
From: Paul.Wierenga@L-3com.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 11:15 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Gov. Brown's Twin Tunnel Project

I am in total opposition to this project. Gov. Brown wants a legacy project to his name before he leaves office and this is it.

Circumventing water around the Delta will destroy the largest estuary in the country only to benefit the large agriculture companies in the south. Everyone knows that Resnick is behind the push for the tunnels and that makes Mr. Brown his puppet. What a shameful way to do the state's business.

Stop the tunnels before the entire state's water system is ruined.

Regards,

Paul T. Wierenga
Program Manager

From: Earthjustice <action@earthjustice.org> on behalf of Monica DuClaud <info@earthjustice.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:25 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Oppose the Delta Tunnels/"California Water Fix" (Alternative 4A)

Oct 28, 2015

Bay Delta Conservation Plan
CA

Dear Conservation Plan,

The tunnels will devastate wild species, entire ecosystems and agriculture near the Bay Delta. We need improved water management, not ridiculously expensive and ridiculously destructive engineering.

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,

Ms. Monica DuClaud
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San Francisco, CA 94107-4106
duclaud@comcast.net

From: Earthjustice <action@earthjustice.org> on behalf of Neil Long <info@earthjustice.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 9:00 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Oppose the Delta Tunnels/"California Water Fix" (Alternative 4A)

Oct 27, 2015

Bay Delta Conservation Plan
CA

Dear Conservation Plan,

Have they lost their minds with this proposal? Salt water intrusion is already a serious issue. Rising sea levels will only make intrusion significantly worse with diversion. Just follow the money on this proposal....it's the worst form of water greed. The Owens River/Valley was nothing compared to this environmental disaster proposal. We are not working to reverse SF Bay habitat damage and now these damn tunnels surface. This just a peripheral canal proposal of 40+ years ago revisited. Stop Brown and his cronies with this arrogant and environmentally disastrous proposal.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Neil Long
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From: Earthjustice <action@earthjustice.org> on behalf of Wolfgang Rougle
<info@earthjustice.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 9:11 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Oppose the Delta Tunnels/"California Water Fix" (Alternative 4A)

Oct 27, 2015

Bay Delta Conservation Plan
CA

Dear Conservation Plan,

California's Water won't be Fixed until we fallow the toxic, desert farmland that never should have been irrigated in the first place and re-orient our entire agricultural industry to farm only the land that makes the most sense to farm -- the land that gives the greatest "crop per drop" return on investment.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Wolfgang Rougle
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Cottonwood, CA 96022-8205
springfedfarm@yahoo.com

From: Donald Bull <donaldbull@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:16 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Water tunnels

I am opposed to the building of water tunnels for transfer to southern California.
It would radically change the area being voided from water.
Donald Bull

From: Robert Ransdell <bobr49@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:48 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Water fix comments

BDCP,

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:

Water is the life's blood of the Delta and it needs MORE fresh water from the rivers not less.

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.

I have boated and fished on the Delta for the last 30 years and know it is a priceless resource that generations of Californians have enjoyed and will enjoy unless it is destroyed by corrupt officials and the greed of shortsighted commercial interests.

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.

Once again I would like to say NO TO THE DELTA TUNNELS.

Thank you for your time

Robert Ransdell

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Soquel, CA 95073

From: Jacklyn Shaw <jjjjshaw@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 9:29 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: water appointees or elected officials?

TO: BDCPComments@icfi.com

RE: Workshop Agenda, CVFPB/floods, July 10, 2015; demo fact on 80% non-compliance of Levee Repair/maintenance (done by USACE/Army Corps, Sacramento)

A question was about 80% non-compliance in levee repair or maintenance. Below is a highlight of the agenda from the notice of the July 10th, Clarksburg workshop by CVFP Board.

More facts are needed on Delta estuary, San Joaquin County (not Central Valley) growers. Have you seen the recent Bulletin of the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau? sjfb.org At least three quotes were informative.

It seems like Delta River concerns is by name Redistribution. Recently, an email alert from Maven's Notebook referred to a map of water agencies, with no reference to elected county governments.

Regards,

Jacklyn (E.L.) Shaw, Ed.D.
Zin Grower, Lodi, CA 95 242
*15 miles from planned Twin Tunnel, salty marsh making)

Note: Also, a levee engineer in Walnut Grove said they could restore the levees in business job development. (It is much less than the 14 Billion to 65 billion unknown Fix It costs for little water, not even 3 to 10 to 15 years of destruction.) . .

P.S. **Highlight** of CVFPB agenda and workshop officials, July 10, 2015, Clarksburg, CA:

“Celebrating 104 Years of Flood Management”

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD

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Room 151 Sacramento, California 95821
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From: Valerie Arelt <varelt@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 4:50 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Water

This is a bad deal for Northern California We need to keep our water Southern California has been receiving more rain this year than us northerners

Sent from my iPad

From: Stephen Tchudi <ecotopiakzfr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 12:36 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Twin Tunnels

We wish to express our strong opposition to the Twin Tunnels project, which is prohibitively expensive, but more important, an impending ecological disaster. Conservation and altered patterns of agriculture are the only solution for the water needs of the southern Central Valley, and the solutions lie in the hands of the farmers and other citizens of that region. Already, too much of the Sacramento River's precious water fails to reach the Bay, and current diversions are already creating huge ecological problems, not only for fish and animals, but for the water tables and geography of the river. Do not duplicate the mistakes of the Owens Valley catastrophe. Focus on *solving* water issues, not exacerbating them.

Stephen and Susan Tchudi
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From: Joe Daly <joedaly@echotrips.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:14 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Twin Tunnels

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon examination, some grand ideas are not so grand. Please stop the promotion of the twin tunnels. They are a concept that needs further study.

Sincerely,

Joe Daly

Joe Daly
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510-990-6527 (w)
510-847-4436 (c)

From: Richard <rzl@pacbell.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:09 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: tunnels

Stop the tunnels! Stop the water grab!

From: Daniel Vickers <vickersdan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:55 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Strongly against Tunnels

Dear Gov Brown,

I am concerned that vast removal of fresh water by the tunnels will cause an increase of salt water inundating the estuary, ruining the fishing industry and causing great ecological damage. Please reconsider this costly mistake.

Sincerely,
Daniel Vickers
San Rafael, CA

From: jpfandler@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 8:24 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: info@aqualliance.net
Subject: Stop the Tunnels

FORM MASTER
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I live in the Sacramento River watershed and strongly oppose the California Water Fix, the Governor's latest plan to drain the vitality from the North State. Our homes, businesses, farms, and wildlands depend on healthy groundwater, creeks, and streams. I will fight this water grab in every way I can to prevent turning the Sacramento Valley into an echo of the Owens and San Joaquin valleys. No Twin Tunnels!

Thank You Judy Pfandler

149 Sutter Road

Paradise, Ca 95969

530-327-7385

From: Brian Johnson <bjsax@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:05 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla
Subject: Saltwater intrusion already a problem in the Delta at Clarksburg.

I recently talked with the owners of the Marina at Clarksburg. I was told that present low water flow in the Sacramento River means that the incoming tidal flow causes the river to flow backwards for a while! Salinity is increasing in the water more and more. The monstrous tunnels would no doubt increase the salinity problem by drawing down the amount of water flowing against the incoming tidal pressure.

Brian Johnson, Davis, CA.

From: art sciaroni <asciaroni@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 5:09 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Sacramento river bypass canals

Gentlemen

Because of increased delta salinity, the health of the San Francisco bay and it's inhabitants, and the destruction of fish, most notably salmon, I was against this idea in 1982 and remain so. No new information has been presented to convince one that these dangers do not remain real. Anyone considering this concept, most especially Governor Brown, should read or reread the book Cadillac Desert.

C. Arthur Sciaroni, M.D.
36 Midhill Drive
Mill Valley, CA 94941

From: Gates Betsy <betsgates@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:03 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: Folger Barbara
Subject: Peripheral canals

We are absolutely opposed to this proposition and the diversion of water to the south...The idea was opposed by the public in the 80's..Not then, not now and maybe never.

Elizabeth W. Gates

From: Marc Hallet <mhallet@amerion.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:26 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: info@aqualliance.net
Subject: Opposition to the Twin Tunnels

Hello,

This is to inform you that I live in Butte County, located in the Sacramento watershed and am opposed to the Twin Tunnels. This project would have detrimental long term ecological and economic impact on the Delta and other parts of the Sacramento watershed.

Marc Hallet

From: joynell@softcom.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 7:05 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Opposition to the Delta Tunnels

My name is Joy Smart and I am a resident of San Joaquin County. I am writing today to convey opposition to the proposed Delta Tunnels and their cost to taxpayers. Many lives and livelihoods depend upon the waters of the Delta. Diverting the waters would cause harm to the many residents and businesses who depend upon these waters. It is my belief that the end cost of the proposed tunnels will be far more than estimated, possibly double, and an already strapped economy could crush entire communities, not only by loss of revenue, but also by the increased taxes to pay for the tunnels that they have veraciously opposed. With rising salt content in the Delta waters, ground pools would be rendered unnecessarily useless to one community for the sole purpose enriching another community. Does this make sense? No. Many other ideas which could resolve the water problems of southern California have been presented and rejected with very little evidence that they would not work. Or even very little interest in finding out if they could work! Governor Brown is doing his best to fulfill his father's dream of building that canal and he doesn't care who it hurts. Please say NO to the Delta Tunnels.

Thank You,
Joy Smart

From: COBURN EVERDELL <cde1@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:40 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Oppose tunnels

The proposed tunnels are a bad idea and i oppose them. The bay salt is encroaching on the farmland due to fresh water extraction already so i think this proposal will exacerbate the problem and be hugely expensive.

Please add my no vote to others.

Coburn Everdell

From: Emily Alma <earthstar6208@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:24 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: No Twin Tunnels!

I live in the Sacramento River watershed and strongly oppose the California Water Fix, the Governor's latest plan to send water from the North State south to provide water to farms in the Central Valley that never should have been established. I live on a small farm just south of Chico. Our well water level has dropped by over 30 feet during this drought and we are facing the possibility of running out of water. This drought makes it clear that Northern California needs all the water that comes through our region, or we will be facing the desertification that has occurred in the Owens and San Joaquin valleys as a result of past mismanagement of their waters. Our homes, businesses, farms, and wild lands depend on healthy groundwater, creeks, and streams. I will fight to protect Northern California groundwater in every way I can. No Twin Tunnels!

Thank you,
Emily Alma
2300 Estes Road
Chico CA 95928

From: Sandy Lane <sandy.lane@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:19 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: No on Delta Tunnels...

I want a vote!

Oh...I had a vote in 1982 (peripheral canals) and it was defeated...

Water should be controlled locally...we know best our area.

Please no on destroying the eco-system!!

Sandra Lane
836 Clayton St
San Francisco, CA 94117

From: sean <threedwag@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:18 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Letter opposing diversions and tunneling around the delta

I strongly oppose all options in the BDCP that include diversions and or tunnels under or around the Delta.

As a 45-year resident of California, who grew up in the Sacramento Valley, I have watched in horror as we have continued to divert, dam, and waste the natural resources of our state. The impressive salmon, steelhead, shad, striped bass, and other anadromous fish runs of my youth - in the rivers and streams around Chico - have all but vanished, the victim of our wasteful and expanding water usage. The cool-clear streams I used to paddle and fish have become increasingly stagnant, tepid, and lifeless.

The Delta's ecosystem is already on the brink of collapse - some might consider it too late to save it. But it can ill afford more water diversions in the name of wasteful agricultural practices, sprinkled landscaping, and other excesses of our continuing expansion into the southern deserts. If we must grow as a state, so be it, but it has to be done responsibly, and mitigated through real conservation, not as an inevitable death knell to our native fish and fowl, and their once-healthy ecosystems.

Thank you for your consideration and what I trust will be your responsible decision in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sean Wagstaff
2601 Cowper St
Palo Alto, Ca 94306

650-804-1332

From: Diana Grossi <nonnapapag@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 7:22 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: I'm against the twin tunnels it well ruined the delta

Sent from my iPhone

From: Maureen Morrison <maureenthequeen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:35 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: I oppose the Delta Tunnels

There are many other solutions to providing water for Southern California. These tunnels will cause the demise of wildlife, fish, wetlands and other valuable habitat, as well as increase the salt content of the water that flows into and out of the delta. Southern California has to implement other ways to have a water supply, other than getting all of its water from the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers!

Maureen

Sent from my iPad

From: William L Martin <wlmartin361@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:40 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: I oppose the Delta tunnels

Why do I oppose these tunnel? Below are only three of the reasons:

The Delta Tunnels EIR/EIS describes a project that is not economically or financially feasible due to its minimal water yields. Specifically, the EIR/EIS describes water exports with the \$16 billion tunnels will only average about 250,000 acre feet more each year than under No Action.

The Delta Water Tunnels would instead destroy endangered and threatened fish species. The Tunnels would divert for the Central Valley and State Water Projects vast quantities of freshwater from the Sacramento River near Clarksburg that would no longer flow through the lower Sacramento River, sloughs, and Delta. This would jeopardize the continued existence of endangered and threatened species of fish and adversely modify their designated critical habitat by taking away freshwater flows for Winter Run Chinook salmon, spring-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley steelhead, green Sturgeon, and Delta smelt.

Harmful algal blooms are expected to increase due to the Tunnels, consuming most or all dissolved oxygen in the water, and suffocating oxygen-respiring organisms like fish. Blue-green algae, such as one species called Microcystis, can also produce "cyanotoxins" that pose a significant potential threat to wildlife, dogs, and human beings, and exposure can cause liver cancer in humans. Tunnels' reports acknowledge that "increases in the frequency, magnitude, and geographic extent of Microcystis blooms in the Delta would occur relative to Existing Conditions," increasing a dangerous ecological and public health threat.

The tunnels will be an ecological & economic disaster for the Delta & all of California. I ask you to end this project now.

Thank you.

William L Martin
San Francisco, CA
Wlmartin361@gmail.com

From: Kathryn Johnston <kathryn.johnston@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:24 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: I oppose the building of this canal

I am speaking out on behalf of not sending water southward Keep our habitats safe!
Kathryn johnston

(Mobile. Brief. Please excuse.)

Kathryn Johnston
202.340.9739

From: tbrenj2@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 11:11 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta tunnels

I must strongly oppose the construction on the proposed Delta tunnels. They would completely destroy the Delta and the fragile ecosystem the consist of. As a long-time visitor to the delta, over 25 years each summer for at least four months time I have come to appreciate the beauty and necessity of this system. All who use the Deltanot only include farmers,business people but boaters and fishermen who contribute to the economy.

The tunnels would allow vast intrusion of sea water into the area which would foul the fresh water drawn by adjacent communities for their water supply .

I feel that the California voters have been short-changed in this affair. I used to like Jerry Brown, but he is off base with these tunnels.

I vote "NO TUNNELS"

JANE BRENNAN
25 PORTO BELLO DR
SAN RAFAEL
CA 094901

From: Ann Holmes <annieholmes78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 5:12 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta tunnels comment

Hello,

I strongly oppose the Delta tunnels proposal.

I am a biologist and graduate student at the Romberg Tiburon Center of San Francisco State. I study aquatic ecology and food webs in the Delta. I've spent many days this year on boats, surveying and studying the Delta ecosystem. Increased upstream diversions (and infrastructure such as the salinity barrier) are detrimental to ecosystems in both the Delta and the Bay. The tunnels could drive further extinctions, allow invasives to take hold (which is costly!) and contribute to dangerous problems like harmful algal blooms (HABs).

I've seen first hand how difficult it is to manage water resources, particularly in the face of ongoing and relentless drought. The tunnels do nothing to conserve limited water resources in California. The tunnels would waste time, money and energy that we could be investing in technologies that actually help California manage water in the long run. Let's find solutions instead of create more problems.

Thank you,

Ann Holmes
Graduate Student
Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies
San Francisco State University

From: Jonathan Allen <jonathan-allen@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 11:07 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta Tunnels

The prospect of being able to send more water to Southern California at the expense of the San Francisco Delta is just plain wrong.
Jonathan Allen

Sent from my iPad

From: John Leonard <flyfisher7@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:11 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta Tunnels

Your science is faulty, and your motivation suspect. The tunnels benefit big agribusiness and social developers and do nothing to "make" more water. Shades of the last attempt to dam the north coast rivers and send water south. No, No, No!!!!

From: Podkatsf <podkatsf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 7:35 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta tunnel eir

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the tunnel project EIR. I think removing more water from the Sacramento River Delta would be disastrous to the environment. The River leading to San Francisco Bay is responsible for an enormous amount of life. The environment including fish and bird and plant species is dependent upon the fresh water of the river. Salt intrusion is already reaching serious proportions. Please consider that all of this life contributes to our human lives and that the loss of it will seriously endanger all of us.

Thank you for your consideration,
Michele Schaal and Kathryn Podgornoff
1230 Vermont St.
San Francisco CA 94110

From: garrison5050@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 8:38 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta Tunnel

I oppose
Mary Garrison

Sent from my iPhone

From: Libby D'Hemery <libbydhemery@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:52 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Comments opposed to Water Fix

The San Francisco Bay has been rendered fragile by the development of the San Francisco Bay Area, and by four years of drought. The habitat and species native to our region require more, not less, fresh clean water flowing into the estuary. Diverting water from this Delta to benefit a another part of California is not a solution. I am firmly opposed to the construction of the Delta Tunnels.

Elizabeth B. d'Hemery
3450 Sacramento Street No 507
San Francisco
California 94118

USA cell: (650) 483 6698

From: Peggi McGlynn <peggimcglynn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6:18 PM
To: BDCPcomments

I do not want to see the Delta Tunnels happen. Please count my vote against the Delta Tunnels.

Peggi McGlynn
415-668-0651

From: Tom Ehrich <ehrichtom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 7:12 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)

Dear Sirs & Madams,

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

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I am a user of the Delta in many ways -- my drinking water is sourced from it, and I fish and hunt in its waters and surrounding lands, We need to ensure its survival for the future of our state and my grandchildren, and the Delta Tunnels are not the answer.

Sincerely,

Tom Ehrich

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From: TOM TOM <the_tick_1969@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:30 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)

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

\$60,000,000,000.00 you are joking right? If you are using the same estimators that did the "bullet" train, it will cost \$120,000,000,000.00 by the time it is complete and it will be undersized for the intended use before it is complete.

Build the Auburn Dam. Better use of money.

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:

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My environmental concerns with the plan are:

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- 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."

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From: Doug Reynolds <doug@hheng.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:27 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Cc: Doug Reynolds
Subject: RDEIR/SDEIS Documents

As a farmer, I am opposed to the pumping of Delta water as presented in the subject documents. We already have an encroaching salinity problem in our water table and the pumping of more delta water south will only make things worse. We need to look at more water storage and raising the elevations of existing dams.

Thank You

Duane Reynolds
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From: Jean Gengler <gina46@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 5:02 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Proposed Bay Tunnels

It's one thing to replace/repair the delta tunnel, but to build two new tunnels that will INCREASE the water flowing from the Sacramento River to the Central Valley and farther South, is unconscionable.

First and foremost is to explore and impose projects that capture storm water, conserve, and recycle water. How can "experts" think it is a solution to change the vast Delta estuary, impacting those who live in the area, as well as the fish and fowl that are a natural part of it, with tunnels to divert water BEFORE using and exhausting other options?

Norma J. Gengler
San Francisco

From: Bob Schildgen <bob.schildgen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:40 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: No Delta tunnels

Hello,

Add my voice to the opposition to the proposed Delta tunnels for the foillowing reasons: 1) Enough water can be obtained through conservation and recycling; 2) Drawing water off the Delta will damage the aquatic and riparian environments; 3) The citizens of California have already rejected a similar project, the Peripheral Canal; 4) The very idea of the tunnels goes against Jerry Brown's own belief in accepting limitations and living with our means.

Sincerely,

Bob Schildgen
Berkeley

From: susie calhoun <sushicalhoun@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 10:01 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: NO Delta Tunnels

I am opposed to the tunnels for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix for the following reasons:

- This plan would cause further harm to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta - an already fragile ecosystem
- The WaterFix does not provide new water and will severely impact:
the Delta communities
the 2,500 farmers and
Nearly 4 million people
- The projected cost of \$15 billion dollars could be used to address California's water needs by building better water storage, and continuing conservation efforts throughout California

Please do not make the tunnels a reality!

Thank you,

Susan Calhoun
PO Box 311
Lockeford, CA 95237

From: Dick Allen <batteryrow@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 11:06 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Fwd: Eliminate twin tunnel project and reassign funds for the following water projects

The proposed twin tunnel experimental project is at risk of being obsolete before being built.

Please support and advocate for the implementation of the following recommendations as a realistic and affordable substitute for the twin tunnels.

- 1) Develop a Bay/Delta levee maintenance program to insure future Bay/Delta deliverable water. Make use of the high density Delta levee maps produced by Dr. Cathleen Jones, Scientist at JPL, Pasadena, Ca. and a commit to upgrading the integrity and reliability of the 1100 miles of Delta levees.
- 2) Immediately establish an aggressive, enforceable groundwater recharge program for the San Joaquin Valley and all of California. In San Francisco and San Mateo County we took steps to save Lake Merced and recharge the Westside Basin Aquifer in 2003. As a result we now have a restored Lake Merced and Aquifer.
- 3) Establish and provide funding programs/incentives for a State wide storm water recapture system
- 4) Push for state wide recycling programs
- 5) Reduce and restrict over allocation of the Sacramento River water to match a rolling annual rainfall and snow pack average.
- 6) Identify, review, audit and modify water rights to reflect actual and realistic annual rain and snow fall forecasts. **Eliminate water delivery expectations and entitlement.**
- 7) Establish financial subsidies and incentives for farmers to install drip irrigation and soil moisture monitoring systems.
- 8) Use solar power for water pumps.
- 9) Meter all water used in California to establish base lines and allocation formulas State wide.

This is a partial list of beneficial activities.

Good luck,

Dick Allen

415-407-1159

Lake Merced, San Francisco

Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association

Protect Our Water, San Francisco

Former San Francisco Planning Commissioner

From: Jacklyn Shaw <jjjjshaw@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 10:10 PM
To: BDCPcomments; BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Do no harm? 80% non-compliance in Delta Levee maintenance (CVFPB/flood; Clarksburg, CA, 7/10/15). Fertile soil of Delta Sierra to salt marsh?

from 9/4/2015 draft by jjjjshaw@verizon.net

Dear BDCP/icfi (Virginia):

From our 60 Year Old Vine Zinfandel vineyard, we, again, got low tonnage in the drought (and for a once a year check from winery). Grapes were picked, thanks to hard working pickers with green cards. . . .

Sincerely,

Jacklyn EL Shaw, Ed.D., M.Ed.-Admin

Zin Grower, Lodi, CA 95242.

P.S. Please check USGS/geological map, B2. Soil of San Joaquin "County" is Mediterranean subtropical, while southward, other of 28 Counties are semi-arid. Why ruin the most fertile soil in the world in the Delta area of Northern California? Desalination can be cost effective for business, like Navy ships. Desalination was invented at UCB around 1970, and used in Israel, Australia and over 100 countries. US Senator Feinstein noted that there are over 26 Desalination testing points along the California Coast. How can the Ocean Agency cooperate with issues of NorCal drought and California as number one for Food Crops for USA? . . .

NOTE:

Shocker: Once, a US Senator said "Do no harm". On July 10th, 2015, at the CVFCB workshop in Clarksburg, CA, a report showed 80% Non-Compliance in Levee Repairs. . . . Levee Funds were sent to Washington State (sacbee.com) Later, this was reconfirmed after another's comment for USACE/ Army Corp Engineers (at San Joaquin County meeting of AWC, Advisory Water Council, 2014).

Solution: A neighbor, Ahmed Mohammad, Basic Engineer, said that he repaired levees on all the Delta islands. He said the number one solution continues to be DREDGING the NORTH DELTA (Sacramento to Antioch Bay). It increases the flow [to reduce turbulence]. Certainly, it would have averted overgrowth [like algae] (Stockton record.net). El Nino will bring heavy rains this winter. Time is of the essence: Plan for continual Dredging of the North Delta with USACE/ US Army Corps of Engineers, not to mention their 100 year maps. Ahmed said that soil purifies the soil by aeration and absorption. The silt is rearranged. [Avoid sand bags that add weight to levees.] Any mineral deposits testify to California's Gold Rush, which continued to attract people across the USA and the world refugees. . . .

Will growers in fertile North San Joaquin County be represented and encouraged in farm family endeavors of generations for productive food crops. I invested to save the house I saw my late dad built and the vineyard I helped plant, as a teenager: assisted grafting, pruned avenues, etc.

With drought, this year we had barely over half the tonnage of two years ago. Yet our grape was "fabulous with a stellar vineyard". Meanwhile, we had hail damage, with pictures of ice pellets. The drought affected Northern California, also!

TRULY, we need reforestation; honor the natural water recycle for ground water; prep with natural RESERVOIRS; develop water tech in private jobs; and maintain dredging the Delta.

Please reply or acknowledge my letter to you for US Army Corps to be funded to re-continue the needed, timely DREDGING FOR THE . . . DELTA, Clarksburg to Antioch Bay Bridge.

Sincerely,

Jacklyn EL Shaw, Ed.D., M.Ed., Admin.
Zin Grower, Lodi, CA 95242

*15 miles from plans for two tunnels, concrete, to "pipe" fresh water from Sacramento City Area to 35 miles, along the Sacramento-San Joaquin River of DELTA.

(That is to two pumps, generally, near Tracy housing developments, to divert to over 300 miles away to desert and ocean areas.)

*Stop Twin Tunnels, which seem to favor SoCal and Fracking over Food Crops, #1 in USA from fertile Delta.

P.S. Before the drought, my late father said that we have increased salt in the soil and that our well can not go any deeper.

This week a neighbor repeated where we are, regarding sea level (35-50 feet).

One hundred years ago, watermelons grew without irrigation with water table at three feet.

Governor Pardee started Pardee Reservoir diverting our Mokelumne water to Port of Oakland. He had learned about water re-distribution in Germany. What kind of government is that?

Begin forwarded message:

From: Shaw Jacklyn <jjjjshaw@verizon.net>
Subject: PLEASE DREDGE THE DELTA, ASAP (with USACE/Army Corps Engineers and their 100 year maps):
Date: September 3, 2015 at 10:41:54 PM PDT
To:Reply-To: Shaw Jacklyn <jjjjshaw@verizon.net>

Dear US Representatives:

My primary residence is in NorCAL. A couple of times a year I get lucky, and that's when I've make the 400 mile trip to SoCal.

PLEASE NOTE:

DREDGE THE DELTA near Antioch onward; it is 80% non compliance (CVFPB workshop, July 10, Clarksburg, CA).

In 2014, US Senator Boxer (born in Mass), sent levee funds to Washington State for USACE/Army Corps Engineers (sacbee.com)

Stop the Twin Tunnels (10 years dust making for only 10% to desert. (USGS, B2; sifb.org bulletin on salt backup from intakes near Sacramento City).

Is plan for Salt marsh from a most fertile county for food crops? (San Joaquin COUNTY is not Central Valley which has 28 counties, mostly semi-arid).

DESAL, SOCAL: US Senator Feinstein noted 2-26 points for cost effective Desalination.

90% of Californians live near the 30 miles of coast (C Winn, supervisor, SJC.org).

Bless USA.

Jacklyn EL Shaw, Ed.D., M.Ed. Admin.

Zin Grower, Lodi, CA 95242 * 15 miles from a horrifying tunnel with "reverse flow" for salt backup.

P.S. Is it true that 300 farm families in Delta are planned for "eminent domain"? (Taking fresh Delta Sierra River water will devalue our soil and property.)

Think about two 40 foot concrete tunnels along the historic, scenic Sacramento-North Delta Rivers, for 35 miles, fresh water diverted to two pumps to 300-500 miles away.

What kind of government refers to "Water board" agencies (voices dimmed), statewide "appointments" by governor, instead of elected county officials?

If you read this . . . fact research, thank you. I'd appreciate a timely, pragmatic reply.

Note: Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-D), knows it is a waste of money, on practical math terms! (Ask for his fact-finding.)

Who counts the family food crop and tourism losses? Is it true that cost effective Desalination (like navy), can produce two to three times as much water?

From: John Weiss <johnaweiss@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 1:15 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: delta tunnels plan

Legislators:

Instead of spending \$15 billion to build the delta tunnels to send more Sacramento River water to grow almonds and hay for export, we should invest in projects that promote groundwater recharge, storm water capture, water recycling, and an expansion of urban conservation projects that worked so well this year.

Regards,
John Weiss, San Francisco Resident

From: Harry Schaedler <prudentialsacramento@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:48 AM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta tunnels comments

Taking more water with the tunnels will kill off the entire Salmon Run in the Sacramento, American, Feather and Bear Rivers. In addition all other species in the delta /bay will be negatively affected. Please pull your heads out of your ass and do something positive by voting no on these tunnels. If you took the money and invested in desalination plants it would solve everyones problems.

Thank You

Harry Schaedler

From: albo1365-business@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6:10 PM
To: BDCPcomments
Subject: Delta Tunnels

Hello

I am a San Francisco resident, homeowner, and 28-year California resident.

I strongly oppose the Delta Tunnel project in its current form.

The health of San Francisco Bay depends on fresh water from the Sacramento River delta for its health, and the impact on wildlife, sealife, will be enormous and damaging. Even human lives may be impacted in unexpected ways.

As for the water needs of Southern Californians, far more emphasis should be placed on water conservation and recycling before ANY consideration should be given to more diversion of our region's fresh water.

Please stop the Delta Tunnel project!

Thank you.

This message was sent by Alan Botts

From: bill brinton <bbsonoma@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:34 AM
To: BDCPcomments; bayinfo@bay.org; bill brinton; barbara@restorethedelta.org
Subject: BDCP Comments

Honestly, this is one of the worst ideas Jerry Brown has ever had. And if you want to destroy a marsh and ultimately the SF Bay as we now know it, proceed with this plan.

But if you care about the quality of life in the Suisun and the Delta and around san Francisco bay, let's try something else.

First, this is of such impact that it should be voted on by the voters. Not back roomed by a bunch of self interested politicians, making deals with each other who have their own little pet project. Mark this one down as another Jerry Brown end around that needs some 'sunshine' and evaluation . Just like the Prop 30 save the schools plan Jerry had with a retroactive tax, truly among a firsts...

Second, as a duck hunter in the Suisun marsh for many years, I have watched the salt water degradation and changes taking place in the vegetation that occur when salt water meets fresh water. So lets not kid ourselves, salt water is coming and this tunnel plan will accelerate the already steady process we are now witnessing and further change the quality and make-up of the Marsh.

Third, there are alternatives, why don't we spend money on water recapture, mandatory water controls and management of groundwater taking, additional re-cycling techniques, desalinization, and on and on, ANYTHING BUT TUNNELS... FOCUS ON CONSERVING AND CAPTURING FRESH.

Fourth, don't count on the weather getting better. Take action now for our future and if rain and snow happen, look at this as a bonus, like a lottery hit. Put in more dams.

Fifth, realize, profoundly and sadly, there will be some loses of creatures. Minimize this.

Sixth and finally, slow population growth and consumption in California. We are a state with the resources for about 25 million persons and we are a state with close to 40 million. There are too many people so create economic alternatives for people to leave. Perform cost analysis on what it costs to provide for a person in California. I think you will be shocked and agree we do not have the resource or taxing power to keep an ever expanding population.

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Bill Brinton

From: bill brinton <bbsonoma@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 9:50 AM
To: BDCPcomments; bill brinton
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: BDCP Comments

I would like to add one more thought:

Found a Leadership Academy for Inner City Youth and others who can learn and begin to understand what is happening with the marsh, water, conservation of resources as many kids in the 12-16 age group have never been outside the Zip Code where they live. They need to understand resources such as water, population, etc and and management of these factors in our state...they do not now.

On Wed, Oct 28, 2015 at 9:34 AM, BDCPcomments <BDCPcomments@icfi.com> wrote:

Your comment on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix RDEIR/SDEIS has been received. The public comment period for the RDEIR/SDEIS will end on October 30, 2015. All substantive comments received on the RDEIR/SDEIS (and those previously received during the comment period for the 2013 BDCP Draft EIR/EIS) will be responded to in the Final EIR/EIS and considered in the decision-making process. No final decisions have been made regarding going forward with the proposed project or in selecting an alternative; those decisions will only occur after completion of the CEQA and NEPA processes.

For more information, assistance in locating the documents, or if you have special needs, contact [866-924-9955](tel:866-924-9955) or visit the website at <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com>.

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