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US Bureau of Reclamation

A comment on the Bay Delta Conservation  
Plan / California Water-Fix - Tunnels

As a citizen, I have yet to hear or read  
about the need for tunnels - huge tunnels.

For years, I sailed into the Delta from  
San Francisco. I have motor-sailed from  
Alameda to Sacramento. Every year our yacht  
club would spend a week in the Delta. A  
fun time.

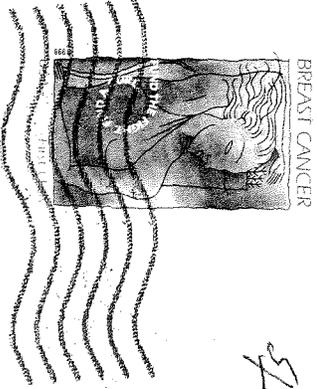
I see No Reason to route water around  
the Delta, especially with large concrete  
tunnels. Why? Leave things alone.

IF you want to do something for "More  
Water", consider a huge water-  
desalination (SD) at Antioch. Removing the  
salt from sea water would give us  
more water.

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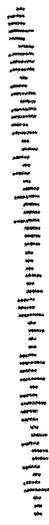
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Oct 19, 2015  
Kenneth W. Gray  
Doris H. Gray  
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Re: Delta Tunnels

We oppose the tunnels project. It will be a financial hardship for the unique and fragile San Joaquin Delta area.

Sincerely  
Kenneth W. Gray  
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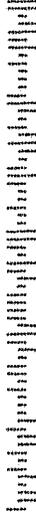
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Dear Who EVER in CHARGE :

I AM AGAINST the DELTA TUNNELS!

We went to L.A. Recently and they didn't EVER know we were in a DROUGHT. Water running down the street every thing GREEN!! Not like MANTENA where it's ALL BROWN and DRY up.

No more WATER to SOUTH!  
No TWIN tunnels!  
6<sup>th</sup> Generation CALIFORNIA

Sincerely Timothy + Elaine Fleming



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The Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix  
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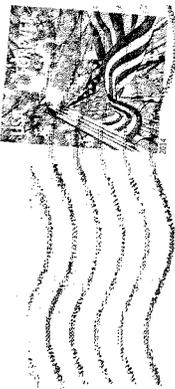
San Joaquin County residents have a unique opportunity to have their voices heard by submitting comments or resubmitting previously sent comments.

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or **Email:** [BDCPComments@icfi.com](mailto:BDCPComments@icfi.com)

## FAST FACTS

No

- Under the Governor's plan, the California Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are taking public comments on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix.
- The project would build three giant water intakes, each longer than three football fields, to draw water from the Sacramento River to feed through the tunnels.
- The project could cause further harm to the unique and fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
- The WaterFix does not provide a single drop of new water and could severely impact Delta communities.
- The Delta region is home to nearly 4 million people, including 2,500 farmers who contribute \$2 billion to California's economy each year.
- At an estimated cost of \$15 billion, the people of California deserve a better solution and a more prudent investment to address the state's water supply needs.



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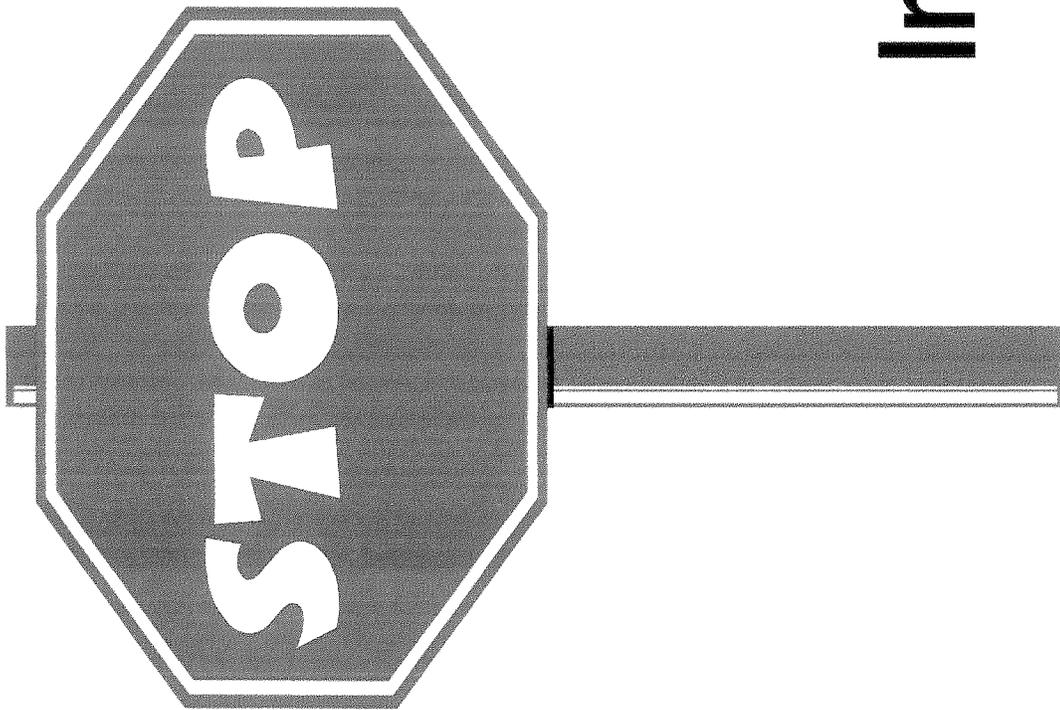
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October 7, 2015

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Dear Committee Members:

I write this letter to express my opposition to the twin tunnels proposed by Governor Brown. To me this proposed project is nothing more than a water grab by the agribusiness corporations of the south. It will not contribute to the health of the Delta and in fact it will destroy the Delta as we know it. Governor Brown has already reneged on part of the environmental plan for this project. We have seen how the south has sapped their sources of water through excess use and lack of conservation. Agribusiness may poison the ground as the selenium builds in their fields through the rapid evaporation of water on desert land.

Has the governor that expresses such great concern for the environment or anyone else really given thought to the carbon footprint that will be left by this project? What happens if our climate is completely changed by global warming and we have little snow in the northern Sierra and floods in Southern California. The devil is in the details and this plan has lots verbiage but lacks details. A recent report by a group of scientist states that the massive tunnel-planning document is "incomplete and opaque."

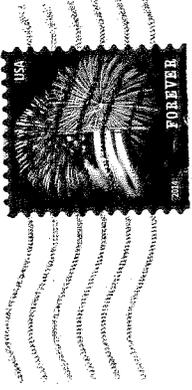
Last what about the debt incurred by this project? We know the cost will be far greater than the estimates indicate and tax payers will ultimately pay for the extra costs. If the project is completed as planned, the northern part of that state will be asked to live in perpetual drought while the south guzzles water. The economy of cities like Stockton will fail and the environmental consequence of the tunnels will be devastating. You will not build those tunnels and destroy the economy and the environment of my home! Reject the tunnels.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am totally opposed to the Twin Tunnel Project. It focuses on conveyance rather than conservation and recycling. It will destroy the Delta despite its claims to restore the waterway. Promises by the California Natural Resources Agency to make adjustments to the plan only demonstrate a determination to go ahead with building the tunnels.

San Diego is desalinating water. Orange County is recycling water. Why does the state have to spend billions when alternatives can and do work? And just try recapturing that money from the users such as the Westlands Water District.

Scientific studies have revealed the pitfalls of the plan. The most recent one by the Delta Independent Science Board raises significant questions about adaptive management, lack of enough details regarding climate change, sea level rise, levee failures and water delivery, and providing a readable report that helps people understand its contents.

A project undertaken by the Delta Protection Commission produced scholarly essays about the history of the estuary, emphasizing its importance as "a place." The Delta has great historical significance that as a former Bay Area resident I was totally unaware of until I moved here. I do not think the tunnels would even be a consideration if people understood that it deserves designation as a national heritage area.

Water is our most precious natural resource. Let's implement plans that are a win-win for *all* Californians.

Sincerely,



Kathleen V. Coughlan

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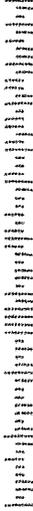
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Dear Committee Members:

It seems to me, that too much money will be spent on the water intake tubes proposed by the Governor's office.

If the delta levies are in danger, why not spend the money on improving them instead of the potential of taking more water out of the delta than is now allowed. Disregarding that the potential that the sea level will rise 3 feet or more in the future can be a problem, of course, but what happens when severe run-off happens? Does that mean more water goes south to avoid levee damage?

It is inconceivable to me that all the arguments for the project does not do one thing to increase the supply of water, except maybe to Southern California and some farmers, when the direction of Department of Water Resources should be concentrating or increasing the ability to store more water for dry years.

Water conservation seems to be gone in any thinking about our water system. The farmers on the West side should not been allowed to plant water thirsty crops in an arid area that need much more water than is required by the more established farms.

I believe that this is a political move on the part of Governor Jerry Brown, to satisfy his Southern California friends, influential farmers and leave a legacy of being the Water Rights Champion - all to be a burden on the backs of the taxpayers. It's a boon doggle, to expense, to full of holes in the wording on how it will work and too disruptive to the delta.

Lastly, all Californians will pay for it, but I cannot see were Northern California would benefit from water diversion around the Delta. Please cancel the project.

Sincerely,



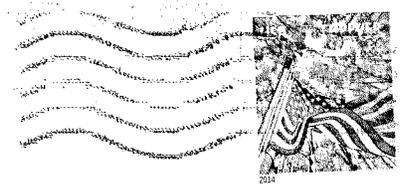
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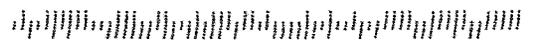
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**From:** Mendoza, Tiffany  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 10:26 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: BDCP Tunnel 1 and 2

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**From:** NA EPC Admin [mailto:NAEPCAdmin@elastoplastic.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 1:25 PM  
**To:** info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com  
**Subject:** BDCP Tunnel 1 and 2

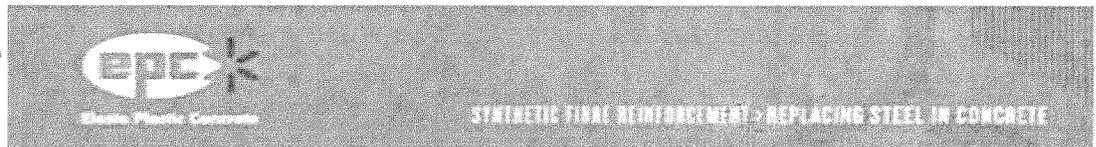
Good afternoon,

Can you please advise the status of the BDCP Tunnel 1 and Tunnel 2? Has a design firm been selected to design the tunnels? If so, could you please advise me of the name of the design firm and contact name and number at the firm?

Thank you for your time and information.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Jeff Dudley <jdudley@sacent.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:31 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

Our State Leaders have once again failed. There has not been one significant water storage project in California in the last 30 years. Yet the population has grown over 30% in that time frame. So what is the brilliant plan – tunnels??? So instead of spending the tax payers money on much need water storage, we are going to divert water from the farmers who feed the 40 million residents of California, disrupt delta farming operations that have been there for generations and who knows what havoc will result to the delta's ecosystem as a result.

These tunnels are more than a bad plan. It is on par with the Governor's bullet train Pork project - another colossal waste of taxpayers' money.

*Jeffrey W. Dudley  
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**From:** Marian Pontes @ Realty World Delta Country <info@realtyworld-net.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:27 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** BDCP.comments.copy@nodeltagates.com  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels  
**Attachments:** Bullet points Delta Tunnels.pdf

Please read attached. I feel very strongly about what Governor Brown is attempting to do regarding the Delta Tunnels. He is wrong.

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Bullet points:

- I oppose Governor Brown's giant water tunnels, which will drain the life out of the Delta
- For years Governor Brown has promised that the BDCP (aka Delta Giant Tunnels) would be a "habitat conservation plan," that it would meet the "gold standard" for protection of the Delta by restoring tens of thousands of acres of marine habitat and restoring natural Delta flows. Now, suddenly, all that has been abandoned and the name has been changed to "water fix," with no habitat restoration or protections for the Delta—just the giant Delta-killing water tunnels.
- You can't change the rules at the last minute and shove these giant tunnels down our throats whether we like it or not. The governor must begin the process all over again and consider real solutions to California's water woes and the Delta's ecological decline.
- Solutions must include conservation, desalinization, water storage facilities, and reduced reliance on the Delta as a source of water supply. There is no excuse for turning a blind eye to these alternatives and instead adopting the Governor's multi-billion dollar water grab.
- These Mega-Tunnels can drain 9,000 cubic feet per second from the Sacramento River. That is over half the flow of the river in the summer months of a non-drought year.
- If any new tunnels or canal were ever to be built, the capacity should be absolutely no more than 3,000 cubic feet per second.
- This process has been dishonest from the beginning. It has always been a huge water grab dressed up as a "save the Delta" plan. The "Fix" was in from the very beginning.
- The Governor told critics of his tunnels to "shut up" as he spoke to his buddies the water contractors who profit from the tunnels. How dare you address the public that way. This shows there has never been any willingness to consider real alternatives to the tunnels, like storage, conservation, desalinization, and restoring Delta flows.
- Currently, without the tunnels, up to 65% of the water that flows into the Delta may be exported during large periods of the year. That leaves only 35% of natural flows in the Delta. We don't need tunnels to export more water.

- The best Delta scientists recommend that 75% of the natural flow of water into the Delta should be maintained, leaving up to 25% available for export and diversion. That makes sense. The process must start over with the aim of meeting the goal of 75% of natural flow. It can be done.
- Governor Brown, the only possible alternative that you have put on the table is the no project alternative. At this point it is the only honest choice. Roll up your sleeves, get to work on real solutions, and lay this dishonest water tunnel plan to rest.
- We have been complaining for years that the tunnels can drain too much water from the Delta (as the pumping has been for years). The plan points to "adaptive management) but the Independent Science Board recently slammed the California Water Fix Adaptive Management Plan. The state keeps saying, "Trust us. We'll manage the tunnels appropriately and will not take more water than we should." Yet, for ten or more years the state has extracted more water than the system could support, causing the salmon and other fish populations to crash.
- During the drought, the state moved way to much water from the North to the South and now the reservoirs in the North are at their lowest points ever, threatening community drinking water and upstream salmon hatcheries while L.A.'s Pyramid Reservoir (filled with Delta water) is still full.
- The plan fails to recognize the importance of the Delta as a recreational area. The Delta should be made a National Recreation Site. It is unique and special. Yet boating is nearly completely ignored. Studies do not effectively analyze the effect on boating communities, nor on boating recreational areas.
- The effect of the plan on the economies of Delta communities is understated.
- If you are so sure about your recent California WaterFix poll, why don't you put it on the ballot and let the voters decide?

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**From:** Mary McVey Gill <marymcveygill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 12:27 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta tunnels project

I'm very opposed to the Delta tunnels project for the following reasons:

--Cost of construction, administration, operation, anticipated cost-overruns, etc. will be immense, far more than what is projected now. Some predict \$60 billion or even more.

--The plan creates no new water. Investing in conservation, recycling, and storage of water would be more efficient and less costly.

--Fixing the levees would cost much, much less and is more important for water security than the tunnels.

-- We have already been taking more fresh water from the Delta than is sustainable according to state and federal fishery agencies. Species such as salmon, smelt, and sturgeon need fresh water to survive. Taking even more fresh water from the Delta would endanger these and many other species. SF Bay needs fresh water for its fishing, tourism, and restaurant industries.

—I'm in the Santa Clara Valley Water District; our rates will go up, but we won't get more water since no new water will be created.

And an important question: Will the state conduct a full cost-benefit analysis of the project, including the value of fresh water to the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary?

Sincerely,

Mary McVey Gill  
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**From:** Fred Bistrong <aebistrong@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 10:08 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

Stop the tunnels. As said by others, use the funds to build desalination plants to provide water to southern CA.

Enforce water conservation in Palm Springs, Palm Desert, etc.

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**From:** David Carle <carle@qnet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:15 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** corrected comment regarding BDCP California Water Fix

Hello,  
(I emailed yesterday but this is a corrected version; in referring to an option in the delta I should have written "west," rather than "east."  
Please consider the corrected message here.)

:While I understand and support the need to fix the delta ecosystem declines and improve water export reliability, the delta tunnels "California Water Fix" plan ultimately seems like a mistake because of cost-benefit problems if, as promised, there will be less water moved out of the delta except during times of "big gulp" wet years, and because the ecosystem declines almost certainly require more water to move through the delta in its traditional pattern. The west delta option that has been suggested by a number of organizations and by the former delta watermaster makes so much more sense, because it keeps the water flowing through the estuary up to the salinity mixing zone and requires a much shorter and cheaper tunnel beginning at Sheridan Island. I understand that putting the intake so close to the critical zone for smelt is a key objection, but on balance, the impacts to the entire estuary and possible means available to decrease the take of smelt at the intake compare favorably with the existing intake challenges (which will not go away because the existing pumps will continue to be used).

So I ask that a west delta tunnel option be seriously analyzed before DWR moves further ahead on this project.  
Thanks very much.

David Carle  
retired park ranger, author of Introduction to Water in California (UC Press) and Water and the California Dream (Counterpoint) PO Box 39, Lee Vining, CA 93541  
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**From:** r3ks@juno.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 10:13 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta tunnels

To whom it may concern,

This e-mail is being sent to make my comment regarding the proposed Delta Tunnels.

I am in direct opposition of said tunnels being built or used.

I believe this project is costly and dangerous.

the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta would be caused harm.

No new water is being addressed, but instead only transferring of water thereby damaging the Delta communities as well as California's economy produced in this area.

Thank you for your time, and consideration.

Ron Martens

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**From:** Bill Loftin <bill.loftin@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 10:34 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** So called water fix

I want to go on record as opposing the Governor Brown so called "Water Fix". These tunnels that are supposed to be an answer to the shortage of water in Central Valley and Southern California are nothing more than an end run to the legal process. Solutions are needed for the problem we have in California but should not be at the expense of Delta users and Delta area property owners to say nothing of the degradation of our wildlife resources nor should it create a greater water shortage in the Delta than exists in Central Valley. Come on guys! Play the game above the belt and find "Real" solutions that are legal and transparent to the public. I join the cry of foul of others in the Delta area. You know that you are catering to the big money water grabbers to the detriment of our precious natural resource, the Delta surrounding communities and the necessary continued flow of water through the Delta. Stop playing games and find real solutions! **Stop the tunnels now!**

Bill Loftin, a concerned property Owner in Discovery Bay, CA

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**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** BDCP.Comments.copy@nodeltagates.com  
**Subject:** Tunnels are a Bad Idea

For years, the Delta has been miss-used; pulling more water from the flow will just damage it further. Ecological stability is being compromised daily from the drought and reducing flow will NOT help. The fact that the Federal Government called the plan a disaster should be a clue that the two tunnels are not a viable option to help our situations in both the Delta areas as well as the south.

When we ruin our environment, we ruin the potential to thrive. As a Realtor® and a homeowner, the two tunnels will create more problems that will have far-reaching effects. Do not go forward with this plan!

Cecily Tippery

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**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** tunnes

no tunnels . too expensive and harmful.

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**From:** meukralj@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 1:25 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Tax dollars down the toilet

Sirs, please add my name to those that oppose this "Water Fix" pipe dream of Gov. Brown. I am a native Californian (66 years old) and I am a voter. Our tax dollars should be spent on repairing the levee system NOT ruining our Delta. We have seen the beginning of the salt migration and it will ruin our crop lands and drinking water supplies. SF Bay has finally rebounded from years of abuse. The water that is allotted far exceeds the amount of water available. This project ignores the environmental impact and has removed the habitat restoration that was the original justification for this boon-doggle. We all know that the cost overruns will make this project a drain of our tax dollars needed for roads and human services. STOP THIS MADNESS!! Mark Kralj

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**From:** Marty Price <mprice1943@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 4:06 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** DCP Commentscopy  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels Project

Dear Sirs

In regard to the Delta Tunnels Project:

I believe this project is not a well planned or thought out on the basis of cost to benefit.

- As this extremely expensive project is currently planned it should be put to the public to vote upon.
- There are other solutions to include conservation, desalinization & water storage facilities.
- It does not meet the "gold standard" for protection of the Delta as originally stated.
- It has been stated that this project will cost sixty billion dollars but only be used 52% of the time depending upon the Sierra snow pack.
- There is no guarantee that 75% of the water flow should or will be maintained with perhaps 25% for export diversion.

The bottom line is "NO" to this approach. There are better solutions available which would be more cost effective and fair to all the citizens of California.

Sincerely,

Martin Price  
Discovery Bay, Ca

**From:** Claire Imeson <claireimeson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 6:48 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnels

If the people want water, let them MOVE TO THE WATER , not the water MOVE TO THEM !!

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**From:** Bill Harrison <harr0007@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 5:37 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments; Bill Harrison  
**Subject:** Stop the Tunnels

My name is Bill Harrison, I have lived my entire life in Contra Costa County, and currently live in Martinez. The tunnel project is an environmental disaster and **must be stopped!** It will destroy the delta which is already under attack from many polluting sources and excessive deletions which support agriculture and other activities. The delta is a precious resource that is irreplaceable. There must be other more reasonable alternatives to this madness! I am personally 100% opposed to this project and so are **all** my friends and associates who have heard of this absolutely ridiculous plan to destroy one of the premier ecosystems in the entire country. The citizens of California will not allow this devastating plan to proceed. My contact info is as follows:

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**From:** L. Allen <rlouis2@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 10:15 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** DELTA TUNNELS

I am strongly against building " tunnels" that would cost the taxpayers \$15 billion dollars, money that could be well spent in education or decaying infrastructure. The water that is being "TAKEN" from the San Joaquin-Sacramento area is greatly needed for our 4 million + residents, as well as precious farm land. We have already built aqueducts in California that have for many years been pumping our areas precious water to Southern California. The "Twin Tunnels" are not an answer to the States water problems and only make more problems for the Central Valley. I am a registered voter and will make sure that any public official that supports this project will not get my vote and I will let anyone I know that votes be aware also!

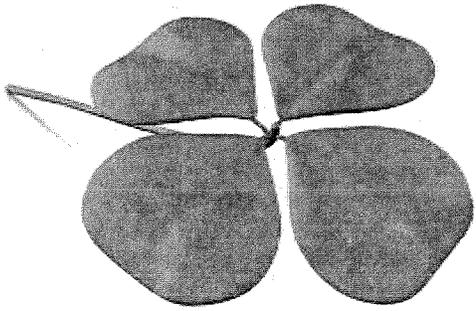
***Lynn Allen***  
***Manteca, Ca.***

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**From:** barbaraleary@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6:11 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** revised letter re: BDCP  
**Attachments:** BDCP comments for EIR 10.21.15.pdf

See attached, typo corrected.

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October 21, 2015

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

I am writing to express my opposition to the Delta Water Fix plan.

First of all I am absolutely appalled alternative plans have not been well explored. I am equally disturbed that any mitigation measures for the environmental destruction and habitat restoration are NOT included in the plan, that the Endangered Species act is being ignored and that this is a most costly and inefficient method of water transport and delivery that could have been devised.

**I wholeheartedly agree with the following statements:**

- 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.

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, there are better alternatives for providing clean, safe water for all Californians and conserving the Delta and its surrounding habitats.**

Sincerely,

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**From:** David Hurley <hurleyjacks@gmail.com>  
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**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Subject: Oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)

David Hurley

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My name is David Hurley, native of Stockton and descendent of a commercial fishing family in the California Delta. For the past eleven years, I have written a thrice-weekly fishing report on northern California for USA Fishing; as a result, I am intimately aware of the health of the fishery species within the San Francisco Bay/Delta.

I am also a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; and as a teacher, I instruct students that science always tells the truth, and history is open to interpretation. In other words, heat always travels upward, gravity will always bring objects down to earth, and so forth. However, these scientific laws do not apply to the world of water politics and fisheries biology. In this world, science is open to interpretation, and history reveals the truth.

Since my grandfather, Frank Busalacchi, ran a commercial salmon tender in the Delta in the family business, I remember many times of sitting on his boat or the kitchen and hearing about how their 45-foot launch was so loaded with salmon on the way to the cannery at Pittsburg that they were taking water over the rail. I still have a number of the commercial gill nets used for this industry stored in my garage. At this time, in the 30's, 40's, and 50's, despite millions of tons of salmon being removed by the commercial fleet in the ocean, the bay, and the Delta, these stories illustrate that there was no shortage of salmon, and since the nets also trapped many huge striped bass, there was no shortage of striped bass. The simple and undeniable fact is that the striped bass and the salmon thrived until commercial salmon fishing was outlawed in 1958, coincidentally a few years after Friant Dam drained the San Joaquin River dry over a 60-mile stretch.

In just over 100 years of my grandfather's birth, the Delta at its fisheries have been degraded to the point where it would be unrecognizable to him. The current plan of the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) will only further the degradation and destruction of our fisheries within the greatest estuary on the west coast of North America.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The Delta Reform Act of 2009, in which the California State Legislature committed to the "coequal goals" of providing a more reliable water supply for California AND

protecting and restoring the cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta, cannot be upheld if the Delta Tunnels come to pass.

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

**My objections to the tunnels are threefold:**

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

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

The impact on wildlife and plant species in the Delta that depend on freshwater include the Delta smelt, chinook salmon, steelhead, San Joaquin kit fox, and tricolored blackbird, protected species already on the brink that will face decimation due to a diminishing food-web.

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**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**

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**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.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Hurley

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**From:** Earthjustice <action@earthjustice.org> on behalf of Patricia Kelly <info@earthjustice.org>  
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**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels/"California Water Fix" (Alternative 4A)

Oct 22, 2015

Bay Delta Conservation Plan  
CA

Dear Conservation Plan,

While I understand that water is a limited resource and must be shared, I am against diverting water to large agriculture and in particular water intensive almonds and pistachios orchards. These are luxuries. Leave the water for the wildlife, which may never come back even if there is rain, if the water is taken from them.

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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Oct 21, 2015

Bay Delta Conservation Plan  
CA

Dear Conservation Plan,

Small, efficient, organic, environmentally RESPONSIBLE farming is the answer to future food supply. Not more billion dollar, environmentally damaging, big ag specific moving of water all over the place. Stop big ag subsidizing and help small farmers! Back to nature, not continued bad water habits of the past century in California!

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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.

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