Trashing Northern California and ruining the Delta should not be options. There is no such thing as "MORE" water from the Delta. Diverting more of Northern California's water to satisfy special interests' and greed is hardly justifiable or responsible. I hereby object to the Twin Tunnels solution and to continued or additional support of special interests at the expense of our own survival.

Our responsibility to future generations is to restore the Delta, to maintain and/or restore as much as is humanly possible the eco-systems which have been gradually disappearing to the detriment of several species.

Profit should not be the consideration in this case. New developments should not be considered. New orchards or even sustaining cattle enterprises should not be considered. Maintaining our environment and the ecology which has (or had been) sustaining life in California is a survival issue. Impoverishing one area to promote another is not sound governance.

If we allow every special interest to profit at the expense of nature, soon our own survival will be in question. The time to stop catering to special interests at the expense of our own survival, or that of our children and grandchildren, is now. Actually, it should have occurred long ago. We need to preserve water systems, not deplete or further damage them. Tomorrow may be too late.

Future generations will decry the wasted opportunities if this trend continues unabated.

Please, stop the development of the Twin Tunnels. I submit that future development in California needs to bring and/or provide its own water solutions without further damaging or endangering Northern California. Robbing Peter to pay Paul is not a solution. It is only postponement at great expense. Restore the Delta. Restore respect for Nature. Man, after all, has already caused enough damage. It is time for solutions, but this is not a solution merely an extremely unwise, ruinous and costly temporary stopgap.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Gladys Finucane <gwfinucane@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:24 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** 'Edward Finucane'  
**Subject:** Comments on Twin Tunnels

I am writing to state my opposition to the building of the twin tunnels. I believe this proposal is a "water grab" for the purpose of sending northern California water to southern California! Just because there are more politicians representing a greater population in southern California does not make it RIGHT to transport northern California water to the southern part of the state. **You will not build these tunnels and devastate the economy and quality of life in the part of the state in which I live!** That such a proposal would be put forth at this time of historic drought is not only short-sighted, but also unconscionable and even immoral.

Sincerely,

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Stockton, CA 95219



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**From:** patrick romani <patromani@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:30 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta tunnels

As a citizen who utilizes California's natural environment, I strongly oppose the Delta water tunnel construction. Even before the drought, the delta aquatic environment had been degraded. With this new water plan it will be destroyed. I've admired Gov. Brown's management on this state but this is a completely misguided attempt to deliver water to the ever growing development in the arid part of our state. Please stop.

Patrick Romani  
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Oakland, CA 94619

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**From:** norman lagorio <normanlagorio@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:53 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** tunnels

Downstream from the Delta, the tunnels would directly harm San Francisco Bay by changing the Bay's salt levels. Removing so much fresh water would also remove water-borne sediment that would have flowed downstream to nourish the Bay's wetlands. The wetlands filter out pollution, provide vital wildlife habitat and help protect the shoreline from sea level rise caused by global climate change. The tunnel project could make efforts to restore wetlands around the Bay more difficult. And without adequate sediment to help marshes grow and migrate as sea levels rise, existing Bay wetlands could disappear. norman lagorio Stockton ca.

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**From:** David <dwolfdog@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:08 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** tunnels

stop this huge waste if public money!!..we need more dams before we build tunnels. we have save more water before we share it. as usual this l political b.s. fight. Stop the tunnels!  
T-Mobile. America's First Nationwide 4G Network

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**From:** Patrick Campbell <65jazz@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:51 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnels

Dear BDCPC,

The proposed "Twin Tunnel Project" is just another water-grab by corporate farming for hedge-fund farming in California & most of the crop produced is exported. It's just typical corporate greed & paying homage to the pitiful "peripheral canal" that depletes water in the name of agriculture. I'm in favor of protecting water that "we the people", the fish, the wildlife & the Delta have left.

This proposed project is complex & the corporate greedy backers are thinking & hoping "we", the average people 99% won't read the thousands of pages in environmental reports. WRONG!

I'm 67 years old, fished the Delta since I was 5 & hunted the Delta since I was 8 so I know what the "Tunnels" will destroy even before reading the environmental reports. So here is my request please **NO TUNNELS THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!**

Patrick Campbell

Cell 415-497-8166

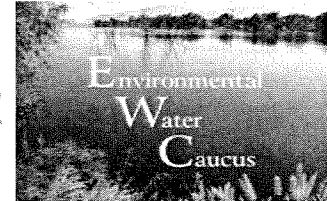
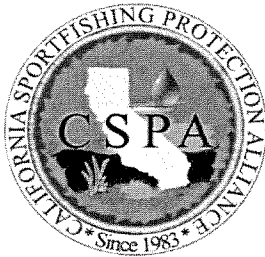
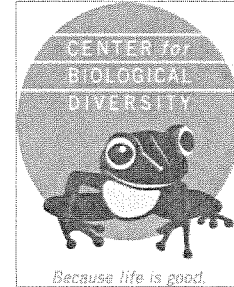
Father, Vietnam Vet, Insurance Consultant, homeowner, tax payer, fisherman, hunter & Delta lover.

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**From:** Greg Vinci <vinci.greg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:05 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** Bill Ferrero  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnels

The twin tunnels will only benefit water users in the south half of the state at the expense of the environmental quality in the delta. It will provide a cleaner source of water than they are receiving now, but to do so it will rob the delta of adequate flows to guide anadromous fish to their spawning grounds. It will also allow added salt incursion that will negatively affect the delta farmers. Nothing about the project makes any sense. The twin tunnels will not provide any environmental upside.

Greg Vinci



October 7, 2015

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**Re: Request for NEPA Compliance by Ceasing the Segmenting of Environmental Review of the BDCP/California Water Fix from the Environmental Review of the Coordinated Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP; RDEIR/SDEIS Comments re: Same**

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

### *Introduction*

Friends of the River (FOR), Restore the Delta, the Center for Biological Diversity, 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) object to the segmenting (also referred to as piecemealing) of the environmental review of the proposed new Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/Water Fix Delta Water Tunnels from the environmental review of the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP).

It is difficult if not impossible to imagine a closer relationship for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) purposes than that between the proposed Delta Water Tunnels and the long-term operations of the CVP and SWP. Planned long-term operations of the CVP and SWP system determine whether the Delta Water Tunnels might arguably make any sense for water supply purposes. In turn, whether or not the new conveyance proposed by the BDCP/Water Fix is approved will make a major difference in the actual long-term operations of the CVP and SWP system.

Despite this extremely close relationship, separate environmental review processes for the Water Fix Delta Water Tunnels on the one hand, and the long-term CVP and SWP operations on the other hand, are underway. A Draft EIS was issued in July on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP, and the comment period closed September 29, 2015.<sup>1</sup> A separate Draft EIR/EIS and Recirculated Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS (RDEIR/SDEIS) have been prepared for the Water Fix Tunnels with the comment period closing October 30, 2015. The Bureau of Reclamation is the federal lead agency for both of these NEPA processes. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the State lead agency for the Water Fix NEPA/CEQA process.

This deliberate separation of the Water Tunnels NEPA and CEQA process from the NEPA compliance process for the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the CVP and SWP is segmentation –also referred to as piecemealing –of environmental review. That segmentation violates NEPA and CEQA.

### ***The Proposed Delta Water Tunnels Are Connected to Long-Term CVP and SWP Operations***

There would be no proposal to develop the massive and expensive Delta Water Tunnels if there were not to be long-term CVP and SWP operations. Likewise, long-term CVP and SWP long-term operations will be vastly different depending on whether or not the Delta Water

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<sup>1</sup> Our organizations commented on the Long –Term Operations Draft EIS on September 29, 2015. FOR submitted supplemental comments that same day raising the NEPA segmentation violation issue raised by this letter. Both of those comment letters were submitted to Mr. Ben Nelson of the Bureau of Reclamation, Bay-Delta Office, 801 I Street, Suite 140, Sacramento, California, as directed by the instructions for commenting on that Draft EIS.

Tunnels are developed. The Introduction to the Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS includes among the Water Tunnels project objectives:

Restore and protect the ability of the SWP and CVP to deliver up to full contract amounts, when hydrologic conditions result in the availability of sufficient water, consistent with the requirements of state and federal law and the terms and conditions of water delivery contracts held by SWP contractors and certain members of San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, and other existing applicable agreements. (Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS Introduction, p. 1-9).

The RDEIR/SDEIS for the Water Fix states:

Generally, Delta hydrodynamics are defined by complex interactions between tributary inflows, in-Delta diversions, and *SWP and CVP operations, including conveyance, pumping plants, and operations of channel barriers and gates*. The degree to which each variable impacts the overall hydrology of the Delta varies daily, seasonally, and from year to year, depending on the magnitude of inflows, the tidal cycle, and *the extent of the pumping occurring at the SWP and CVP pumping plants*. (Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS Introduction, p. 1-11) (emphasis added).

It is clear that the California Water Fix will cause changes in SWP and CVP operations—since the very point of the California Water Fix is to feed more water into the SWP and CVP network. The foregoing statement on the Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS, establishes that these changes in SWP and CVP operations will affect, among other natural habitats, Delta hydrodynamics—i.e., they will have an environmental impact.

The Draft EIS for the Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP states:

The purpose of the Coordinated Operation Agreement (COA) (Public Law 99-546) is to ensure that the CVP and SWP each manage respective water rights from the Delta and share the obligations to protect other beneficial uses of water in the Sacramento Valley and the Delta. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has placed conditions on the CVP and SWP water right permits and licenses to meet water quality and operational criteria within the Delta. Reclamation and DWR coordinate the operation of the CVP and SWP to meet these and other operating requirements pursuant to COA. (Draft EIS Long-Term Operations, p. ES-2).

The Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS describes the need for Reclamation to ultimately “adjust CVP operations and/or flow requirements, in coordination with SWP operations.” (Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS at 1-13). Similarly, the SWP/CVP DEIS states that: “There are numerous water supply and water quality projects and actions that could be potentially affected by changes in the coordinated long-term operation of the CVP and SWP, or could affect the CVP and SWP



operations.” SWP/CVP DEIS at 3-45. The Water Fix is one these “numerous” projects. *See Id.* at 3-46.

Consequently, the interconnection between the Delta Tunnels and the State’s water system is readily apparent. Again, a primary purpose of the Water Fix is to deliver more higher quality water to the CVP and SWP while resulting in lower water quality in the Delta. Additionally, the future adjustments that will have to be made in the CVP and SWP as a result of increased inflow “will likely change” the project’s environmental effects, since CVP and SWP flow schedules affect wildlife and natural habitat throughout the State.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) commented last year during the BDCP environmental review process that:

Upstream/Downstream Impacts

The Federal and State water management systems in the Delta are highly interconnected, both functionally and physically. The Draft EIS does not address how changes in the Delta can affect resources in downstream waters, such as San Francisco Bay, and *require changes in upstream operations, which may result in indirect environmental impacts that must also be evaluated*. We recommend that the Supplemental Draft EIS include an analysis of upstream and downstream impacts. (EPA comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, San Francisco Bay Delta, California (CEQ# 20130365), p. 3, August 26, 2014)(emphasis added). <sup>2</sup>

The subjects of the two separate processes are connected.<sup>3</sup> They are inextricably intertwined.

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<sup>2</sup> In its detailed comments attached to the letter, EPA further explained that:

The Draft EIS does not include a comprehensive description of the CVP and SWP with and without new North Delta intake facilities or through-Delta operations. Such information as needed to assist the reader in understanding how the water delivery system operates under Existing Conditions and how it would change under CM1 [Delta Water Tunnels] alternatives. (Detailed Comments, p. 22).

<sup>3</sup> As explained by the Delta Independent Science Board in its comments of September 30, 2015, The operating guidance for the new [Water Fix] alternatives seems isolated from the many other water management and environmental activities in and upstream of the Delta likely to be important for managing environmental and water supply resources related to Delta diversions. (DISB Review of BDCP/Water Fix Partially Recirculated Draft EIR/Supplemental Draft EIS at. p. 14).

***The Segmentation of Environmental Review of Long-Term Operations from the  
Proposed Delta Water Tunnels Violates NEPA and CEQA***

The NEPA Regulations are codified at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.). The NEPA Regulations specify that “Agencies shall make sure the proposal which is the subject of an environmental impact statement is properly defined. . . . Proposals or parts of proposals which are related to each other closely enough to be, in effect, a single course of action shall be evaluated in a single impact statement.” (40 C.F.R. § 1502.4(a).<sup>4</sup>

Pursuant to NEPA Regulation 40 C.F.R. § 1508.25(a), multiple federal actions must be evaluated in the same environmental impact statement if they are connected, cumulative, or similar. Here, the long-term operations on the one hand, and proposed Delta Water Tunnels on the other hand, are all three. They are connected, cumulative, and similar. When two proposals or parts of proposals are so closely connected that they effectively constitute a single course of action, an agency must analyze both proposals in a single EIS. *Id.* A three-part test determines whether two proposals are so connected.

“Actions are connected if they: (i) [a]utomatically trigger other actions which may require environmental impact statements, (ii) [c]annot or will not proceed unless other actions are taken previously or simultaneously, and (iii) are interdependent parts of a larger action and depend on the larger action for their justification.” 40 C.F.R. § 1508.25(a)(1).

The Water Fix and the coordinated operation of the SWP and CVP are clearly connected. Under (i), the Water Fix, which describes as a primary purpose “restor[ing] and protect[ing] the ability of the SWP and CVP to deliver up to full contract amounts,” will automatically trigger increased flow diversions to the SWP and CVP. (Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS at ES-6). Close to a decade’s worth of litigation has indicated that alterations to flow levels in the SWP and CVP will

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<sup>4</sup> In *City of Rochester v. U.S. Postal Serv.*, 541 F.2d 967, 972-73 (2d Cir. 1976), the court explained that:

To permit noncomprehensive consideration of a project divisible into smaller parts, each of which taken alone does not have a significant impact but which taken as a whole has cumulative significant impact would provide a clear loophole in NEPA. [citations omitted]. The guidelines of the Council on Environmental Quality make it clear that the statutory term “major Federal actions” must be assessed “with a view to the overall, cumulative impact of the action proposed, related Federal action and projects in the area, and further actions contemplated.” 40 C.F.R. s 1500.6(a) (1975). The transfer decision is plainly a consequential, if not an inseparable, feature of the construction project.

likely necessitate environmental impact statements. *See* BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, *Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP* (Aug. 2, 2015, 1:50 PM), <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/BayDeltaOffice/Documents/lto.html>.

Under (ii), the water diversions proposed in the Water Fix cannot occur unless SWP and CVP operations adjust flow levels. Indeed, the Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS states: “SWP operation of new conveyance facilities and/or flow patterns proposed under the [California Water Fix] would *require changes in existing CVP operations*.” Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS at 1-11 (emphasis added). For (iii), the California Water Fix and the coordinated operation of the SWP and CVP are clearly “interdependent parts of a larger action.” Namely, they are both part of the same effort to manage the CVP and SWP.

The inextricable connection between the projects thus requires that both be analyzed in the same EIS. Reclamation and DWR’s ongoing failure to do this constitutes a violation of NEPA. 40 C.F.R. § 1502.4(a); 40 C.F.R. § 1508.25(a)(1).<sup>5</sup>

The rules under CEQA are similar to those under NEPA in prohibiting segmenting environmental review. CEQA requires that “an agency must use its best efforts to find out and disclose all that it reasonably can” about a project being considered and its environmental impacts. *Vineyard Area Citizens v. City of Rancho Cordova*, 40 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 412, 428 (2007). Under CEQA a “project” is defined as “the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. . .” 14 Code Cal. Regs (CEQA Guidelines) § 15378(a). The courts have explained that:

Theoretical independence is not a good reason for segmenting environmental analysis of the two matters. Doing so runs the risk that some environmental impacts produced by the way the two matters combine or interact might not be analyzed in the separate environmental reviews. *Tuolumne County Citizens for Responsible Growth v. City of Sonoma*, 155 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 1214, 1230 (2007).

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<sup>5</sup> The NEPA Regulations also require that agencies “Integrate the requirements of NEPA with other planning and environmental review procedures required by law or by agency practice so that all such procedures run concurrently rather than consecutively.” § 1500.2(c). *See also* § 1501.2 (“Agencies shall integrate the NEPA process with other planning at the earliest possible time to insure that planning and decisions reflect environmental values, to avoid delays later in the process, and to head off potential conflicts.”).

It should come as no surprise that the diversion of millions of acre-feet of fresh water from the north to the south has the potential to affect a number of the State's sensitive fish species.<sup>6</sup> For this very reason, Reclamation and DWR cannot lawfully segment two interrelated actions into separate environmental analyses. The coordinated operation of the CVP/SWP and the Water Fix are both part and parcel of the same project because they both combine to cause "a direct physical change in the environment." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14 § 15378. Thus, the current Water Fix RDEIR/SDEIS violates CEQA and will continue to violate CEQA until a new Draft EIR/EIS for the Water Fix analyzes both the environmental impact of the Water Tunnels and the operation of SWP and CVP.

To proceed in the manner required by NEPA and CEQA, the Bureau of Reclamation must cease these two separate environmental review processes. Reclamation and DWR must instead prepare and issue for public review one new Draft EIR/EIS comprehensively analyzing in one environmental review process and one Draft EIR/EIS the environmental impacts of both the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the CVP and SWP and the proposed BDCP/Water Fix Delta Water Tunnels. Because of the segmentation, the Draft EIR/EIS and RDEIR/SDEIS is "so inadequate as to preclude meaningful analysis," in violation of NEPA. 40 C.F.R. § 1502.9(a)." Likewise, it is "so fundamentally and basically inadequate and conclusory in nature that meaningful public review and comment were precluded," in violation of CEQA, 14 Cal. Code Regs § 15088(a)(4).

### *Conclusion*

The Bureau of Reclamation and DWR, in order to comply with NEPA and CEQA, must prepare and issue for public and decision-maker review and comment one Draft EIR/EIS on both the coordinated long-term operation of the CVP and SWP, and the proposed BDCP Water Fix Delta Water Tunnels.

Should you have any 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 at (916) 442-3155 ext. 207 or [bwright@friendsoftheriver.org](mailto:bwright@friendsoftheriver.org).

Sincerely,

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<sup>6</sup> See, e.g. Felicity Barringer, *Effort Falters on San Francisco Bay Delta*, N.Y. TIMES, Dec. 14, 2010, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/15/science/earth/15delta.html?src=me> ("environmentalists and fishermen note that the years of abundant water for farms and Southern California cities corresponded to years when fish populations crashed—in the case of the smelt, almost to the vanishing point").

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:42 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** attached BDCP Water Fix comment letter  
**Attachments:** 10 7 15 BDCP pdf segment ltr.pdf

Dear [BDCPComments@icfi.com](mailto:BDCPComments@icfi.com):

Please confirm by reply your receipt of our attached comment letter of today, October 7, 2015, pertaining to the ongoing NEPA segmenting violation carried out by separating the NEPA review process of the BDCP/Water Fix Delta Water Tunnels from the NEPA review process for Long-Term CVP and SWP operations.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Alan Anderson <amjsanderson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 7:00 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Stop the tunnels

Subject: Oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the the Delta Tunnels plan. As an outdoorsman, I have spent over 30 years boating and fishing the California Delta, spending my recreational dollars and enjoying this unique environment. I have seen sunrises and sunsets, year-round sustainment of unique and rare wildlife, and I fear the environmental damage that any logical person knows will be caused by this project, if it is allowed to happen. Please do not ruin the Delta by removing its most needed substance "Fresh Water" to maintain the balance of this unique Delta Estuary.

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

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

My objections to the tunnels are threefold:

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

My environmental concerns with the plan are:

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

My public health concerns with the plan are:

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



My economic concerns with the plan are:

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

#### Alternatives to Water Exports Ignored

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

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

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

#### In Summary

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

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

Reclamation and DWR should prepare and circulate a new Draft EIR/EIS that will include alternatives that reduce water exports and increase Delta flows for consideration by the public and decision-makers. Such alternatives have a far better chance of complying with the Delta Reform Act and the federal Endangered Species and Clean Water Acts.

Sincerely,

Alan Anderson  
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**From:** Roger Hub <hubroger@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2015 7:18 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments

his is not a plan that controls its aplan to supply the water we are going to need for the next 100 yearsat least. Even if we get 20 inches it won't help because far morewater is taken out of the ground than that.

The Board of Supervisors extended theInterim Urgency Ordinance for the full two years. It will expire onAugust 26, 2015. The UO allows the drilling of replacement wells. Italso allows new wells if the permitting process was completed beforeAugust 27, 2013, or if water use offset requirements are met. All newwells are required to be metered. This will be the beginning ofcollecting real data on just how much water is actually being pumpedfrom the Basin instead of relying on estimates. The UO allows newdevelopment, as long as the water use is offset by a ratio of 1:1.Everyone retains their water rights. Water rights can only berestricted by a court of law. The UO has temporarily regulated landuse in an attempt to slow the acceleration of the Basin decline whilewe get a management structure in place to actually stabilize thebasin. If PRAAGS supports the UO why do they have only negativethings to say about it?

There has been lots of talk latelyabout California Water Districts. CWDs were formed in the distantpast, principally in areas focused on agriculture, for the primarypurpose of securing and delivering supplemental water. PRO WaterEquity has been comparing the powers between CWDs and other types ofwater districts. Some would have you believe that a CWD is THE bestwater district available. However, the powers of a CWD are hardlyexclusive. Those same powers, PLUS many others that are needed tostabilize the basin, are available in a Water Replenishment Districtand full scale (or "robust") AB3030 program. CWDs do not havewater conservation powers which PRO Water Equity believes arenecessary. ANY independent district can be set up to have flexibilityin the make-up of the board of directors. Landowners can voice theirthoughts and concerns to the board of directors of any waterdistrict. ALL water districts must be compliant with Proposition 218,so those benefiting the most will pay the most under any districtformed.

A petition for a CWD does not needsignatures from the majority of landowners, it only requiressignatures from owners of 51% of the land—very different. Over theBasin, the 36 largest entities own enough land to validate a CWDpetition, making everyone else irrelevant.

At present the interim UrgencyOrdinance has been taken to court by Steinbeck winery. There attorneythey needed to change the location of the trail because of the publicopinion of the residents in the effected area. I personally feel thatSan Jose a bad choice for them and that's OK. San Jose is silconvalley and they have to reclaim water from the sewer plant to feedthe landscape needs of the area.

There's allot more information aboutthis that I have. But if the winery and vineyards are allowed tocontinue at the rate of water that they use, the water forresidential use will be gone before 2018 or 2020 water district canbe put in place. This will affect Paso Robles, Templeton,Atascadero, and if Nacimiento lake can be filled back up then thewater pipe line that run from there to SLO will be useless. This pipeline can be tapped into by all the cities in this area.

So where the water Diablo Canyonnuclear plant puts 2.5 billion gallon of water back into the oceanevery day. PG&E is going to have to retrofit the Diablo nuclearpower plant. At a cost of between 4.5 to 8 billion, and it has

beensaid the project could go to \$12 billion, wonder if we could take that \$12 billion and turn it into water for municipal use WOW what an idea. A desalinization plant could be built and since the water is already warm it will probably make it easier to clean up the water. The construction of the pipeline to Lopez reservoir, to supply San Luis Obispo with the reserve water supply. The pipeline should continue up the San Luis Obispo grade for storage tanks can be put in place and a pipeline run to Nacimiento. This will give a steady reserve of water to Paso Robles, Templeton, Atascadero, Santa Margarita. Another pipeline should be run alongside Highway 46 off of this pipeline not only the vineyards but the residents of that area can use that water. I understand that this is a big project. I have already looked into using the pipeline that was installed from the Nacimiento to San Luis, unfortunately it can't be used to go the opposite direction. Monterey County can also use the same process by tapping into Moss Landing power plant, we can also do that with any other power plant that needs cooling water in the state. I would suggest that we take a hard look at this now. This might be a way to solve a big water problem with the Central Valley, Monterey County, King, Kern, and far as we can reach even to supply Los Angeles as well. As a pipeline could come to them as well. I would appreciate it if you like this idea get back to me and let me know that it's been accepted. Please excuse the typo errors and misspelled words.

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**From:** Lee Pesce <pesce@phy.syr.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:58 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I'm sorry, but isn't California in the midst of a four-year drought and some @\$shole(s) wants to suck what's left???? Did IQ's drop sharply while I was away???

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

The WaterFix fails to meet the restoration goals of the Delta Reform Act of 2009, in which the California state legislature committed to the "coequal goals" of providing a more reliable water supply for the state while protecting and restoring the delta's cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values. The WaterFix is simply a plan to export more water out of the Bay-Delta estuary. The Delta Tunnels will not provide more reliable water because the delta watershed is already oversubscribed by five times in normal water years.

Far less expensive and less environmentally destructive alternatives to the Delta Tunnels were largely ignored -- alternatives that would save taxpayers billions of dollars, while investing in the jobs and local water sources that build sustainability. The plan does not seriously consider any alternatives other than new, upstream conveyance. And the decision-making process has tilted in favor of increasing delta water exports. For all these reasons, I urge you to reject this harmful project.

Sincerely,

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**From:** David Goodman <zebcokid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:07 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnels

Hello,

I understand that you are currently taking public comment on the proposed project to construct "Twin Tunnels" in order to direct water to southern California.

I oppose this project and I recommend that the idea is halted. My primary reason for this position is that even with all of the data and intelligence contributing to the evaluation of the project, the scope and potential downside repercussions are too great. And, as there will be so much money involved, the "sunk costs" will be so significant that turning back will not be an option.

I acknowledge that delivering water to the south is an important issue that needs to be solved. However, I implore you to seek a solution that has fewer downsides with such high costs - both actual and potential.

Thank you for your work on this issue and considering my comments.

David Goodman  
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**From:** barbara dahl <barbadahl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:30 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** The Bay/Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

From: Barbara J. Dahl  
Date: October 7, 2015  
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The Bay/Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement is faulty in various ways:

1. The farmers in the Central Valley are irresponsible in their use of water. More and more they are replacing their trees and crops with water-guzzling ones because these are more profitable than what they were growing before. The State's water situation does not merit this. No one needs more pistachios.
2. In my area of the state we have scrimped and scrimped to reduce the amount of household water we use. We save all of the grey water we can and use it on the plants. Our showers are on lo-flo and are limited to less than five minutes. In comparison, Central Valley farmers are planting water guzzling trees ( pistachios and almonds). In Southern California, my friends tell me they wash their sidewalks with the hose. Why should we who work hard and conserve be asked to subsidize such wasteful behavior?
3. The most compelling reason that this project is faulty is because it has been carried out behind closed doors and virtually in secret; it hasn't even involved the legislature! The citizens of the State have not been involved. This is not democracy as I understand it! Governor Brown and the Special Interest Groups seem to be afraid of what would happen if the project were made public; after all, the citizens of the state already voted against the peripheral canal.

For the reasons above, I urge that Gov. Brown rescind plans for this undemocratic and harmful project.

Barbara J. Dahl

P. S. Please let me know that you have read and received this Memo.

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**From:** Earthjustice <action@earthjustice.org> on behalf of Doni McMillan  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 5:07 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels/"California Water Fix" (Alternative 4A)

Oct 8, 2015

Bay Delta Conservation Plan  
CA

Dear Conservation Plan,

Thank you for reading my letter.

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

The deceptively named "California Water Fix" does not address the multitude of adverse environmental, public health, and economic impacts the proposed Delta tunnels project would cause. Further, the plan ignores alternatives that would save California tax- and ratepayers billions of dollars, while investing in jobs and local water sources that build sustainability, instead of severely damaging the Delta and Bay ecosystems.

I urge you not to permit the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) project to move forward.

Sincerely,

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September 10, 2015

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RE: Pre-decisional activities in pursuit of the Delta tunnels

Dear Mr. Murillo and Mr. Cowin:

We write to express concerns that the Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation are actively pursuing a specific version of the Delta tunnels prior to the completion of the mandated environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

On August 26, the State Water Resources Control Board reported receiving a petition from your agencies to change the water rights for the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project, allowing for construction and operation of three intakes on the Sacramento River and two tunnels under the Delta. This petition seems premature given that the NEPA and CEQA processes have not concluded, and public comment now underway has yet to be considered.

Please explain how your agencies will ensure that the NEPA and CEQA processes will be honored given the pending petition at the State Water Resources Control Board prior to completion of the NEPA and CEQA processes.

During a hearing of the Senate Select Committee on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta held on August 18, concerns were raised regarding a property acquisition plan for the right of way for the proposed Delta tunnels. These concerns were reinforced by recent news reports.

Mr. Murillo  
Mr. Cowin

September 10, 2015  
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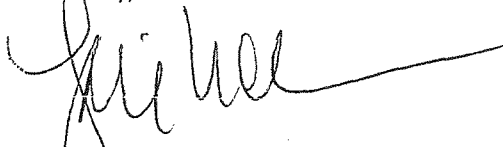
According to these reports, the Department of Water Resources prepared a property acquisition plan for lands necessary to acquire and construct two proposed tunnels under the Delta. Land acquisition implies a commitment to a particular and specific project prejudging the outcome of the pending environmental review process for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix. Coupled with the petition now pending at the SWRCB, we are concerned that the objectivity of the environmental analysis has been compromised. For example, did DWR or the Bureau of Reclamation prepare a similar plan for other alternatives considered in the environmental review documents for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan?

We respectfully request that you provide the following:


- Copies of the acquisition plan and the date when the plan was completed;
- An explanation of how the plan was developed and funded and which parties were consulted and involved in preparing the plan;
- An explanation of how the public, local governments, and affected property owners were involved in and notified of the plan preparation and, if the public and affected local governments and land owners were *not* included in the plan preparation, how these affected parties will be engaged in the future;
- A description of mechanisms available to affected parties for commenting or requesting changes to the land acquisition plan; and
- A timeline for anticipated actions to be taken to begin acquiring lands identified in the acquisition plan including how the public will be engaged in future land acquisitions and an explanation of whether eminent domain proceedings will be used to acquire these lands.

In closing, these two recent actions raise serious concerns regarding the integrity of the pending environmental review process for the BDCP/California Water Fix. We look forward to hearing from your agencies as to how these actions are consistent with due process.

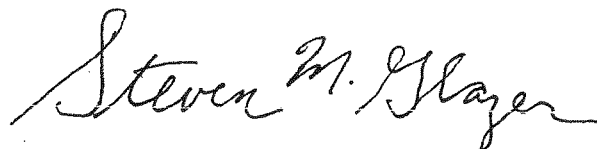
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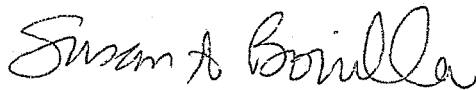
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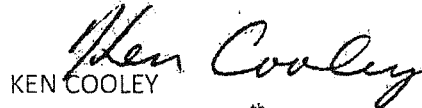
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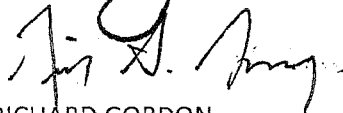
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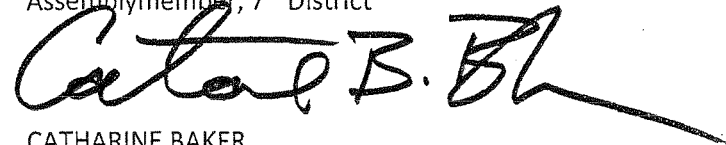
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**From:** Jessica Law <jessica@jb-comm.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Comment Letter  
**Attachments:** Cal WaterFix letter from 14 lawmakers[1].pdf

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**From:** Cindy Wray <cunwray@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 08, 2015 7:23 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** twin tunnels

I am emailing to indicate my disapproval and dismay over the twin tunnels proposed project. Especially concerning to me is the report from The Delta Independent Science board criticizing the environmental documents that are suppose to explain benefits of the tunnel. Please do not go forward with this project.

Concerned Citizen,  
Cindy Wray  
5037 Gadwall Circle  
Stockton, CA 95207

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**From:** m.mielbrecht@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 4:33 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** NO on twin tunnels

I've followed the debate on the twin tunnels and am convinced that they are a poor option, and being pushed through by Gov. Brown more for political reasons than environmental ones. I vote NO. Marie A. Mielbrecht,