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**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2015 11:30 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** CA drought

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

- California doesn't need more dams — we have 1,400 already and the best spots have been built on.
- Our water supply can be better secured in the future by investing in our depleted aquifers, which are the only things large enough to replace the long-term storage that the Sierra snowpack used to provide.
- Groundwater storage provides a cost-effective, locally driven method of providing both seasonal and year to year water storage.

**From:**

Laura Allen <laura.oakland@gmail.com>

**Sent:**

Friday, October 30, 2015 10:50 AM

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Stop the California Water Fix, review alternatives that will protect the Delta

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Thank you,

Laura Allen

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October 29, 2015

BDCP/California WaterFix  
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Attention: BDCP/California WaterFix Comments

**RE: Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS)**

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General Manager

Dear BDCP/California WaterFix:

The East Orange County Water District appreciates the opportunity to submit the following comments on the partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/ California WaterFix released on July 10, 2015.

EOCWD is a local water wholesale and retail agency that relies upon the State Water Project (SWP) to reliably meet the water needs of its residents and businesses. We strongly support and appreciate the state and federal effort under the BDCP/California Water Fix to enhance the reliability and quality of SWP supplies that bring stability to Delta exports over the long term. The SWP is a foundational element of southern California's water supply portfolio and in conjunction with storage is the cornerstone of the Metropolitan Water District's dry year reliability for over 18 million people in six California counties. The SWP supplies also help the long-term salt imbalance for groundwater basins and makes water recycling more feasible. The SWP is an essential part of our regional and local water reliability strategy.

EOCWD supports the water supply facilities as described in the Modified Proposed Alternative 4A and offers the following comments on the RDEIR/SEIS:

- **Water Supply Reliability.** The Final EIR/EIS should provide additional information on water supply yield during each type of water year (normal, dry and wet) so that the water reliability benefits can be better understood and all storage assets in southern California optimized to enhance reliability during the inevitable dry periods.
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the RDEIR/SEIS.

Sincerely,

W. VanderWerff  
President

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**Subject:** Water Fix Comments  
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Good afternoon,

Attached is the East Orange County Water District's Water Fix Comments. An original has been mailed out as well.

Much appreciated,

**Reyna O. Ayala**

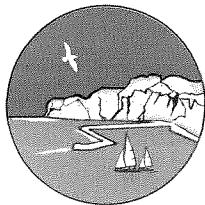
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Dear BDCP/California WaterFix:

South Coast Water District is submitting the following comments on the partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/ California WaterFix released on July 10, 2015.

South Coast Water District is a local governmental entity that relies upon the State Water Project (SWP) to reliably meet the water needs of its residents and businesses. South Coast Water District strongly supports the state and federal effort under the BDCP/California Water Fix to enhance the reliability and quality of SWP supplies that bring stability to Delta exports over the long term. The SWP is a foundational element of southern California's water supply portfolio and in conjunction with storage is the cornerstone of the Metropolitan Water District's dry year reliability for over 18 million people in six California counties. The SWP supplies also help the long-term salt imbalance for groundwater basins and makes water recycling more feasible. The SWP is an essential part of our regional and local water reliability strategy.

South Coast Water District supports the water supply facilities as described in the Modified Proposed Alternative 4A and offers the following comments on the RDEIR/SEIS:

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the RDEIR/SEIS.

Sincerely,



Andrew Brunhart, Ph.D., P.E.  
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South Coast Water District



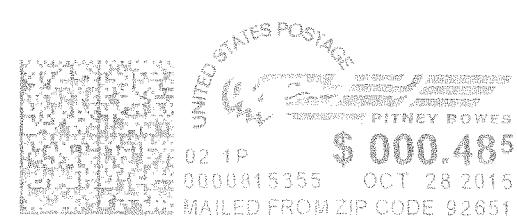
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Dear BDCP/California WaterFix:

Yorba Linda Water District is submitting the following comments on the partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/ California WaterFix released on July 10, 2015.

Yorba Linda Water District is a local governmental entity that relies upon the State Water Project (SWP) to reliably meet the water needs of its residents and businesses. Yorba Linda Water District strongly supports the state and federal effort under the BDCP/California Water Fix to enhance the reliability and quality of SWP supplies that bring stability to Delta exports over the long term. The SWP is a foundational element of southern California's water supply portfolio and in conjunction with storage is the cornerstone of the Metropolitan Water District's dry year reliability for over 18 million people in six California counties. The SWP supplies also help the long-term salt imbalance for groundwater basins and makes water recycling more feasible. The SWP is an essential part of our regional and local water reliability strategy.

Yorba Linda Water District supports the water supply facilities as described in the Modified Proposed Alternative 4A and offers the following comments on the RDEIR/SEIS:

- **Water Supply Reliability.** *The Final EIR/EIS should provide additional information on water supply yield during each type of water year (normal, dry and wet) so that the water reliability benefits can be better understood and all storage assets in southern California optimized to enhance reliability during the inevitable dry periods.*



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the RDEIR/SEIS.

Sincerely,

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Draft Environmental Impact Report – Bay Delta Conservation Plan / California Water Fix  
Contra Costa County

Dear Ms. Enos-Nobriga:

We have reviewed your *Draft Environmental Impact Report* (EIR) for the above referenced project, which describes multiple alternatives for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and identifies potential hazardous waste sites. The EIR also mentions the expansion of Clifton Court Forebay, but does not include specific details for the expansion.

Clifton Court Forebay Dam, No. 164 is currently under State jurisdiction for dam safety. An enlargement application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fee must be filed with the Division of Safety of Dams for this work. All dam safety related issues must be resolved prior to approval of the application, and the work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Sharon Tapia, our Design Engineering Branch Chief, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 227-4660.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Office Engineer Roberto Cervantes at (916) 227-4601 or me at (916) 227-4604.

Sincerely,

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Y-Nhi D. Enzler, Regional Engineer  
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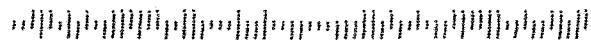
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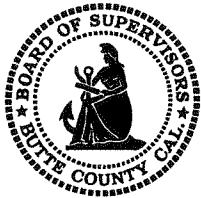


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Bay Delta Conservation Plan/WaterFix Comments  
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Re: Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)/WaterFix

Dear Secretary Laird:

The Butte County Board of Supervisors understands the critical importance of achieving the co-equal goals of improving water supply reliability and restoring the Delta ecosystem for the entire State of California. Butte County and the northern Sacramento Valley region have an interest in the overall health and stewardship of the Delta. The northern Sacramento Valley region is the area of origin for much of the water that flows through the Delta, and the region is a major source for California's overall water supply picture. The surface water resources include the crown jewel of the State Water Project (SWP) located at Lake Oroville, as well as a network of creeks and rivers that are tributary to the great Sacramento River which feeds into the Delta. The resources in the region are more than just the water supply for the Delta and the State, they provide the life blood for the local agricultural-based communities, economy and environment. Much of the local water supply comes from various groundwater basins throughout the region that are recharged through these creeks and rivers.

Butte County had high expectations that a successful BDCP process would achieve co-equal goals in a way that was beneficial to all Californians. Butte County actively engaged in the BDCP process and offered constructive recommendations over the course of its development. The Butte County Board of Supervisors submitted comments on the BDCP Scoping Document (May 14, 2009), requested the formation of a Local Issues Group (March 30, 2010) and commented on the BDCP Public Release Draft (December 14, 2010). On July 25, 2012, the state and federal agencies released documents describing their preferred plan for BDCP. The preferred plan did not address the concerns previously submitted by Butte County. On August 14, 2012, the Butte County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution in Opposition to the BDCP. The Board of Supervisors sent the Resolution and a letter to Governor Brown and United States Interior Secretary Salazar that described the County's concerns with the BDCP and recommendations to resolve them.

Unfortunately, the Administration has ignored every suggestion offered by Butte County and appears intent to move forward with the California WaterFix (BDCP/WaterFix) and California EcoRestore with little regard to legal requirements or mitigating impacts. Butte County's list of concerns with the BDCP/WaterFix is more than legal technicalities; if ignored the failures would lead to actions that will ultimately damage the region's economy, environment and communities. Therefore, the Butte County Board of Supervisors remains opposed to the BDCP/WaterFix.

The northern Sacramento Valley region is neither a party to, nor a direct beneficiary of, the BDCP/WaterFix. However, contrary to state and federal commitments, implementation of BDCP/WaterFix will redirect impacts and impose obligations on communities, water users and the environment in the northern Sacramento Valley. Although Butte County holds little faith that the Administration will modify the BDCP/WaterFix to address legitimate concerns, it is compelled to point out the shortcomings. The BDCP/WaterFix ignores fundamental state water policies, disregards area of origin water rights, violates the water right priority system and redirects impacts to the northern Sacramento Valley without fully assessing or mitigating those impacts. The 2013 EIR/EIS revisions included very little changes from the BDCP EIR/EIS. Therefore, most of the comment references are to the BDCP EIR/EIS document.

One of California's fundamental water policies mandates that "each region that depends on water from the Delta watershed shall improve its regional self-reliance for water through investment in water use efficiency, water recycling, advanced water technologies, local and regional water supply projects, and improved regional coordination of local and regional water supply efforts" (Water Code, § 85021). Additionally, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) emphasizes the principle of regional self-reliance by requiring local agencies enact long-term plans to sustain their groundwater basins. Most of the beneficiaries of the BDCP/WaterFix are in basins subject to SGMA and the policy of regional self-reliance. SGMA went into effect six months before the release of the BDCP/WaterFix documents. The Supplemental EIR/EIS stated that cumulative impacts from implementation of SGMA by various groundwater sustainability agencies were reviewed and found not be substantive. The SGMA review lacked documentation or data.

The BDCP/WaterFix will jeopardize the regional self-reliance of the northern Sacramento Valley. The health, vitality and sustainability of northern Sacramento Valley depends upon the exercise of water rights and honoring area-of-origin rights. The Legislature expressly recognized that water rights and area-of-origin rights shall not be impaired or diminished as a result of any program or project in the Bay-Delta (Water Code, § 85031). Specifically, the BDCP/WaterFix calls for extracting more water from the northern Sacramento Valley. The BDCP/WaterFix will deplete and, in some instances, draw down upstream reservoirs to dead pool conditions. The result would create conditions that prevent other water users from obtaining supplies that they are entitled to under contract or water rights. In doing so, the BDCP/WaterFix will violate long-standing principles of California water law by causing upstream senior diverters to forego diversions, thereby allowing the continued export of water by junior appropriators. The approach to subvert the area-of-origin statutes is a clear violation of those statutes intended to protect areas of origin, including the protection of northern Sacramento Valley water supplies from injury by export projects.

A more direct impact from the BDCP/WaterFix comes from the disclosure that there is an expected increase in groundwater use in the Sacramento Valley to make up for any shortfalls in surface water

supply of Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors. The EIR/EIS discusses the potential for the BDCP to result in “minor decreases in water supply availability to CVP water users in the Sacramento Valley . . .” (See *Analysis of Groundwater Conditions in Areas that Use SWP/CVP Water Supplies*, EIR/EIS, p. 7-32, lines 30-40). The estimated decrease in supply is 50,000 acre-feet/year. The section concludes, “[a] 2% increase in groundwater use in the Sacramento Valley to make up for any shortfalls in surface water supply is not anticipated to substantially impact the groundwater resources as long as the additional pumping is not concentrated in a particular area of the valley”. No information is provided as to where additional pumping will take place, whether it will interfere with existing water supplies, or whether it will exacerbate existing groundwater overdraft or cause groundwater overdraft in locations where that condition does not presently exist. Despite the acknowledgement that the BDCP/WaterFix would affect Sacramento Valley groundwater, analysis of the impact to the region’s groundwater was specifically eliminated. In the EIR/EIS, Chapter 7, *Groundwater* states that for the “*purposes of this analysis, the groundwater study area (the area in which impacts may occur) consists of the Delta Region, ... the Upstream of the Delta Region and ...*”. On page 7-13 the description of the Sacramento Valley points out that portions of the region are showing early signs of declining groundwater elevations. On page 7-37 the EIR/EIS states, “*The CVHM domain was reduced by eliminating most of the Sacramento Valley and San Joaquin Valley from the domain when developing CVHM-D. This modification allowed for greater precision in model output in the Delta Region.*” The decision to eliminate the Sacramento Valley from hydrologic modeling demonstrates the disregard of the region and creates an inconsistency within the EIS/EIR. The sensitivity of groundwater basins in the region necessitates that the BDCP/WaterFix fully disclose and assess groundwater impacts upstream of the Delta.

Another blatant attempt of the BDCP/WaterFix to redirect impacts comes from the goal of facilitating groundwater substitution transfer programs. The EIR/EIS Section 5C.10 *Potential Sources of Upstream-of-Delta Water Transfers and Potential Impact* indicates that the BDCP is expecting additional water from upstream of the Delta. The EIR/EIS ignored any environmental consequence from groundwater substitution programs and failed to acknowledge that groundwater substitution programs must comply with applicable County ordinances. In Butte County, groundwater substitution transfer programs are governed by the Groundwater Conservation Ordinance (Chapter 33 of the Butte County Code). The BDCP/WaterFix must fully disclose, assess and mitigate the impacts of the plans to incorporate north of Delta groundwater basins into the state water project.

The BDCP/WaterFix should not expect additional water from the northern Sacramento Valley, it must consider that some of the water supplies currently being exported may not be available in the future due to increased demand in the areas in which the water currently being exported originates. California law expressly recognizes the prior right of communities in those areas to water currently being exported, to the extent that water will be needed to adequately supply the beneficial needs of those areas (Water Code, §§ 10505, 10505.5, 11460, 11463 and 11128; also *id.*, §§ 12200-12220). That demand for water and the need to sustain groundwater basins, as required through the implementation of the SGMA, will increase in the Delta and north as population grows. The likelihood that less water will be available for export uses is reasonably foreseeable but not evaluated in the EIR/EIS. Again, the failure of the BDCP/WaterFix to follow the principle of regional self-reliance created irreparable flaws.

The BDCP/WaterFix and the EIR/EIS fail to fully describe the project's socioeconomic impacts. Without explanation, the EIR/EIS limits the analysis of socioeconomic impacts to Delta counties (Sacramento, San Joaquin, Yolo, Solano, and Contra Costa Counties). However, as noted elsewhere in the EIR/EIS, the BDCP/WaterFix impacts a much larger area, for example, the operational changes to Lake Oroville that are acknowledged in the BDCP/WaterFix. Appendix 5.C (page 5C 1.1) of the BDCP document states that "*No substantial changes in reservoir operations are expected as a result of the BDCP, with the potential exception of Lake Oroville, where the BDCP could shift substantial releases from summer months to spring months under high outflow scenario to contribute to spring outflow criteria*". Actions through the BDCP/WaterFix would further erode the region's economic, recreation and ecosystem benefit. The socioeconomic impacts analysis is inadequate because it fails to analyze the entire affected environmental setting of the proposed project and alternatives. The BDCP document, Chapter 1 (page 1-21) states,

*"Because the SWP and CVP water infrastructure is operated as an integrated system, the effects of implementing the BDCP may extend to aquatic systems beyond the Delta, both upstream and downstream, and will implicate water operations parameters as well as species and their habitats located in those areas. As such, the BDCP effects analysis (Chapter 5, Effects Analysis) takes into account these upstream and downstream aquatic effects, both positive and negative, and describes, analyzes, and addresses the overall effects of the BDCP. Areas potentially affected by the implementation of the BDCP located outside of the Plan Area, have been included in the analysis of effects to ensure that all of the potential effects within the action area (all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by the federal action and not merely the immediate area involved in the action), as defined by Section 7 of the ESA, have been adequately assessed."*

Although the BDCP makes this statement, the EIS/EIR failed to assess the direct and indirect impacts from the BDCP outside of the Delta. This failure to assess the impacts of the BDCP to the region north of the Delta is inconsistent with State and Federal law.

Finally, most, if not all, of the identified funding sources are speculative and are undefined. The state water contractors is among the most uncertain. The BDCP/WaterFix claims that state water contractors have committed to providing funds for the construction and operation of new water facilities, as well as for mitigation necessary to address impacts to terrestrial and aquatic impacts associated with construction and operation. The state water project contractors vary in their interest in and benefit from the BDCP/WaterFix. For example, Butte County is a state water project contractor that would derive no benefit from the BDCP/WaterFix and has gone on record opposing any financial obligation. To date, the state water contractors have yet to reach agreement on the structure of the commitment to fund BDCP/WaterFix. In fact, the state water project contractors have begun the early stages of negotiations on how the financial commitment for the BDCP/WaterFix will be structured. Additionally, the assumptions that other funding sources (e.g., federal government, state bond funds) would provide funding commitments for BDCP/WaterFix cannot be substantiated.

In closing, the BDCP/WaterFix and its related EIR/EIS do not comply with State water law and inadequately assess the environmental and socioeconomic impacts. The actions of the

BDCP/WaterFix would damage the region's economy, environment and communities. For these reasons, the Butte County Board of Supervisors remains opposed to the BDCP/WaterFix. The state and federal agencies are assuming enormous liability for the harm that the BDCP/WaterFix will cause. Butte County will consider taking appropriate measures to protect the County's economy, environment and communities.

Sincerely,

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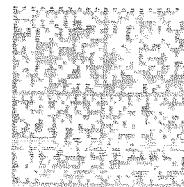
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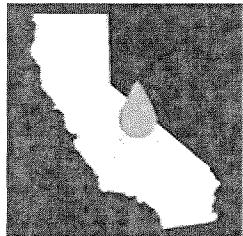
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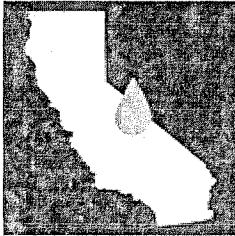
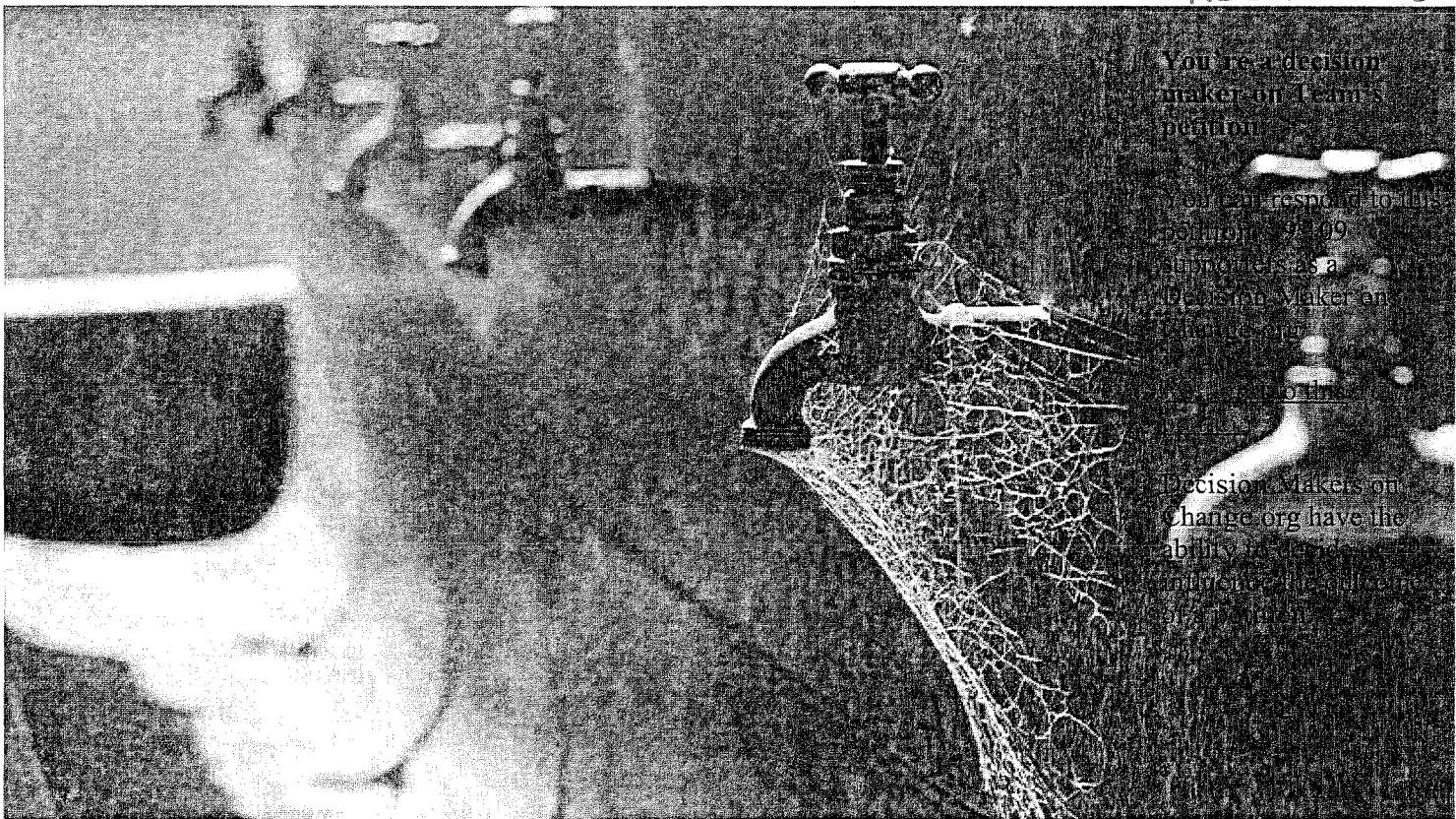
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California's water distribution system is made up of aging dirt levees, aqueducts and pipes that bring water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to 2/3 of the State. This system is outdated and at risk of collapse in the event of a major earthquake or flood. Inefficiencies in the system are reducing water supplies for our homes, farms and businesses. We must update this aging system to protect water supplies for our state.

The California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

Please sign our petition today to show your support for the California Water Fix and to urge the Department of Water Resources to move forward to bring the California Water Fix to fruition as quickly as possible.

The California Water Fix will replace aging dirt levees with a modern, secure water pipeline; upgrade the water distribution system to protect water supplies from earthquakes and natural disasters; and restore more natural river flows to protect fish and wildlife.

This plan is the culmination of nearly a decade of extensive expert review, planning and scientific and environmental analysis by the state's leading water experts, engineers and conservationists, and unprecedented public comment and participation.

The time to act and move forward is now to protect California's water security.

We must support the California Water Fix.

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

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

Dear Sirs/Madams:

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

The Delta Reform Act of 2009 mandated co-equal goals for providing a more reliable water supply for California **AND** protecting and restoring the cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta. The Act cannot be upheld if the Delta Tunnels come to pass.

All of my concerns have to do with the issues brought forth by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences report of four years ago. Their comprehensive analysis of the twin tunnels plan was spot on, yet was ignored by those we entrust to make sound scientific and fiscal decisions.

The Twin Tunnel plan is one of the most expensive public works projects ever proposed. There has never been a full cost benefit analysis on this project. It is fiscally irresponsible.

The plan does not cover the negative impacts to the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary, its fish and wildlife, the lives of over 4 million Californians who live in 5 Delta counties, Delta agriculture, tourism, recreation and boating.

There are no benefits for Northern California, while Southern California reaps all of the benefits, especially private interest agriculture which uses 70% of the exported water to grow nuts which are primarily exported!

The Delta has over 500,000 acres of federally designated prime farm land. Many of the farms have been family owned and operated for over 150 years. It defies common sense to seize 300 Delta farms and properties by eminent domain to irrigate toxic desert soil found in the southern San Joaquin Valley.

No one has addressed how the drinking water supply of Delta residents will be affected! Likewise, we don't know what damage salt water intrusion will have upon the aquifers and wells used by Delta residents. The diversion of water at the proposed sites steals the freshest water before it reaches the Delta. In addition, the Contra Costa County Water District stated that BDCP failed to model for potential increases of carcinogens and formation of other byproducts that would cause cancer or other serious health effects. How will we mitigate the additional costs of treating the contaminated water that is left in the Delta? How can you undo the potential damage and unknown construction impact?

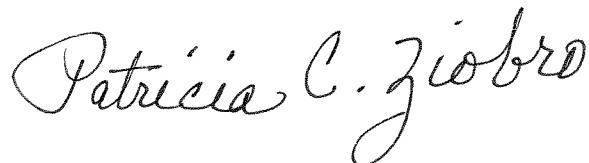
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The new EIR/EIS has not adequately address these concerns. That is why I am adamantly opposed to the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

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.

**A Very Concerned Delta Resident,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia C. Ziobro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Patricia" on the first line and "C. Ziobro" on the second line.

Patricia C. Ziobro

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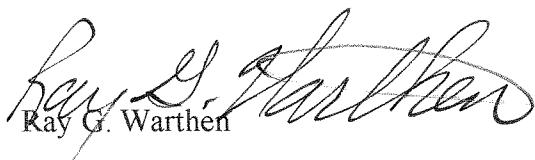
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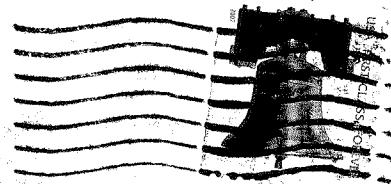
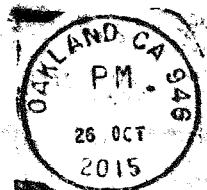
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**From:** walking\_quail@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:03 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

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

I oppose the Delta Tunnels. They won't produce more water and will have negative impacts on the Delta and Bay Area economy, tourism, water recreation, fisheries and farmland. There are better alternatives for water conservation. I usually agree with Gov. Brown but not on this issue.

Thank you,  
Theresa E Blair  
6628 Las Animas Drive  
Martinez CA 94553

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**From:** ddsprouse@juno.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 2:49 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

Dear BDCP members:

I strongly oppose the Delta Tunnels. This has been a battle fought for decades. This is only the old proposal(s) dressed up with a new name. The tunnels won't produce more water or ensure more reliable supplies. Although the tunnel plan is called the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, conservation is the least apparent objective. It would destroy the Delta, the largest estuary on the coast of North and South America and home to critical habitat. It would not produce new water nor improve water conservation efforts. There will be negative economic effects because of impacts on Bay Area tourism, water recreation, fisheries and farmland.

Big Agriculture and southern CA water interests are behind this. The plan should be scuttled.

Diane Sprouse  
1048 Dale Place  
Concord, CA 94518

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**From:** Deborah Dueñas <debbieduenas@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 6:26 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** No Delta Tunnels

Dear BDCP,

I am an avid boater and have enjoyed the Delta for the past 15 or so years. I urge you not to put the tunnels in the Delta area. There are so many reasons why that is a bad idea I can't name them all, but here are a few:

The benefits do not match the cost. According to Dr. Jeff Michael, University of the Pacific, the estimated benefits for the project drop by \$10 billion without regulatory assurance for water deliveries so that costs EXCEED benefits by at least \$8 billion. The costs will be born by farmers and urban ratepayers. Since there is no added water, urban ratepayers obtain no benefit.

The tunnels do not provide for any additional water in a drought after prior water rights and public trust needs are met. During many years, they are likely to be dry. Other alternatives do produce more water.

The route selected is the worst alternative that could be selected since it does not protect Delta farm communities and Delta recreation as required by the 2009 Delta Reform Act. It is only the cheapest. A construction project through the heart of the Delta, through the sensitive estuary and loud pounding through bird habitats for years is not the way to protect the fish or fowl. Instead, the alternative to route the tunnels far east, by I-5, should replace the current route.

Thank you,  
Deborah Duenas

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**From:** Christina Berte **<**singingwater@jps.net**>**  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2015 10:26 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta/Tunnels WaterFix (Alternative 4A)

Dear Decisionmakers,

I strongly oppose the Delta Tunnels Plan.

Huge infrastructure investments are not the way to guarantee future water security.

Your DEIR/DEIS is flawed because it does not take into account ways to reduce the dependence on the Delta by increasing water independence locally.

Small, local, appropriate conservation measures, greywater re-use, rainwater capture and storage, groundwater storage in underground aquifers, are the solutions we need to fund for true future sustainable water supplies.

Australia got through their drought by supporting these localized interventions. In their case big de-sal was not the answer, rather a boondoggle.

The tunnels will not create more water, they will just take water away from where it is already going, i.e. to the Bay/Delta ecosystems.

Already powerful interests have pressured regulators into reducing required flows through the Delta, with negative impacts on many many species.

I have a great love for the amazing sturgeon species who already struggle to survive in our Bay and Delta.

The tunnels will most likely bring about their final demise. We have no right to extirpate a 260 million year old ancestor species!

If the tunnels were to be built they would provide a monetary argument for forcing the delisting of northern California rivers from their Wild and Scenic protection status in order to actually put more water into the tunnels. This is a dangerous and alarming domino effect--better to prevent the tunnels from being built in the first place.

Raising Shasta Dam is also a completely inappropriate use of public money as the current dam itself rarely fills to capacity. This also would point to covert plans to steal water from protected northern rivers.

Please oppose Alternative 4A and the Delta Tunnels proposal.

Use that 15 billion dollars to invest in local jobs and local water sources that will create true water sustainability.

Thank you  
Christina Berte  
plumbing contractor  
water activist, greywater/rainwater instructor eco-artist