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California Water Fix (Alternative 4A)

Dear Sirs/Madams:

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

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All of my concerns have to do with the issues brought forth by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences report of four years ago. Their comprehensive analysis of the twin tunnel plan was declared riddled with holes and inconsistencies.

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<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/docs/delta-isb-s-review-rdeirsdeis-bdcp-california-waterfix>

The Twin Tunnel plan is one of the most expensive public works project ever proposed. Why hasn't there been a full cost benefit analysis on this project?

The plan does not cover the negative impacts to the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary, it's fish and wildlife, the lives of over 4 million Californians that call the 5 Delta counties their home, Delta agriculture, tourism, recreation and boating. How will the recommended Delta outflows to the SWRCB be met if the EIR/EIS does not address a reduction of Delta exports?

Why are there no benefits for Northern California while Southern California reaps all of the benefits, especially private interest corporate agriculture that use 70% of exported water to grow nuts that are then exported?

The Delta has over 500,000 acres of federally designated prime farm land. Many of the farms are family owned and operated for over 150 years. It defies common sense to eminent domain 300 Delta farms and properties to irrigate toxic desert soil found in the south San Joaquin Valley. Could it be that the California Water Fix envisions salinity intrusion will ruin the Delta's rich soils and the property will be worthless anyway?

How will the drinking water supply of Delta residents be affected? What damage will salt water intrusion have upon the aquifers and wells used by Delta residents? The diversion of water at the proposed sights steals the freshest water before it reaches the Delta. Who will mitigate the additional costs of treating the contaminated water that is left in the Delta?

The Contra Costa County Water District stated that BDCP failed to model for potential increases of carcinogens and other formation of byproducts that would cause cancer and other serious health effects. Rural towns such as Hood and Byron will have to relocate due to exposure to cancer causing contaminants during construction. Why hasn't this issue been addressed?

In Summary

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

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

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

A Very Concerned Delta Resident,


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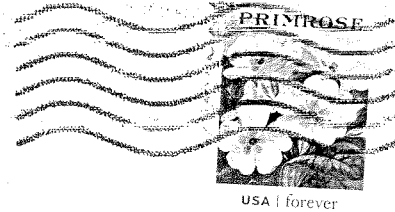
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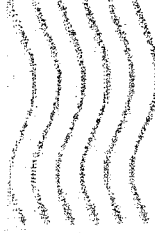
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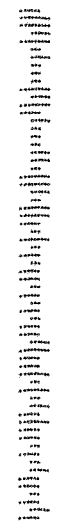
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