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Subject: FW: Comments re Delta Conveyance Project June 2024

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I am submitting my comments on the Benefit-Cost Analysis you will be reviewing on June 25.

This project's estimated costs have risen again, another \$3.4B since 2018. These costs are prohibitive, and not only are there increased monetary costs, but the detrimental effects to the Delta are severe already and will only grow with continued climate change. The Delta Tunnel will divert even more water from the Sacramento River, and devastate underserved communities in the Delta, Tribes throughout Northern California, and local ecosystems. This project is unhealthy for the ecosystem, as we are already at a time when conditions in the Bay Delta are so poor that the salmon fishery has been closed for two years, white sturgeon are proposed to be listed as a threatened species, and Delta smelt have not been found in Bay Delta surveys since 2017.

The report used inaccurate and exaggerated information related to project lifespan, construction duration, and discount rates. The project will be too expensive for agricultural districts, suggesting that the bulk of the cost will fall on MWD and a few smaller urban water districts. The cost will be huge to ratepayers, as well as property owners and renters. And these increased costs will be on top of the already severe increases in other home owner costs in CA such as electric rates.

This project should not go forward both due to cost and detrimental harm to the ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Judith Borcz
Redwood City, CA Resident

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