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To Whom it May Concern,

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

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

Sincerely,

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NO Tunnels

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