



## **Delta Counties Coalition**

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## **Delta Counties Coalition Strongly Objects to the California WaterFix**

*Five Delta Counties are Still Highly Critical of Revised Twin Tunnels-Focused Plan*

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**SACRAMENTO, CA** – The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), composed of the five Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta counties, continues to have serious concerns with the Governor’s California WaterFix citing that many of the same fatal flaws remain in the revised twin tunnels-focused plan as in the previous Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). The deadline for public comment on the controversial, multi-billion dollar tunnel plan that would cause irreparable harm to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta is October 30.

### **Contra Costa County:**

“Astonishingly, the California WaterFix continues to increase exports in dry periods (when water in the Delta is needed most) and fails to capture high flows in wetter periods (no storage). This is a complete failure to achieve the coequal goals of ‘providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem,’ said Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho. “WaterFix is the exact opposite of planning a holistic sustainable solution to achieve the coequal goals; it’s time for Plan ‘B’.”

“The WaterFix preferred alternative does nothing to reduce the dependence of the export contractors on water supply from the Delta. The ironically named ‘Fix’ merely feeds the current addiction to large quantities of water from the Delta, by addressing only water supply, without attempting to provide a cure,” said Supervisor Karen Mitchoff. “This is in direct conflict with State policies of reducing reliance on the Delta and in meeting California’s future water supply needs.”

### **Sacramento County:**

“It’s really a misnomer to call this a California WaterFix because it doesn’t fix the water challenges facing California, nor does it provide any new water...it creates more problems if anything. If this comes to fruition, the people of the Delta region lose, not just now, but for generations to come,” said Supervisor Don Nottoli.

“The new proposal is flat out deceptive,” said Supervisor Susan Peters. “I’m so disappointed in what the state has put out. Beyond disappointed – angry.”

“The logic behind the state’s latest approach is baffling to me,” commented Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. “There’s not a drop of new water created here and they’ve eliminated the best parts of the environmental restoration efforts that have been put forward during this nine-year process.”

“It’s incredibly disingenuous for the state to suggest that the WaterFix proposal will do anything but adversely affect the people and environment of Sacramento County,” added Phil Serna, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. “Our Board remains united in our opposition to any plan that hurts the people and place we represent.”

“The BDCP/WaterFix does not provide the necessary assurances and protections for the Delta,” said Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan. “It is a flawed approach for managing our precious water resources.”

**San Joaquin County:**

“The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors recently voted to formally oppose the WaterFix, because it’s just a thinly veiled version of the former BDCP and continues to push the fatally flawed twin tunnels which will simply sacrifice one region of California for the benefit of another,” said Supervisor Kathy Miller. “It pits farmers in one region against farmers in another. It will saddle the taxpayers with debt for decades and effectively exhaust all the available funds which could have been used to find reasonable and effective solutions to a statewide water supply problem.”

“The Governor’s repackaged twin tunnels plan, inaccurately named the California WaterFix, is no fix at all,” said Supervisor Bob Elliott. “If constructed, it won’t add a single drop of new water to California’s water supply. In fact, the multibillion-dollar smoke-and-mirror scheme actually hinders genuine common sense statewide water solutions – leaving drought-thirsty farmers, businesses and local residents desperate for answers.”

**Solano County:**

“The rush to complete a tunnels project has resulted in an environmental document with more questions than answers, and with very serious impacts on the Delta,” said Supervisor Skip Thomson. “This is especially disturbing now after a fourth year of drought, and looking into a drier future. We need to be working together on projects that benefit all rather than fighting over dwindling water supplies. The state’s priority should be on projects to reuse existing and develop new water supply, through wastewater reuse, storage, desalination and other new technologies.”

**Yolo County:**

“The Delta is a fragile ecosystem that is already strained by years of drought and the state’s existing need for Delta water,” said Supervisor Oscar Villegas. “The WaterFix will irreparably alter the landscape of the Delta with no regard for historic Delta communities like Clarksburg and the agricultural economy on which these communities are grounded.”

The DCC advocates for protecting the interests of the Delta and California’s water supply, which also meets the criteria of the 2009 Delta Reform Act. Such actions include reinforcement of the levee system, projects that produce new water supply (such as reuse/recycled water, storage, desalination), restoring the Delta’s economic and environmental health, and preserving its historical significance. The DCC believes that the management of the Delta must protect and improve water quality and water quantity in the Delta region and maintain appropriate Delta outflow for a healthy estuary.

*The DCC was formed to better represent the nearly 4 million people throughout the Delta region and works collaboratively to give one voice to the Delta and engage in efforts to achieve three goals: improve the Delta ecosystem, provide a more reliable water supply for the State, and protect and enhance Delta communities.*

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