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To the Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District:

The Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley has unanimously voted to voice its members' strong opposition to the State of California's plans to build water conveyance tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

We strongly oppose the tunnel project because:

- Building and operating the tunnels would harm the Delta ecosystem and the Delta regional economy. It would reduce recreational opportunities for residents throughout California, including the Santa Clara Valley and lead to water quality degradation in the Delta and elsewhere in California. In addition, it would disproportionately impact less-advantaged people for the benefit mainly of wealthy agricultural interests in other water districts, who do not need further subsidies.
- The tunnels would not increase the available supply of water for the Santa Clara Valley.
- The tunnels would fail to address the major threats to our water supply. Infrastructure in the Delta region cannot protect us from local earthquakes and local contamination. Changing the diversion point cannot protect us from the hazards involved in conveying water from distant sources.
- The cost of building and operating the tunnels would cause unacceptable and unnecessary increases in water rates for residents in the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Therefore, as residents of Santa Clara County and stakeholders in local and state water policy, we urge the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors to oppose the building of tunnels and to withhold financial and other support for the Tunnels Project, such as contracting for water delivered through such a project.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Signed:

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