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**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 11:06 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Cc:** Jim Fiedler; Teresa Alvarado; Garth Hall  
**Subject:** SCVWD "Tunnels" hearing Jan 26, 2016 - comment for the record

Dear SCVWD Board:

Thank you for holding this important hearing.

Protect Our Water is a Bay Area-based group of citizens concerned about the foreseeable and extremely damaging impacts that the Delta Tunnels proposal would have on the ecology and economies of San Francisco Bay itself.

Reduced fresh water flows through the Delta and the Bay from historic diversions have already had disastrous impacts on our fisheries and on Bay water quality in general; further reductions in fresh water flows by diverting clean Sacramento River water under the Delta via the Tunnels could effectively eliminate any chance to restore the Bay.

Long-term effects of diverting more water around San Francisco Bay will have particularly dire consequences for the southern end of the bay in the vicinity of San Jose where numerous important businesses are located including Google, Facebook and Cisco.

We urge the SCVWD to reject "California Water-Fix" - an immensely expensive, experimental concept which would take 20 years to bring online - and instead continue to implement local and regional strategies to deal with the drought and climate change such as increasing rain water catchment, water recycling, and groundwater replenishment as well as continuing your good record at water conservation.

Thank you for this opportunity. Please include these comments in the record of the January 26 hearing.

Sincerely,

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