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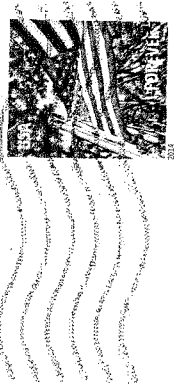
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**From:** Mendoza, Tiffany  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 7:55 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: Water Report

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

From: Monica Jackson [mailto:[antiem3@yahoo.com](mailto:antiem3@yahoo.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 11:34 AM  
To: [info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com](mailto:info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com)  
Subject: Water Report

Well all I can say is this:

STOP STEALING CALIFORNIA'S WATER.  
STOP LYING ABOUT WEATHER MODIFICATIONS  
STOP TAKING OUR MONEY AND NOT PROTECTING AND CLEANING OUR WATER YOUR REPORT YOU MAKE IT SO NO ONE  
OUT HERE IN THE WORLD WILL WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT.  
YOU DO NOTHING TO SUPPORT AND HELP YOUR FELLOW HUMAN YOU LIE CHEAT STEAL AND DEMAND PAYMENT.  
I DO NOT CONSENT  
I DO NOT CONSENT  
I DO NOT CONSENT  
CLEAN UP THE WATER  
LET THERE BE A BALANCED FAIR WAY TO GIVE EVERYONE THE WATER THEY NEED BE TRUTHFUL IN YOUR DEALINGS  
TREAT US LIKE YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.

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**From:** Ben Coleman <scooter.35@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:14 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** water Fix comments

I am appalled at the gall of our Governor saying he is saving the Delta , destroy yes ,save the Delta no . The only way to stop the encroachment of salt water coming up the Delta is by having sufficient water flow PERIOD. Putting a rock dam across the river assuring salt water cannot contaminate water being shipped to the south but destroying the land around the Delta. This was not by accident that this dam was placed where it is , thus assuring that water supply would be the last area to be contaminated by salt water . Governor you sir are a liar when saying saving the Delta is a priority , getting water to southern Corporate farmers and Los Angeles over the dead body's of central California is your priority. Nothing is being done about desalination plants which will be just as costly as the Twin tunnels fiasco with a never ending supply of water . Your bulling the citizens of the central valley shows again your ignorance of the lasting effects this will have for hundreds of years .. Ben Coleman (209-368-0247) 1706 S. Sacramento St . Lodi, Ca. 95240

**From:** pauli <peacelivelong@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 9:27 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Water Fix comment

October 2, 2015

The Tunnel Project would be the ruin of the Sacramento Delta. Balances between salt and fresh water levels are already critical, endangering plants, animals, fish and farm land if more salt water is allowed to intrude. Damages from the drought are bad enough. Please retract your plan as it would damage us far more.

Thank you,

Pauli Ayres

3365 South River Road

West Sacramento, CA 95691

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**From:** Jim Jorgensen <jim.jorgensen@wavecable.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:26 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** The Water Fix

Good morning,

We own a family ranch in Merced County and have used water from Delta Mendota canal; but not in the summer of 2015. The water fix does zero to assist with water for small ranchers/farmers near Gustine, off I-5.

These tunnels are very expensive; there is no certainty they will be efficient and work as the promoters say they will. Billions of dollars for a project that is 50/50 at best in working. Have you looked at the tunnels themselves-how will they be maintained? How can they be repaired if water flows uncontrollably through them? How will the wildlife(fish, mammals, birds, etc.) that are endangered species be looked after or considered for protection?

There are many ranchers/farmers who have been in the Delta area for nearly two hundred years whose lives & land will be uprooted FOREVER if this project was moved forward..... That is not RIGHT!

Any questions, please contact me

Jim Jorgensen

Jorgensen Ranch

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Gustine, CA 95322

Ph: 209 854 6566

**From:** redtails <redtails@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:05 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Stop the tunnels

Please do not destroy the delta by building tunnels. It will decimate our water and destroy the habitat.

Build a new desalinization instead. It makes more sense.

Thank you,  
Lori LaFata

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® 4, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** Fred Weibel <fred@weibel.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 3:37 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** STOP THE TUNNELS

Dear Mr. Cowin,

We live on the Calaveras River and are opposed to the tunnels as they would disrupt much of our valuable farm land and create an unbelievable environmental hazard. The salinity levels that have increased in the Stockton area will only climb higher when the water is diverted from Courtland to the canal system.

Our Delta is a precious gift from God and needs to be protected.

Thank you

Judy and Fred Weibel

4151 Yacht Harbor Dr.

Stockton, ca.



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**From:** Tasso/Gertie <akngkkandris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:50 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Protesting "Water Fix" and "EcoRestore" Plans for Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

Dear Governor Brown:

Thank you for extending the public comment period for the updated environmental review documents for the California "Water Fix" tunnels plan. PRIOR to moving forward with the Water Fix Tunnels plan, please consider the fact that these multibillion-dollar monstrosities fail to increase any water supply and will devastate an already fragile Delta Eco System. Additionally thousands of acres of farmland would be taken out of production in the Delta Region. This plan will potentially impair properties around the entire region through eminent domain. Please keep in mind that it is Agriculture that drives the California Economic Engine. Another negative impact is the depletion of essential freshwater from the Delta Estuary and ground water supplies. My family and all of our neighbors rely on this groundwater supply and it seems that the State should protect it and not take it away.

We are also very discouraged that the great State of California which prides itself as being on the very edge of technology and environmental protection would opt to keep using the antiquated method of shipping Water from the North to the South without taking into consideration that there is no excess water in the North. Northern California would be made the "sacrificial lamb" destroying our water supply and farming for the benefit of the South. Surely our State has the brain power to come up with more innovative solutions. These solutions should include desalination, recycling, storage and increased efficiencies ensuring sustainable water supplies for a healthy Delta ecosystem and farmland protection. The public should also be supplied with a cost-benefit analysis of any State water proposals. This State deserves and needs better and more innovative alternatives to the current plans and we sincerely hope that you will take the leadership to make this happen.

Submitted by  
Gertie Kandris  
Woodbridge, CA 95258

**From:** D C <lno184@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 3:39 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Opinion on the Tunnel Project

Dear Sirs

I would like to register my objection to this project.

[http://swrcb2.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/deltaflow/docs/exhibits/swrcb/swrcb\\_ccwd2010.pdf](http://swrcb2.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/deltaflow/docs/exhibits/swrcb/swrcb_ccwd2010.pdf)

[http://www.watereducation.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/ccwd\\_historicalsalinityhighlights\\_lr.pdf](http://www.watereducation.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/ccwd_historicalsalinityhighlights_lr.pdf)

I reference the above reports as the basis for my objection. The "tunnel" project is not the right approach for our current water situation. Just moving water around does not help, nor does making more dam's help either. The answer is to pursue alternative water resources such as desalination and reclamation.

Please do not pursue this project, as I have witnessed the decline in the delta first hand.

Thank you

**From:** Mendoza, Tiffany  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 1:00 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** FW: DWR Statement Regarding Delta Independent Science Board Comments on RDEIR/SDEIS

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**From:** thereelmccabe@comcast.net [mailto:thereelmccabe@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 1:29 PM  
**To:** CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY  
**Subject:** Re: DWR Statement Regarding Delta Independent Science Board Comments on RDEIR/SDEIS

No peripheral canal   No two tunnels   and   Yes to Desalination for L.A. IN L.A.

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**From:** "CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY" <[info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com](mailto:info@BayDeltaConservationPlan.com)>  
**To:** [thereelmccabe@comcast.net](mailto:thereelmccabe@comcast.net)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 9:46:10 AM  
**Subject:** DWR Statement Regarding Delta Independent Science Board Comments on RDEIR/SDEIS



September 16, 2015

## DWR Statement Regarding Delta Independent Science Board Comments on RDEIR/SDEIS

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Statement from Cassandra Enos-Nobriga, program manager for the California Department of Water Resources, about the Delta Independent Science Board comments on the Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) for California WaterFix:

The Department of Water Resources is grateful for the Independent Science Board (ISB) review of the California WaterFix/Bay Delta Conservation Plan RDEIR/SDEIS. The ISB's comments will help ensure the state's approach to protecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta uses the best possible scientific methods, coordination and inquiry. The ISB's specific comments on various resource chapters of the RDEIR/SDEIS will enhance analysis of the proposed project by DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and improve the final environmental impact documents.

The ISB found much to laud in the new documents, including for example that:

- The new Sections 1 through 4 are well-written;
- Section 2 provides the great service of summarizing how the previous draft was revised in response to project changes and public input;
- Section 4 presents an impressive amount of detailed information; and
- if the comprehensive "Resource Restoration and Performance Principles" listed in the environmental documents are adhered to, the project should have minimal impacts on biological resources that might be affected by construction or operations.

Several of the ISB's comments warrant clarification.

1. In developing California WaterFix, three new alternatives were added to the existing 15 already being considered to meet the project objectives and purpose and need. The primary change with the RDEIR/SDEIS is that there is a different proposed project (preferred alternative). The California WaterFix does not have a 15-year time period as stated in the ISB comments.
2. The 21 other conservation measures in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan are part of the alternatives that include a Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP). A portion of many of the conservation measures also would serve as mitigation to offset construction related impacts, including construction of the conveyance project. Elements of the conservation measures, including restoration, that offset construction related impacts remain as part of the proposed California WaterFix project and non-HCP/NCCP alternatives. Other conservation measures that make up the HCP/NCCP alternatives will be or are being pursued through other projects and programs at the state, federal or local level.
3. Some comments of the Delta ISB relate to issues beyond the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and beyond the scope of an EIR/EIS. The purpose of an EIR/EIS is to identify

and evaluate the potential impacts of a project on the existing environment. The major focus of the CEQA/NEPA environmental review requirement directs the lead agency to focus on how construction and operation of the proposed project would adversely impact existing resources. CEQA and NEPA do not direct an agency, beyond a cumulative impact analysis, to specifically analyze how other future actions, unrelated to the proposed project, also could affect the environment. So, for example, while DWR appreciates the importance of understanding the viability of future levee programs and the environmental effect of levee failure, such an assessment falls outside the scope of CEQA and NEPA requirements and instead would occur as a part of a feasibility study related to engineering design.

4. An EIR/EIS should not be speculative. CEQA specifically directs an agency not to speculate and to terminate discussion of an impact where it is too speculative for evaluation. However, for example, the ISB reviewers state that they would like to see in the draft environmental review documents greater detail about the effects of changed water availability on agricultural practices in the San Joaquin Valley. Although some degree of forecasting may be appropriate in certain situations where the indirect actions are reasonably certain to occur, such speculation in this instance would not be reasonably foreseeable and therefore inappropriate in an EIR/EIS.
5. To a large extent, CEQA and NEPA direct that an EIR/EIS follow a certain format related to defining the environmental setting/affected environment and then sequentially analyzing impacts of how the proposed action would cause potentially significant impacts to that existing environment. The environmental setting should be focused on the physical conditions which exist within the area and will be affected by the project. This area is limited to only that where significant impacts would occur. While the ISB reviewers state that they would like to see greater detail on a "landscape" level, an EIR/EIS does not call for such an analysis. The state, however, is working to improve its landscape-level understanding of resource management. Similarly, efforts are underway to better articulate how the California EcoRestore program will be properly and effectively coordinated with other restoration programs.
6. The ISB reviewers state that they would like to see more detail on adaptive management. An EIR/EIS is required to present all feasible mitigation to avoid or substantially reduce potentially significant impacts and develop a monitoring program

for the implementation of the mitigation that is required. Where the mitigation relies on the future development of a detailed plan, performance standards must be included within the measure's description; however, comprehensive adaptive management programs are not necessarily a specific element of that mitigation plan. An EIR/EIS does not call for a comprehensive summary of adaptive management principles. Nonetheless, DWR puts adaptive management into practice on a regular basis and will continue to do so for any future project.

7. The ISB expresses interest in greater detail. But an EIR/EIS should not be judged as a comprehensive treatise on Delta challenges or even a primer for policy makers. It is one piece of the overall panoply of information to be utilized in decision-making, and its boundaries are narrowly prescribed by law.

We welcome the Delta ISB's interest in how the State intends to manage water supplies and protect invaluable natural resources in the Delta, and we hope to continue working collaboratively with both the ISB and the Delta Stewardship Council toward that goal.



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**From:** cragg@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:25 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Disapprove of Twin Tunnels Project

Dear BDCP,

This is to inform you of my **disapproval and formal protest to construction of the "Twin Tunnels"** project to divert water under the San Francisco Bay/Delta.

I have been following this project for some time and have attended public events including the so-called public hearing which you sponsored in Sacramento.  
I oppose this project for several reasons:

- 1) The projected current cost is now at **\$17 BILLION** with cost over run estimates going as high as **\$60 BILLION**.
- 2) Despite the high costs, not one additional drop of water is added to our current supply through production or storage.
- 3) The damage to the environment, animal and fish species that construction of these tunnels will produce is reprehensible and willingly misrepresented in the EIS/EIR report. 48,000 pages of misrepresentation, really?
- 4) The cost of the water delivered to MWD and the West valley is the highest cost per acre foot when compared to other methods of water usage including the following: recycling, various conservation methods, construction of additional storage facilities state-wide, de-salinization. This is derived from your own EIS report.
- 5) Projects of this magnitude should be put to the voters of the State of California.

To be blunt, this project runs contrary to Governor Brown's plans to be known as a conservator and pioneer in the conservation and preservation of our environment.

As a licensed engineer in the State of California, I have learned in my career that just because you can build something, does not mean you should. This state has demonstrated a poor track record of late in the construction and completion of major infra-structure projects, the east span of the San Francisco Bay Bridge coming to mind.

This project is too costly for the State of California and is ill-conceived.

Thank you,  
Charles M. Raggio P.E. (MT#1719)  
Linden, CA 95236

**From:** dave kendall <italian\_fnshr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:34 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta tunnels

I just read about 50 different points why the tunnels plan, and the over- taking of Delta water for south+ central Cal. should not be. Besides, quit wasting our money.

Sent from my iPad      Dave Kendall



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**From:** Rosemary Everett <everettsnjm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 5:37 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnel Project

After reading the analysis of the experts in this report, it is apparent to me that the Tunnel project is not what we need.

*I agree that the Governor "needs to drop the tunnels project once and for all, and use his office to create a Marshall plan for water sustainability for all Californians, not just mega growers in Westlands and the Kern County Water District, and certainly not for the Metropolitan Water District."*

Rosemary Everett

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**From:** Sally Galiste <naturegirl5@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 5:25 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** BDCP/Water Fix Comments

Dear California State Officials,

My family strongly OPPOSES implementation of the California Water Fix plan (formerly Bay Delta Conservation plan) as long as it continues to include the go ahead for building twin tunnels in the Delta. In drought years these tunnels would be useless. In normal rainfall years (will we ever experience those again??) it would cause devastating harm to the Sacramento Delta ecosystem, taking huge acreage of fertile farmland out of production in the Delta area. Plus the water diversion would deplete vitally needed groundwater supplies. Without an infusion of freshwater from rivers into the Delta it will become a salt-water marsh, inhibiting water quality for millions of people living in the area. Farmers, fish, birds and untold wildlife would be heavily impacted from the degradation of this California water lifeline.

The billions of dollars estimated for construction of these twin tunnels is an unbelievable waste of money. Instead, re-direct the California Water Fix plan toward more useful suggestions, such as levee improvements, more/better water storage facilities, and desalination plants. We need to take what little water we have and make it work double for us - such as through recycling water and the cleaning/filtration of grey water.

The time has come to recognize that abundant water supplies are a thing of the past for California. We no longer should be farming in marginalized, poor soil areas which do not have nearby reliable water sources. We no longer should be farming in near-desert areas. We should continue to be farming in fertile Delta soils. It's a tough, rough outcome, but one that needs to be done for the betterment of California as a whole.

Please do NOT GO FORWARD WITH THE WATER FIX PLAN as long as it contains instructions to build tunnels diverting freshwater in the Delta to lands in Central/Southern California.

Thank you for listening to my comments.

Sincerely,

Sally Galiste and Family      922 Snow Lily Ct.      Galt, CA      95632

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**From:** G Leach <gcleach@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:37 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THE DELTA TUNNELS PROJECT!

*The tunnels project is a disaster that further imperils the largest estuary in all of North and South America.*

*The project is nothing more than an environmentally destructive water grab by the central and southern parts of the state that have not adequately created or managed their own water resources.*

*Devastation of the environment, landscape, native and migratory species is not a reasonable trade-off for any purported benefit.*

*The desolation of the Owens Valley as effected by the Los Angeles Water Department's diversion of the Owens river, is an obvious example of what could be expected by the proposed "management" of the Delta water being exported from it's natural path.*

*The project is not and should never be considered a reasonable or responsible solution.*

Grace Leach  
745 Cecilyn Way  
Sacramento CA

**From:** jjcassidyhydro@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 4:10 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels  
**Attachments:** Letter re twin tunnels.docx

BDCP

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have attached my comments on your Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix. I could sum up my comments in one sentence: "Do you think that everyone in California is stupid."

John Cassidy PhD., PE

**John J. Cassidy**  
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**BDCP/Waterfix Comments**  
**P.O. Box 1919**  
**Sacramento, CA 95812**

Dear Sir:

I have reviewed the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California Water Fix dated July 2015. I have the following comments:

1. You make the statement that a tunnel capacity of 9,000 cfs somehow enhances storage. The twin tunnels cannot enhance storage in any way.
2. The state of the art screens you describe are not new. Very little research has been done on fish screens in recent years. If you have an improved design for fish screening, why has it not been installed on existing diversions and as modifications to the screens used on the State Water Project pumping plant at Clifton Court ?
3. You make the statement that 196 parcels of land will be impacted. Why then are you considering obtaining 300 parcels by Imminent Domain?
4. You state that salmon passage through the Delta will be enhanced by reducing cross flow providing a more suitable flow direction for fish passage through the Delta. However, use of the twin tunnels will decrease flow through the Delta. I agree that the tunnel will tend to reduce the cross flow. However, the amount of flow left to go through the Delta will be reduced. The problem with fish conditions in the Delta now is due to the lack of sufficient flow. The concept of the twin tunnels does nothing positive for anyone except for downstream diverters, those receiving water through Clifton Court Forebay.
5. You state that reverse flows created by diversions from the Delta are a problem for the Delta environment. That is true. However, operation of the twin tunnels will, in fact, increase the reverse flow problem, since even less flow will be available to oppose upstream tidal flows.
6. You state that the twin tunnels will increase water security. However, they will I crease water security only for those users receiving water diverted through Clifton Court Forebay.
7. Construction and operationof the twin tunnels will do nothing to improve the environmental health of the Delta. The current environmental problems in the Delta are caused by insufficient flows through the Delta. Diversion through the twin tunnels will reduce flows through the Delta and worsen the situation. Thus, the twin tunnels can only worsen the situation.

8. I do not see how the changed design of the twin tunnels can reduce the power demands of operating the system. Whether the pumping plant is at the upper end or lower end of the tunnel, does not affect the amount of energy required to move 9,000 cfs through the tunnels.
9. The twin tunnels will certainly be vulnerable to earthquake damage. Repairing any such damage would be extremely difficult and costly.
10. The tunnel system, in itself, can do nothing to protect fish in the Delta. If anything, its operation will worsen environmental conditions for the fish.
11. Virtually no design features or construction considerations are provided in the report. In fact less details of design and Construction are provided in this revision than were provided in the initial report. Construction of the tunnels will be quite difficult because of high ground water levels and the type of earth materials encountered. As conceived, the tunnel with air shafts, located at roughly equal distances along the tunnel, will more than likely cause surging within the tunnel, which will result in overtopping of the airshafts, and local flooding around them. This condition was observed in the USBR-constructed conduit distributing flow within the Coachella Valley Irrigation system in 1954 and in the USBR-constructed Canadian River Project in Texas in 1967.
12. You imply that construction and operation of the tunnels will alleviate the effects of seal-level rise. Diverting flow through the twin tunnels will increase the effects of sea level rise by reducing flow going through the Delta to oppose tidal inflow. Thus, the twin tunnel operation will increase salinity content further upstream than exists at the present time.

John J. Cassidy

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**From:** randydidit@att.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:25 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Public Comments on Delta Tunnels  
**Attachments:** Delta Tunnels.pdf

Attached is my letter stating my concerns with the Delta-Tunnels Project.

Randy Adams  
Officer / Board of Directors  
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## **The Delta Tunnels are not a fix for California's Water Crisis: by Randall Adams 9/29/15**

The purpose of this letter is to state my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The California Water Fix doesn't FIX anything and it doesn't meet restoration goals defined in the Delta Reform Act of 2009 in which the California State Legislature committed to the Co-Equal Goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California, protecting and restoring the Cultural, Recreational, Natural Resource, and Agricultural Values of the Delta. If the Delta Tunnels are built these Co-Equal goals cannot be upheld,

The Delta Tunnel Plan will only export more water out of the already frail San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary/eco-system. The Delta Tunnels do nothing to improve or increase our water storage capacity and it won't provide a more reliable water supply. The Delta water is already overburdened & over-subscribed by 5 times in what was previously "normal" water years...but what is the "new-normal" with climate-change? The tunnels would be dry if they existed now.

### **My concerns with the delta-tunnel plan is as follows:**

The California Water Fix proposed Delta tunnels project does not adequately address the significant negative impacts on the following three issues:

1. Environmental Impacts on the Delta-Ecosystem and endangered species
2. Public Health Impacts on Delta Residents
3. Economic Impacts on Delta Agriculture & Delta Recreational economies.

### **Environmental concerns with the plan:**

There are many wildlife and plant species in the Delta whose lives are dependent on freshwater including the Delta smelt, Chinook salmon, Steelhead, the San Joaquin Kit Fox, and Tricolored Blackbird. These Delta inhabitants are protected species already struggling and on the brink, they are facing decimation due to a diminishing food-web and the Delta-Tunnels will seal their fate.

I believe the Delta water Plan does not comply with 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." These protected species will eventually cease to exist...meaning extinction...because of a woefully flawed Delta Tunnel Plan.

### **Concerns with Public Health and Welfare:**

- The delta tunnels plan will cause increased contamination of municipal water supplies and the wells for the millions of Rural & Urban Residents living in the five Delta counties which includes me & my family.
- The delta 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, those who depend on subsistence fishing, will face Food and Health Insecurities as a result of increased contaminants, specifically Mercury Contamination, in Fish and Wildlife Populations.



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- My family & friends live in the delta region because we frequently use the delta for recreation, we water ski, swim, wakeboard, etc.. We regularly enjoy being both "in" and "on" the delta water. The exposure to increased contaminants are a serious concern because we are in physical contact with the delta water every weekend.

### **Concerns with economic the plan:**

California's largest cities Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Jose all rely on water exports. In order to fund the proposed "Water-Fix" WATER RATES and/or PROPERTY TAXES in these municipalities will increase...but they will get No Additional Water...how does this "fix" anything for these cities?

The San Francisco Bay currently has less than 20% of the natural water flows it had before we started diverting water to the south. The State needs to analyze how the lack of fresh water and diverted water flows will impact San Francisco Bay tourism and recreation. These industries which are worth billions annually depend on fresh water flows from the Delta for Crab and Salmon fisheries, Wildlife Sightings, Boating, and their Restaurant economies.

The Delta Ag economy consists of generations of family farms and farm workers and generates \$5.2 billion annually for the California economy. Salt-Water intrusion is already impacting the western Delta farms. The Delta Tunnels will remove Sacramento River freshwater from the system exacerbating the salinity intrusion problem. Delta farmers cannot irrigate crops with salt water nor can they plant crops in soils contaminated by salt.

California's coastal fishing industry & its communities depend on thriving wildlife. This industry is worth billions annually, with the salmon industry worth \$1.5 billion annually alone. This industry provides thousands of jobs, the livelihoods of these Californian Industries & Communities are reliant on the sustainability of our shared resources. This industry & those who live & work in those communities will be negatively impacted by the Delta-Tunnel water-grab.

Another concern I have is the operation and construction of the delta tunnels will OBSTRUCT and DISABLE Navigable Waterways for Boating, Marinas and other types of Leisure Activities. The delta tunnels will create conditions of LOW WATER FLOW that will foster INVASIVE WATER SPECIES, such as water hyacinth. The low water flow conditions will cause POOR WATER QUALITY which is UNSAFE FOR RECREATION. Recreation and tourism in the Delta generate \$750 million annually.

### **Alternative Plans Ignored:**

Alternatives to the Delta Tunnels which are less expensive and less environmentally destructive were largely ignored, the tunnel plan was rail-roaded down our throats without serious consideration of alternatives other than new, upstream conveyance. The decision in favor of increasing water exports from the Delta was made long before the public comment period began and the entire approval process has been tilted in its favor.

**The Delta Tunnels are not a fix for California's Water Crisis: by Randall Adams 9/29/15****California's "Water Fix" should focus on the following:**

1. More aggressive water efficiency program statewide that would apply to both urban and agricultural users.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Increasing freshwater flows through the Delta to reduce pollutants so ecosystems and wildlife can be restored.
6. 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 old-school thinking that won't fix them. The tunnels won't produce more water, more reliable supplies, or improved conditions for the environment in the Delta. The solution to California's water issues must go well beyond prioritizing water conveyance to the south, the "Water-Fix Program" does not achieve this. The EIR/EIS does not adequately address my concerns that is why I oppose the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

I propose that Reclamation & DWR prepare and circulate a new Draft EIR/EIS which includes Alternative Plans for consideration by the public and decision-makers, Plans & Goals for Reducing Water Exports and Increase Delta Flows. These types of alternatives plans are more likely to comply with the Delta Reform Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Federal Endangered Species Act.

*Sincerely-*  
*Randall Adams*  
*Officer / Board of Directors*  
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**From:** Daniel Drugan <DDrugan@fmwd.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:59 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** Nina Jazmadarian  
**Subject:** Foothill MWD Resolution in Support of California WaterFix and California EcoRestore  
**Attachments:** (09-2015) Support of California WaterFix Resolution.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

Hello, please find the attached resolution adopted by the Foothill Municipal Water District ([www.fmwd.com](http://www.fmwd.com)) Board of Directors in support of California WaterFix and California EcoRestore.

If you have any questions please contact Foothill MWD at 818-790-4036.

Daniel

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## RESOLUTION NO. 852-0915

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA WATERFIX AND CALIFORNIA ECORESTORE

**WHEREAS**, in April 2015, the Brown and Obama administrations proposed a revised path to protecting water supplies that are imported from Northern California while restoring the declining ecosystem of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta;

**WHEREAS**, the new state-federal proposal identifies a new, preferred alternative within the Delta environmental review process that advances water system improvements as a stand-alone project while phasing in habitat restoration in a separate, but coordinated fashion;

**WHEREAS**, California WaterFix will provide a 9,000 cubic feet per second facility that will complement local water supply projects by allowing the safe capture of water in wet and above-normal years so that it can be stored and used in dry years;

**WHEREAS**, California EcoRestore will accelerate and implement a comprehensive suite of habitat restoration actions to support the long-term health of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta's native fish and wildlife species;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT as follows:**

Section 1. The Board of Directors support California WaterFix and California EcoRestore programs; and,

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to our state legislative representatives and key members of the Administration.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on September 28, 2015.

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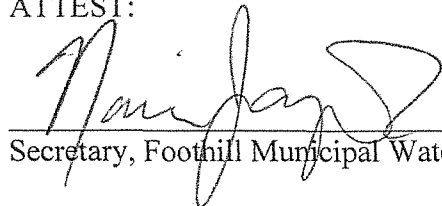
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President, Foothill Municipal Water District

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Secretary, Foothill Municipal Water District

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Save Our Delta!! The people don't want this, but our voice is ignored!! Let Southern CA find their own solution. They have it all, the big money, movie industry, Entertainment center, beautiful beaches, great weather, high class restaurants. Don't let them steal our water.

It's my understanding that there is big money invested in the crops, which take millions of gallons of water, by Big Money Corps.. It's not the small farmer benefiting it.

Big Money Again!

What about our generations to come?

Again, we are crying loud & clear:

Save The Delta!!

Let's put it to a Vote!!

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Shirley Schmierer  
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# Four Delta islands could be sold to Southern California water district

By Alex Breittler

THE STOCKTON RECORD

The district that provides drinking water for millions of Southern Californians is involved in negotiations that could possibly end with the purchase of four Delta islands, meeting records show — news that one Delta advocate called “alarming.”

A committee of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is scheduled to meet today in closed session for negotiations with Delta Wetlands Properties, the private company that owns those four islands.

The meeting comes one week after a committee of the agricultural Westlands Water District in the San Joaquin Valley met for similar negotiations with Delta Wetlands regarding the more than 20,000 acres of farmland in San Joaquin and Contra Costa counties.

Both discussions are private under a provision of government code allowing agency boards to meet in closed session “prior to the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property.”

Metropolitan and Delta Wetlands declined to comment on Monday. In an email, Westlands General Manager of External Affairs Johnny Amaral said Westlands “has not made an offer to acquire the property, and I do not anticipate that the district will make such an offer.”

The discussions were brought to light by Stockton-based Restore the Delta on Monday. Executive Director Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla expressed concern over the possibility of Metropolitan

or Westlands becoming significant landowners within the estuary. Both rely to a certain extent on water exported south from the ecologically struggling Delta.

“It’s a bigger foothold for them. I think there’s definitely an alarm bell to be rung,” Barrigan-Parrilla said.

She called the discussions “Owens Valley-esque,” referring to Los Angeles’ surreptitious purchase of land and water rights from the east side of the Sierra Nevada in the early 20th century. She warned that such land acquisitions in the Delta could facilitate construction of Gov. Jerry Brown’s proposed twin tunnels, which would pass beneath some of the properties involved in the discussions.

The Delta Wetlands islands are different from other Delta properties, however. They are part of a public-private partnership that includes south San Joaquin Valley interests.

For more than a quarter-century, Delta Wetlands has pursued a plan to convert two of the bowl-like islands — Bacon and Webb — into reservoirs, while using Bouldin and Holland islands for farming and

wildlife habitat.

The water from the reservoirs would be pumped south from the Delta to Kern County, where the Semitropic Water Storage District would store it underground for use by cities and farms during dry years.

Delta farmers and San Joaquin County fought the Delta Wetlands project until 2013, when lawsuits were settled. The settlement includes specific rules for how the reservoirs would be operated, including protections for other neighboring islands whose levees could be threatened by changes in water pressure and wave action.

Dante Nomellini, the Stockton attorney whose Central Delta Water Agency was one of the litigants against Delta Wetlands, said he was “not enthused” about a potential purchase of the properties by Metropolitan.

“But I don’t think they are going to be any different than we expected from Delta Wetlands,” he said. “From day one, our assumption has been that (the islands) would be sold to the state Department of Water Resources or the water contractors.”



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### Our readers write: Letters to the Editor

## Delta tunnels will only benefit big business, oil

Editor: The Bay Delta Conservation Plan California WaterFix or water tunnels continues to be pushed by Gov. Jerry Brown, the Department of Water Resources, Westlands, Kern and Metropolitan water districts, big agri-business and oil frackers.

Despite widespread criticism by California residents, many environmental groups and the Environmental Protection Agency, the water tunnels are being forced on California and if approved, construction could begin as early as 2016.

Why are the tunnels a mistake? Two 40-foot diameter tunnels dug 150 feet below the Sacramento River, 35 miles long, pumping water south spells disaster and ruin for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay Estuary. We are already sending water south from the Delta

via two California aqueducts. The new system would give Westlands, Kern and Metropolitan water districts in conjunction with big agribusiness and big oil frackers a monopoly on California water to control and make an enormous profit from this precious natural resource which belongs to all Californians.

The BDCP/WaterFix is water-grabbing thievery by the State of California to sell Sacramento River Water, a product of many rivers, to a few individuals who will control and make an enormous profit. If allowed, the water tunnels will destroy the Delta and San Francisco Bay. Construction would take many years and cost billions and billions of dollars, to be paid, in the end, by California taxpayers for generations to come.

Restore and maintain the

present water distribution system with better regulation by the state. No water tunnels, no water blunders!

Let the State of California know where you stand on this issue. Mail to BDCP/WaterFix Comments, P.O. Box 1919, Sacramento, CA 95812. Email [bdcpccomments@icfi.com](mailto:bdcpccomments@icfi.com).

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the people's voice?  
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# L.A. water district eyes huge recycling plan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Southern California's largest water provider said it's looking into partnering with sanitation districts to create what officials say could be one of the world's largest systems for recycling sewage water.

Tentative plans for creating what could be a \$1 billion system to purify and reuse as much as 168,000 acre-feet of water a year were presented Monday at a committee meeting of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

On average, an acre-foot of water, or 326,000 gallons, is enough to serve two households for a year.

Creating such a system would require that MWD build a treatment plant and

facilities that would meet various environmental regulations, the Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday.

The proposal comes in the fourth year of one of the worst droughts on record in California and during a time when the state's cities are under orders to reduce water consumption by 25 percent. If implemented, it would transform MWD from a supplier of water obtained from other sources to one that also develops its own supplies.

"I'm not afraid of talking about another business model," the agency's board chairman, Randy Record, said. "None of us should be."

The agency currently provides water from a variety of sources to 26 public agencies in six counties. Its water reaches more than 19 million

people.

MWD staffers are asking that the agency's 37-member board enter into an agreement with two dozen sanitation agencies by November to look into the feasibility of a recycling project.

If the MWD gives that approval, officials say a demonstration project could be launched in about 20 months that would purify about a million gallons of water a day.

Such a project would cost about \$15 million, said MWD Assistant General Manager Debra Man, some of which could come from water bond money approved by voters last year.

The cost, and the need for such a project, raised concerns among the board's San Diego County representatives.

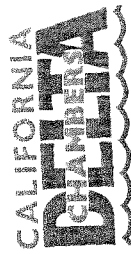
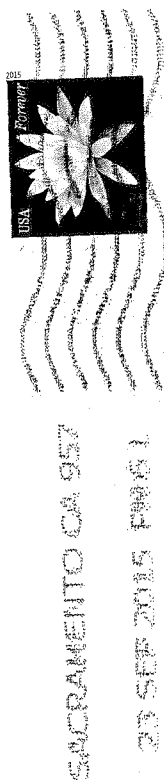
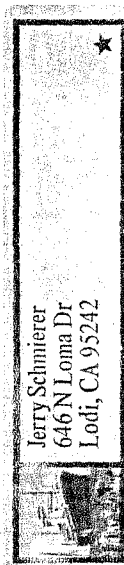
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NAME: GEORGE SASAKI DATE: 9/24/15ORGANIZATION: N/A E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ADDRESS: 350 ATLANTIC DRIVECITY: RIO VISTA STATE: CA ZIP: 94571

My position on this plan is that it will not do anything to solve the water problem. Therefore, I am against the building of ANY tunnels that will transport water from the Sacramento River to Central Valley. The Delta farmlands are some of the most fertile in the world. We should insure that these farmlands are not destroyed. Doing so would have a negative effect on all the towns along the Sacramento from Courtland to San Francisco. In addition to destroying the agriculture business in the Delta, you would be destroying the fishing industry as well. Special interest groups are promoting this plan as they stand to profit from it. We must make sure that the people's voices are heard. There are signs along Hwy 5 stating that Congress created this desert. No! God made the Central Valley a desert. It was a desert when the first Europeans arrive and it will still be a desert 300 years from now. You cannot fight nature; you must work alongside nature.

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ADDRESS: 350 ATLANTIC DRIVE

CITY: RIO VISTA STATE: CA ZIP: 94571

- ① Mercury in the water: FALSELY BLAMED ON THE levees. The mercury comes from the mines and a major clean-up project should be started at the origin.
- ② THE TUNNELS - PIPES ARE A MAJOR DISASTER. THE DELTA FARMS PROVIDE FOOD TO LOCAL PEOPLE AND BRING IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN REVENUE.
- ③ THE COMMUNITIES OF THE DELTA RELY ON THE WATER FROM THE SACRAMENTO RIVER AS THEIR WATER SOURCE. THIS SHOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED.
- ④ FARMING IN THE DESERT SHOULD BE LIMITED TO ANNUAL CROPS WHICH CAN GO FALLOW IN TIMES OF DROUGHT.
- ⑤ ALL FARMING SHOULD BE IRRIGATED WITH DRIP IRRIGATION - SEEING WATER SPRAYING IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY IS DISTURBING AND VERY WASTEFUL.
- ⑥ IF CALIFORNIA IS TO SURVIVE GLOBAL WARMING AND INCREASING DROUGHTS, WE NEED TO CREATE MORE WATER - NOT JUST MOVE IT FROM PLACE TO PLACE.  
Cleaning and replenishing aquifers, recycling and reusing water, water conservation, increased storage covered whenever possible.
- ⑦ WE NEED SMART NEW THINKING TO SAVE ENDANGERED SPECIES AND TO ENSURE THAT CALIFORNIANS DON'T JOIN THAT RANK.

**From:** Lowell Young <lyoung.dem@gmail.com> on behalf of Lowell Young  
<mtnfolks@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 8:01 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Delta Tunnels/California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)

I strongly oppose building tunnels to divert water and bypass the Delta. This project is outrageously expensive, damages the environment, damages the Delta economy, impairs recreational opportunities, and disproportionately harms less-advantaged people in order to provide a more reliable water supply to already wealthy agricultural interests. Some urban users will receive a dubious promise of more reliable supplies. I believe what we city-dwellers can count on is stringent rationing and paying exorbitant rates in the future to pay for this boondoggle.

These tunnels are a bad deal from every angle: money, construction, operation, land use, fish and wildlife, working people, water quality, and above all, the non-beneficial use of most of the water, leading to urban rationing and pollution of ground and surface water by agricultural and industrial processes.

We already generously subsidize water deliveries for agriculture. It's time to reduce, not increase the subsidies. We need a well thought-out, comprehensive, fair, sustainable water policy in California, not the inequitable hodgepodge that exists today and was created by special interests for profit and power rather than for the public good. This tunnel scheme is the opposite of what we need and so similar to past water grabs that I don't understand how any self-respecting, honest public servant could go along with it.

Lowell J. Young,  
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**From:** Joel Masser <joelmasser@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 5:45 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
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Sincerely,  
Joel Masser  
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Santa Clara County  
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**From:** Adam Dismukes <dismukesinity@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 1:21 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels 10 Questions from John Q Public appalled at Government.

1. How will construction of the tunnels over a fourteen-year period help with drought?
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**From:** herb willmes <hwillmes@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:07 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** April Guarascio; Jerry Wiebe; Jack Socher; Brian Enbom; Walter Shipilov; Saul Gold; Peter Baylacq; Lowell Onstad; Steve Buckman; Frank Headley; Billy Guinn; Ron Pellegrini; Bill Pease; Virgil Koehne; Steve Greenfield; Linda Humbert; Charlie & Linda Marin; Don Ramos; Mike McCleery; Hal Crose; Alberto Delgado; David Veatch; John Senter; Ken Gschwend; Claudio Bartoli; Robert Leete; Lynn Bunnell; Ed Turman; Ed Schnee; Ed Frigillana; Bob Grabar  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnel Project

Gentle persons:

Before you go any further on this project I would ask that you answer the following ten questions to the best of your ability.

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I would hope you can answer these to the satisfaction of the California water users and taxpayers prior to wasting any more time and money on this project.



October 5, 2015

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

Sent via: bdcpccomments@icfi.com

**RE: Request for comment period extension on Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplement Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

Dear Project Team;

Our organization is still reviewing the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplement Draft Environmental Impact Statement that was released for public review and comment. We have not finished reviewing the document and request the comment period be extended for 60 days. Take into consideration this is a busy time for all California farmers who are harvesting and the time-period does not grant sufficient time to review the document thoroughly.

We are requesting a **60-day comment period extension** to allow adequate time to review the proposed changes and make comments. Changes in the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplement Draft Environmental Impact Statement would make a significant impact on California agriculture and warrants a longer period for review and comments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Russell van Loben Sels', is written over a horizontal line.

Russell van Loben Sels  
Chairman

Cc: Contra Costa County Farm Bureau  
Sacramento County Farm Bureau  
San Joaquin County Farm Bureau  
Solano County Farm Bureau  
Yolo County Farm Bureau

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**From:** staff@sacfarmbureau.org  
**Sent:** Monday, October 05, 2015 9:39 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Request for comment period extension  
**Attachments:** Delta Caucus Request for 60 day comment period extension.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

Please refer to the attached letter requesting the comment period be extended for the recirculated draft EIR for the California WaterFix.

Sacramento County Farm Bureau  
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Elk Grove, CA 95624  
(916) 685-6958  
[www.sacfarmbureau.org](http://www.sacfarmbureau.org)

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**From:** Lastufka, Ken G@DOT <ken.lastufka@dot.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 6:53 AM  
**To:** Yee, Marcus@DWR  
**Cc:** BDCPcomments; Humphrey, Shay; Schinke, Kendall@DOT  
**Subject:** RE: BDCP/California WaterFix Alt 4A does not include SR 160 detour roads

Thanks, Marcus.

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**From:** Yee, Marcus@DWR  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2015 3:28 PM  
**To:** Lastufka, Ken G@DOT  
**Cc:** [bdcpccomments@icfi.com](mailto:bdcpccomments@icfi.com); Humphrey, Shay@ICFI; Schinke, Kendall@DOT  
**Subject:** RE: BDCP/California WaterFix Alt 4A does not include SR 160 detour roads

Hi Ken,  
There are no detours proposed for Alternative 4A (proposed project).  
Give me a call if you have any questions.  
-m

Marcus L. Yee  
Phone (916) 376-9744

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**From:** Lastufka, Ken G@DOT  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2015 12:33 PM  
**To:** Yee, Marcus@DWR  
**Cc:** [bdcpccomments@icfi.com](mailto:bdcpccomments@icfi.com); Humphrey, Shay@ICFI; Schinke, Kendall@DOT  
**Subject:** RE: BDCP/California WaterFix Alt 4A does not include SR 160 detour roads

Hi, Marcus:

Are detours proposed? If so, they should be included in the map book. Thanks.

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**From:** Yee, Marcus@DWR  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2015 11:29 AM  
**To:** Lastufka, Ken G@DOT  
**Cc:** [bdcpccomments@icfi.com](mailto:bdcpccomments@icfi.com); Humphrey, Shay@ICFI  
**Subject:** BDCP/California WaterFix Alt 4A does not include SR 160 detour roads

Hi Ken,  
The current conceptual engineering for the Alternative 4A (the proposed project) does not include SR 160 detour roads around the landside facilities. Please see the mapbook for the Alternative 4:  
[http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/RDEIRS/Mapbooks/M3-4%20-%20MPTO\\_CCO%20rev5a\\_mpbk.pdf](http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/RDEIRS/Mapbooks/M3-4%20-%20MPTO_CCO%20rev5a_mpbk.pdf)

Some of the other alternatives include SR 160 detour roads. Mapbooks from 2013 public draft EIR/EIS for these alternatives show the detour roads and are available here:  
[http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/Libraries/Dynamic\\_Document\\_Library/Public\\_Draft\\_BDCP\\_EIR-EIS\\_Chapter\\_3\\_-\\_Mapbook\\_Figures.sflb.ashx](http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/Libraries/Dynamic_Document_Library/Public_Draft_BDCP_EIR-EIS_Chapter_3_-_Mapbook_Figures.sflb.ashx)

Please free to contact me if you have further questions,

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**From:** CLYOX@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 4:59 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Cc:** CLYOX@aol.com  
**Subject:** Cal water fix

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August 14, 2015

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**RE: Drought Oversight Lax Conservation Measures**

In the 1980's at the planning stage of South Valley Water Project, I was studying at the University of California graduating from the College Of Natural Resources during my studies I wrote several papers on Southern Valley Water Project, a shift in water suppliers to Los Angeles Basin. I proposed the central valley project could only be short term solution, as an efficient long term supply it would depend on alternative watersheds and supplies (Hetch Hetchy and EBMUD) to complement and back up the central valley water project (supply), addition water storage collection for dry years, proposed as only optimal long term water supply without causing dissertation in supply region overtime.

Approval of the Project without proposed conservation measures thereby ignoring the micro hydrologic cycle of the region, implementing an inefficient allocation of current project application has changed the basis of the optimal solution or sustainable water supply from Central Valley Water Project.

The constant remove of water from central California overtime evaporation transportation creates "**evaporation transformations**". Transforming the LA Basin into mountain lakes and a major flood basin and leaving the central valley in a permanent drought scenario, South California unprepared for this change in hydrology, all addition rainwater was lost to ocean run off.

Southern California has built up water reserves and will continue to receive large amounts of rain during the winter due to evaporation transformation. The current measures implemented by region of central California must be modified before we run out off fresh water. If, conditions continue from SWP/BDCP this will have the opposite effect as expected under the Endangered Species Act, instead permanent loss of freshwater will wipe out the endanger species we are protecting.

I propose, "the new tunneling technology is used for BDCP be also used to create additional watershed for central California is greatly needed."

Sincerely

Clyde Livingston

CC: Conference of Congressman, Jerry McNerney; San Joaquin Drought 8/25/15

September 23, 2015

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**Description:** Phase I Grant Status; Improved Water Purification (New Technology Clyde A. Livingston, exclusive owner of intellectual property Provisional Patent for improved water purification) feasibility of technology has demonstrated by Forum Tuesday August 25, 2015 and the demand for freshwater, development of this Proto Type and the requested proposed assistance from Dr. Robert Kostecki, LLBL. Assistance to develop an invention proto type has been requested by me for the purpose of product development, procurement and marketing under the supervision of Dr. Robert Kostecki.

We are pleased in presenting Proposal and Solution to California Drought Solutions Forum, hosted by Congressman Jerry McNerney August 25, 2015, a major problem facing all Californian's is freshwater shortage (Drought).

On this day of the California Drought Solutions Forum, I informed the Congress of this new technology and it was soon at hand to render relief to the California freshwater shortage. Dr. Kostecki was in attendance and was briefed on my invention, also.

At the Forum it was clearly stated that there is current funding available for development of new technology related to water in association to California Water Agency. My Invention could give California a fresh start with purified water via ionization process.

The possibility for this type of purification surpasses the current and developing technologies. The best current technology and lasted upgrades can do is oxidize or scrub toxic material mixed into water (electrolyses and chemical filtration and separation process yield very small amounts if any freshwater reclaimed). Pesticides and petroleum products cannot be completely removed from water source once contaminated.

However, with the development of my new technology the problems of water purification in the past will be relieved by introduction of my invention. The Provisional Patent is that of professional standards top of the line for proto type development of descriptions, diagrams and figures of invention.

The current California water program BDCP has farmers very concerned about the loss of water in short supply. Therefore, proposed tunneling routes to send new water south is not feasible with reserves in northern California in short supply and Southern watershed full. There are currently no plans or feasible solutions for sending water back to northern California. In theory ionizing water, new water purification invention has demonstrated unlimited potential as alternative freshwater source with development it can relief California's freshwater consumption problems in conjunction with California and National Environmental Water Quality Act by improving habitat for Endanger Species. In accordance with agency mission objects the EPA in compliance Endanger Species Act would opens avenues for enhancement of environmental quality improving

on local and nation levels for water quality and fisheries. (BDCP) Bay Delta Conservation Plan, e-mail BDCPComments@icfi.com , contact phone 866 924-9955

As proposed a 6 months phase I development joint venture of Clyde A. Livingston and Dr. Robert Kostecki, LLBL stimulate joint effort in development a proto type/new technology of Improved purify water as specified by provisional patent number \_\_\_\_\_..

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Proposed Plan: Phase I, proto type development engineering, feasible location for development LLBL, total available costs funding \$150k.

*Draft*



**From:** Clay Olson <clayolson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:48 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** No twin tunnels

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**From:** Cock grease <cockgrease@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2015 1:57 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Save the delta

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Cecily Tippery <realestate@cecily.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2015 2:25 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments; dist3@bos.cccounty.us  
**Cc:** laserfoot@pacbell.net; James Britto; robsrealestate@juno.com  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels and Water Fix

Again, the tunnels are coming up again.... like a bad penny,.....I agree with the DCC, the Tunnels are not a good idea. We need storage and conservation not moving water around to meet the needs of special interest groups.

"We all agree California needs a comprehensive plan to address the state's ever-growing water needs; however, the 'California Water Fix' really doesn't fix anything as it relates to many other pressing California water issues, such as the need to capture, conserve and preserve our limited water supplies now and into the future," said Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli.

"The latest tunnel plan not only moves away from the mandated co-equal goals of a stable water supply and enhanced environmental protection, but it still fails to provide one additional drop of water to our parched system," said San Joaquin County Supervisor Kathy Miller.

"We remain concerned about the potential impacts of the tunnels on local communities in the Delta, including Clarksburg," said Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas. "A six-week comment period for a project of this magnitude, with significant local traffic, noise, water quality, and other impacts, does not allow affected agencies or residents enough time to review and provide meaningful comments."

"We agree there is an urgent need to address the problems with California's water supply and to restore the Bay-Delta ecosystem and are supportive of the comprehensive approach developed by the State in the January 2014 California Water Action Plan. However, this flawed California WaterFix proposal that solely looks at a Delta plumbing fix does nothing to improve the Delta ecosystem or provide a more reliable water supply" said Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho. "The DCC calls on the State to refocus on setting flow requirements and export restrictions necessary to restore and sustain the Bay-Delta ecosystem and to support actions to produce additional local water supplies for the state (wastewater reuse projects, desalination, additional storage), rather than further sacrificing the already fragile Delta."

"The changes to the revised-BDCP do not make for a stronger, healthier Delta or reflect critical Delta stakeholder input," said Solano County Supervisor John Vasquez. "A six-week comment period for a project of this magnitude, with divestment of a major habitat conservation component and other modifications, does not allow enough time for affected agencies such as the Delta Counties, to review and provide meaningful comment."

The DCC has collaborated over the past seven years to advocate for protecting the interests of the Delta and California's water supply and continue to seek opportunities to work with the State to address these critical issues. To achieve a Delta that has economic and environmental balance, the DCC has repeatedly pursued a Delta plan that genuinely meets the criteria of the 2009 Delta Reform Act.

Such actions include:

- 1) Improving the ability to move water around as needed with water system improvements.
- 2) Increasing storage capacity.
- 3) Reinforcing our levee system.
- 4) Protecting and improving water quality and quantity.
- 5) Local storage, increased conservation plans, water reuse and recycling and desalination.
- 6) Restoring the Delta's health.

Cecily Tippery

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**From:** Mike Rodgers <ehipster@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 03, 2015 1:05 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Water Fix

To whom it may concern;

The proposed water grab with two huge tunnels to divert water south the California aqueduct is a bad idea. It will wreak havoc on the Delta by allowing more salt water to intrude into the Delta, destroying habitat, potentially poisoning the aquifer with salt water and the result will be farm land that will be lost forever so that the farmers and developers in Southern California can benefit and turn desert land into profits. This does not seem equitable or just.

You can see the effects of this damage to farming and ecosystems by studying the Nile River. For centuries, Nile river water was diverted for human activity allowing more and more salt water to infiltrate the Nile delta water shed from the Mediterranean Sea. Today the threat of rising sea levels and infiltration of salt water is a real concern. San Francisco Bay will continue to rise and the tunnels will exasperate the situation.

<http://deltas.usgs.gov/presentations/Ghobrial,%20Mary.pdf>

In addition to this huge potential ecological disaster, it appears that the rights of farmers, landowners and recreational users of the delta are being trampled on by powerful special interests in Southern California including the LADW and Westside water district. To understand Southern California's history of destroying land and water resources look no further than the Owens valley and the San Joaquin River in the early part of the last century. Don't turn our Delta into another Owens Valley.

This isn't just about fish. It's about the rights of people who use and manage this great resource.

Speak out and Vote NO on the tunnel project....

Michael S. Rodgers  
Stockton, CA

**From:** p doherty <composerx@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 11:22 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

Destroying the already decimated salmon population with the delta tunnel project is totally UNACCEPTABLE ! in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary.

REJECT THIS IMMEDIATELY . The governor is becoming an expert in the destruction of the environment and is a non caring leader who is ruining too many aspects of what this state is and should be .

p doherty  
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**From:** Rose Ann Witt <rawitt@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 1:20 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Please Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A) Water Grab

Dear BDCP Officials,

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

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

In the midst of an historic drought, California simply can't afford to build dams for corporate agribusiness or to purchase water transfers for these interests, many of which are growing and exporting water-intensive crops to China ... like Stewart Resnick's Paramount Farms, which is one of the largest and most politically influential growers that has consistently demanded more water at the expense of the public and the environment.

The Delta Tunnels won't solve our drought problems and fail to address the root causes of California's water crisis. California needs to invest billions of dollars in fixing our cities' crumbling and leaking water and sewer systems, expanding water recycling and cleaning up groundwater, and prioritizing water for disadvantaged communities. Moreover, taxpayers should not be forced to pay for dams that won't create any new water for most Californians.

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wallace Elton <wally.elton@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 2:00 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Share Water: Stop Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I write to state my opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan, or the misnamed "California WaterFix." This proposal, of course, will not produce more water, since there is only so much to go around. Nor will it create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. What it will do is threaten the survival of endangered salmon runs, steelhead trout and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary. It also will prioritize the use of scarce water by unsustainable agricultural operations that export much of their products. Both of these are unacceptable.

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

Unfortunately, less expensive and less environmentally destructive alternatives to the Delta Tunnels were mostly ignored, alternatives that would save taxpayers billions of dollars while investing in the jobs and local water sources that build sustainability. The plan does not seriously consider any alternatives other than new, upstream conveyance. Finally, the decision-making process has been biased toward increasing delta water exports. It does not begin to address our need to find ways to share the planet and its resource with other creatures or even other, less powerful, human communities.

Therefore, I ask you to reject this destructive project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gayle Janzen <cgjanzen@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 9:54 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** I urge you to Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

This Delta Tunnels plan is a horrible idea. It will do nothing to solve CA's water shortage long term and will decimate the already imperiled salmon population. Wow, this is a huge boondoggle that the taxpayers will be forced to pay for. It's a total giveaway to the big agricultural industry so they can continue to waste water on crops that should not be grown there in the first place. The answer is to start managing the water you have more efficiently by recycling, more efficient sprinkler systems and groundwater recharge. I really hope the people in CA aren't forced to pay for this horrendous tunnel that will create more problems than it solves. And what will your solution be when you've sucked the Delta dry?

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** Paul Crouser <p.crouser600@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 2:33 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnel Thievery (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

This "fix" sure looks more like "cheating" the system that is supposed to look out for all concerned. It is wrong to keep taking, taking and taking until there is nothing left. That is what is going on here.

There will always be excess demand. The trick is to evolve by meeting the challenge head on. These tunnels subvert that process so that we rob Peter to pay Paul. That will only make things worse down the road.

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** Bonnie MacRaith <bmacraith@reninet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:19 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

This project would divert freshwater from areas that are protected as critical habitat for endangered fish...including SALMON!

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

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

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Meryle A. Korn <meryle.korn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 8:37 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I believe it was Edward Abbey who said "Unlimited growth is the philosophy of a cancer cell." Southern California's growth has depended for too long on taking water from other parts of the state (and country) to artificially sustain its unsustainable growth.

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

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

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Brian Gingras <briangin54@beld.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 03, 2015 10:17 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels plan. The so-called "California WaterFix" will not produce more water, create more reliable supplies or improve environmental conditions in the delta. Instead it will unacceptably jeopardize the existence of endangered salmon runs and other native fish populations in the Sacramento River and Bay-Delta estuary. And taxpayers will bear the brunt of the estimated \$60 billion project, all for the benefit of the deep-pocketed corporate agriculture.

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

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Rich Moser <rich@transcendentalastrology.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 03, 2015 8:55 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I've heard of very few ecologically stupider proposals than this. Even the peripheral canal would have been better!

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lucinda Hites-Clabaugh <frodohc@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:41 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

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

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

Far less expensive and less environmentally destructive alternatives to the Delta Tunnels were largely ignored -- alternatives that would save taxpayers billions of dollars, while investing in the jobs and local water sources that build sustainability. The plan does not seriously consider any alternatives other than new, upstream conveyance. And the decision-making process has tilted in favor of increasing delta water exports. As a science teacher who knows that salmon will NOT survive this project, I vote for saving and protecting the salmon over this unsound fiasco! For all these reasons, I urge you to reject this harmful project.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ori Hartenstein <orihart@mail.sfsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:49 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

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

The WaterFix fails to meet the restoration goals of the Delta Reform Act of 2009, in which the California state legislature committed to the "coequal goals" of providing a more reliable water supply for the state while protecting and restoring the delta's cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values. The WaterFix is simply a plan to export more water out of the Bay-Delta estuary. The Delta Tunnels will not provide more reliable water because the delta watershed is already oversubscribed by five times in normal water years. Additionally, we do not know exactly what effect this type of project would have on the local ecosystem. We have seen time and time again the detrimental effects of our past environmental decisions. Can we really afford to make more short sighted and possibly detrimental decisions??? I think **NOT!**

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

Sincerely,

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**From:** Karen Parlette <sahaja@sonic.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 4:17 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

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

The WaterFix fails to meet the restoration goals of the Delta Reform Act of 2009, in which the California state legislature committed to the "coequal goals" of providing a more reliable water supply for the state while protecting and restoring the delta's cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values. The WaterFix is simply a plan to export more water out of the Bay-Delta estuary. The Delta Tunnels will not provide more reliable water because the delta watershed is already oversubscribed by five times in normal water years. Moreover, under this plan its water would be used by BigAg to irrigate high-water nut crops in unsustainable desert land that are largely exported.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Elizabeth Eszterhas <myjavelina@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 3:25 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

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As a resident of the Trinity River Watershed I strongly disagree with the excessive use of our waters by farmers in the central valley (project) and I believe that this project will add incentives to take additional waters from fish, wildlife, and local people in our watershed.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Carole Ehrhardt <carole@douglascamp.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 2:50 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

Much of our No. CA water is already going to So. CA. We are all on water rationing in the north, but friends who recently stayed in So CA found hotels and motels were not using low water fixtures and it was life as usual in their wasteful use of our good water.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Charlotte Fremaux <cmfremaux@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 6:57 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

This is another outrage where the public interest and the environment lose to private greed. There are alternatives that do not cost taxpayers billions, destroy more habitat, and imperil species. I am appalled that California is considering this ridiculous, unscientific, and extremely shortsighted scheme. Shame on you, Governor Brown (from whom we expected more), and federal agencies who refuse to work with nature rather than continue outdated and, frankly, stupid methods for mitigating human affect upon our environment.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Deborah Miller <debo\_mill@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 8:11 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

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And most of that water would go to Big Ag companies in the San Joaquin Valley to grow water-intensive almonds and pistachios on unsustainable desert soils for oversea exports. This is not something that needs to be happening in California. For all these reasons, I urge you to reject this harmful project.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Deborah Nelson <dnelson310@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

I live in Wisconsin, where at the moment, we have an adequate water supply. I have a number of good friends in California and I know the water situation there is dire. But robbing from one area of the environment to prop up another will only result in both failing, unless of course the drought ends soon.

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**From:** Connie Ball <conniervb@kanab.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 2:47 PM  
**To:** BDCPcomments  
**Subject:** Oppose the Delta Tunnels (California WaterFix, Alternative 4A)

Dear BDCP Officials,

At every place in the world, people must learn to live within the resources of their own geographic area. If that means fewer people, so be it. The earth cannot support the continued growth of the population.

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