

Melissa Stone

From: James Fritz <jrfritz10@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Delta Tunnels

James Fritz
14920 Quito Road
Los Gatos, California 95032

Dear Sirs,

As a resident of Los Gatos, I would hope you recognize the Tunnel project as a boondoggle. The tunnel project reminds me of the other Gov. Brown boondoggle, the High Speed Train. As a water rate payer, I object to any support of the Delta Tunnels.

Thank You,

James Fritz

Melissa Stone

From: Patrick Pierce <pp95124@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 8:12 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Tunnels

As a tax payer and resident of Santa Clara County I urge you to vote **no** on the latest proposal to help fund Jerry Brown's two tunnel project for the Delta. This project is not in the best interest of Santa Clara County and will simply increase our water rates while sending our water to Southern California and large corporate interests. At the very least this should be brought before the taxpayers in an election. Please do the right thing and vote no.

Sincerely,

Patrick Pierce
5182 Emiline Dr.
San Jose, Ca.

Sent from my iPad

Melissa Stone

From: Scott D. Miller <miller.scott.biochem@gene.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: A Legacy of "Tunnels to No where", as Climate Change intensifies

These tunnels will most assuredly be monuments to the same short sighted Political expedience that failed to address climate change, and at the same time is making the 20 billion dollar gamble on the tunnels a total boondoggle..

I am an environmentalist but I know we need to do something to develop our water reliability and infrastructure.

Build dams!! Invest the tunnel money to harvest and store the increasingly intense storm surges, (atmospheric rivers) Come on... the emerging pattern is already becoming apparent. Very few, sporadic, high intensity rain storms.

Sore it or lose it.

Scott D. Miller

Melissa Stone

From: scot v <svmidwest@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 7:20 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Oppose SCVWD Funding Delta Tunnel plan

Santa Clara should not put any money toward Governors Browns pet project. It is fiscally irresponsible. Nor should they trade our funds for other funds. Each project should stand on its own merit. The governor has shown in all his years in office to not know how to fix water problems and should not be given money to pursued his flawed ideas.

Scot Vallee
Morgan Hill

Melissa Stone

From: David Scott <normmargie@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 12:57 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: California Water Fix Vote May 2

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like my comment entered into the record.

I am against the Water Fix/Twin Tunnel proposal for a number of reasons. First, I believe it will result in an environmental disaster. Second, the costs will be incredibly high. Third, the costs will likely be much higher than the forecasted costs. Most big infrastructure projects experience this, e.g. the current bullet train project.

It would be much better to invest in conservation and even desalinization than this idea to take limited Northern California water and send it to Southern California.

Best regards,
Dave Scott
Saratoga, CA

Melissa Stone

From: Don Weiden <weidendon123@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 2:59 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: CA WaterFix

Yesterday I read an article in the 4/28/2018 San Jose Mercury News and am troubled that the SCVWD is again considering to participate in the CA WaterFix Project. I am writing to urge the SCVWD not to join the CA WaterFix Project.

Your responsibility to your customers is to support only projects that stand on their individual merits. Do not bend to backroom deals that give away your customers money in turn for support of another project you believe has merit.

Numerous reports and analyses confirm that the costs and risks of the CA Water Fix make smaller local and regional water projects a much better solution for SCVWD and California water agencies. The CA WaterFix Project is simply too big, complex, risky and expensive.

- Joining the CA WaterFix without reliable estimates of the cost to your customer rates is negligent.
- Design and construction of the CA WaterFix without operating agreements is not prudent.
- Proceeding with the CA WaterFix without understanding the impacts on the Delta's environmental ecosystems and the people and business that rely on those ecosystems is not prudent.
- The almost \$15 Billion CA WaterFix concept estimate will increase significantly as complexities are identified and addressed.
- Recent reports indicate that the conceptual tunnel design must be revised to withstand modest earthquake loading, adding significant and currently unestimated construction costs to project.
- In the event of a major earthquake or other natural disaster, the CA WaterFix would concentrate risk rather than spread the risk to many smaller, geographically diverse projects.

SCVWD and other importing water agencies would better serve their customers by investing in local projects that conserve, improve and protect water supplies, and that also protect the Delta and its fresh water / salt water environment.

Don Weiden, CA PE
Los Altos CA

Melissa Stone

From: Ray Brant <r_abrant@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 6:00 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Delta Tunnels

Dear Board of Directors,

I would request that this email be entered into the record.

I am asking you oppose the Tunnels Project.

I am a life long Bay Area Resident and an owner of property on the Sacramento River near Isleton. I have boated on the Bay and in the Delta for over 60years.

The Tunnels will destroy the Greatest Estuary in the West. There are many other ways to provide California with water.

To name a few, increased water storage, reclamation of brown water, and desalination.

Thank you for your consideration,
Raymond F. Brant
PO Box 728
Diablo, CA

17400 Grand Island Rd.
Walnut Grove, 95690

Melissa Stone

From: larimarpugs@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 9:44 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Attn: John RE:Delta Tunnel Project

Hi John - Sue McElwaine, San Martin here.....I have a comment re the vote being taken by the SCVWD board regarding financial support of the Delta Water Tunnel Project.....

WHY would SCVWD be spending money to send our water to Southern CA? When asked if SCVWD could help with the flooding in our neighborhood - we are told, year after year that there is no funding to help with the problem - other than the federal PL566 project.....yet the Water District has enough money to spend on sending our water via tunnels to Southern CA. There is something VERY wrong with this whole thing....first of all sending N CA water to So CA is just wrong. Santa Clara County residents paying for it? Very wrong.

How many of the citizens of Santa Clara County are aware of the proposed actions of the Water District in supporting this venture????

Response please.....

Thank you

Sue McElwaine
San Martin

Melissa Stone

From: Chrissy Hoffman <cchoff@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 10:56 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Save the Delta!

To whom it may concern,

Do not steal Nor-Cal water or Wild Lands! There is no long term win for anyone in the Delta tunnels project!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chrissy Hoffman
cchoff@comcast.net

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Stone

From: Steve Balestrieri <oceanboy62@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:54 AM
To: Board of Directors
Cc: oceanboy62@otmail.com
Subject: Opposition to Tunnel Project VOTE NO

To whom it may concern ,

I wish to strongly oppose the development of Governor Browns water tunnels. If he succeeds in this endeavor , it will result in a catastrophic destruction of our San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary. Our bay delta estuary, the largest fresh water estuary in North America, not only supports our prized salmon, striped bass, sturgeon and countless other species, but is a major link to the food chain of sea lions killer whales, and white sharks in our pacific ocean. The fresh water that flows out of the Golden Gate has consequences to marine life as far north as Alaska.

The science is clear, that the aquatic life of the delta is been harmed greatly do to the fresh water diversion that currently exists. Spending Billions of dollars the increase this fresh water diversion will not only put the final nail in the coffin to our fragile fresh/salt water ecosystem, but the cost to tax payers to support such a boondoggle is unconscionable.

Billions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of jobs will be lost to our state in a variety of industries.

Its amazing to me that Governor Brown, who prides himself on being a champion for the environment, is leading the charge on a crusade that if victorious, will be the single most devastating man made environmental catastrophe in our nations history. Don't be part of it.

It is up to you, the Santa Clara Valley Water District to stand tall and say no to Governor Brown. To say no to destroying our delta. To say no to killing our salmon, our sea lions and our killer whales. Tell the governor to invest in long tern solutions like reclaimed and recycled water, that will provide all Californians with a sustainable water system. Do it because you know its the right thing to do. Do it for your children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Steve Balestrieri
570 Rockdale Dr.
San Francisco Ca 94127
415 587-3473

Melissa Stone

From: Becky Donnelly <beckydonnelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Special meeting on delta tunnels May 2nd

Please put in records and read.

Do you realize that the current infrastructure that takes water out of the delta has leakage problems? I wasn't until this weekend, when I was driving around the delta that I heard something, that sounded like a waterfall. I looked over to my right and I saw several sections of pipes dropping large quantities of water. I have video if your interested.

I ask the board why do politicians always want to do the sexy projects instead of taking care of current issues? My family lost personal friends in the San Bruno gas explosion. Mismanagement of water issues can be just as dangerous as gas leaks i.e. the recent flooding issues in San Jose.

It's hard to trust any government body at this time as you continually say it's just one more latte and we will take care of your infrastructure problems. Is it because we live in Santa Clara valley that you assume we can all afford a latte everyday?

Hit any potholes or traffic lately? Just remember we can fix it if you just give up one more latte.

Sent from m

Melissa Stone

From: system-generated
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: SCVWD Agenda Comment Form

Submitted on Mon, 04/30/2018 - 12:26 PM

Submitted values are:

Name

Nicky Suard

Address

3356 Snug Harbor Drive
Walnut Grove, California. 95690

Telephone

(916) 775-1455

Email

sunshine@snugharbor.net

Board Meeting Date

Wed, 05/02/2018 - 00:00

Agenda Item Number

2.1

I would like to

Express Opposition

Comment Form

I am very surprised at the short-sighted planning by supposed visionaries of Santa Clara area. By supporting the Water Heist tunnel plan, you are actually limiting the future growth of your area. You will be limited by Southern California political control of the tunnel flows and distributions and of course you know it will cost your water users at least double of what you claim. Why are you choosing to limit the future development of the Santa Clara area, when you could have been open and honest and worked with the local counties and local willing sellers to increase your drinking water and M & I water availability?

You know the movie Avatar where the bad guys go to a planet/country and just take what they want with complete disregard for the inhabitants of the other location? Avatar may as well have been about the Delta area. Outsiders are threatening to divert the life line of the Bay and Delta-the Sacramento River. Are you really going to join the heartless guys and gals of MWD/DWR and attack your own neighbors 60 minutes away?

It is time to put away for good a conveyance plan conceived in the 1890s, and re-plumb the system much more wisely. Base decisions upon verifiable confirmed flow data, not fabricated computer modeling using incomplete and outdated assumptions. Tunnels are a good idea, but not where proposed to be located. Instead enclose the entire

California Aqueduct with solar so there is no more evaporation, and the solar provides the energy to move the water. Tunnel through the mountains instead of using all that energy to lift the water over the mountains in in SoCal. Require that USBR and DWR and its water contractors fully disclose the amounts of diversions, not just exports. Prohibit reselling of unused purchased water for a profit. Prohibit resale of subsidized water for a profit. Stop subsidies for farm water for produce that is exported outside the USA & its territories, and the demand for ag water for desert lands will go down, leaving more water for urban uses.

Please, don't drain the Delta of its fresh water. Save the Delta-Save the Salmon!

Nicky Suard, Esq. Delta land and business owner

Please read this comment for the record

Melissa Stone

From: Mariah Looney <mariah.looney@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Public Comment

Hello,

I am writing to let you know that I do not think that the Santa Clara Valley Water District should fund the proposal of the twin tunnels. This would be extremely detrimental to the state and the Santa Clara community at large. Thank you

Best Regards,

Mariah Looney | Digital Communications Specialist
phone: 209 851 0270

Melissa Stone

From: Andrea Brant <abrant@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: For the Record: Please Oppose the Tunnels Project

Dear Board of Directors,

I request this email be entered into the record.

I am a life-long Bay Area resident, a 25+ year employee in Santa Clara county and a property owner on the Sacramento River near Isleton who has boated on the Bay and Delta for nearly 50 years. I am asking you to oppose the Tunnels project. There are other ways to provide California with water without destroying the Delta as we know it.

Thank you for your consideration,
Andrea Brant
140 Pineview Lane
Menlo Park, CA 94025

17400 Grand Island Rd.
Walnut Grove, 95690

Melissa Stone

From: Rosemary Go <rgo@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Waterfix vote

As a homeowner in San Jose, I urge the board to vote No on the twin tunnels. There are other ways to manage water and depleting the delta water is not it. This sentiment is not just me but everyone with whom I speak and have contact.

R. Go
Rainbow west.

Melissa Stone

From: Steve Austen <kinkadecapitola4@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Communications Unit
Subject: 650 MILLION dollars of our tax money!

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District,
Can you tell WE THE PEOPLE why you are even considering a vote to give 650 MILLION dollars of our tax money to Brown the Clown to build two huge tunnels that would take our water from the Delta away from our farmers and give to Los Angeles and Southern California?
The is NOTHING about this vote on your web site or facebook page!
Please answer this question and shine a big light on anyone receiving money if this awful deal goes through.
I remember common sense stopped Brown the Clown Sr from doing this in the 1950s and 1960s.
Steven Austen (born in San Jose 1953) Aptos CA

Melissa Stone

From: Diana Hall <dianahall39@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 12:37 PM
To: Communications Unit
Subject: Tunnel water project funds

I heard that the water board was going to reconsider Jerry Brown's awful water tunnel proposal, probably in exchange for some state funds. How corrupt. Please don't do it, the tunnels are an awful idea environmentally and for our own water supply.

Diana Hall
Mountain View resident

Melissa Stone

From: Tom Foxen <nc73026@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 3:16 PM
To: Communications Unit
Cc: nc73026@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Brown's Folly Drainage

To whom it may concern.

I was made aware on the news last night the SCVWD board is to vote this week on the diversion tunnels that Gov. Brown is ramming through. I would like to get my message passed to the Board members with what is my (and a lot of other ratepayers) opinion on this vote.

Why in the world is the SCVWD even considering supporting much less committing \$650 million to this diversion of water to the almond growers and S.CA. districts? Your stated mission on the e-mail I just received is: Water Supply, Flood Protection, and Stream Stewardship. None of these seem to fit the proposed commitment.....at all. Water supply, we have nothing to gain from sending water south. Flood Protection.....ask the people flooded out a year ago how your district is doing on this matter.....and/or look at the debris in current concrete open culverts. Stream Stewardship.....180 degrees out of line with the stated mission. The Delta is a treasure for all forms of wildlife and not fish. It also is a huge recreational area enjoyed by young and old alike. Take a minute (or day) to look at the case being made by those trying to preserve this resource as it is today.

So, as a ratepayer I am strenuously objecting to this action which appears to me to be a backroom handshake between agencies trusted with fulfilling the stated mission. Hopefully the courts will be able to accomplish what is in the best interest of the people of N. CA.

Regards

Tom Foxen

This email has been checked for viruses by Avast antivirus software.
<https://www.avast.com/antivirus>

Melissa Stone

From: Nanette Wobber <nwobber@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Twin Tunnels

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

I read an article in the 4/28/2018 San Jose Mercury News and am troubled that the SCVWD is again considering to participate in the CA WaterFix Project. I am writing to urge the SCVWD not to join the CA WaterFix Project. Your responsibility to your customers is to support only projects that stand on their individual merits. Do not bend to backroom deals that give away your customers money in turn for support of another project you believe has merit. Numerous reports and analyses confirm that the costs and risks of the CA Water Fix make smaller local and regional water projects a much better solution for SCVWD and California water agencies. The CA WaterFix Project is simply too big, complex, risky and expensive. - Joining the CA WaterFix without reliable estimates of the cost to your customer rates is negligent. - Design and construction of the CA WaterFix without operating agreements is not prudent. - Proceeding with the CA WaterFix without understanding the impacts on the Delta's environmental ecosystems and the people and business that rely on those ecosystems is not prudent. - The almost \$15 Billion CA WaterFix concept estimate will increase significantly as complexities are identified and addressed. - Recent reports indicate that the conceptual tunnel design must be revised to withstand modest earthquake loading, adding significant and currently unestimated construction costs to project. - In the event of a major earthquake or other natural disaster, the CA WaterFix would concentrate risk rather than spread the risk to many smaller, geographically diverse projects. SCVWD and other importing water agencies would better serve their customers by investing in local projects that conserve, improve and protect water supplies, and that also protect the Delta and its fresh water / salt water environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Nanette Wobber

Melissa Stone

From: Emily Renzel <marshmama2@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 5:23 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Please don't fund twin tunnels

Dear Members of the Water District Board:

I have been around long enough to have seen multiple failures by the State to honor their commitments to the environment of the Bay and Delta. Remember the great Bay Delta Project compromise???? This latest proposal to build twin tunnels to divert more of our Delta water to Southern California will result in just one more assault on the health of the Bay & Delta which are already suffering from water diversions. Somehow there's an assumption that in lean water years, there will be a more stable water supply. However, what kind of stable water supply will be guaranteed to the Bay and Delta in those lean water years?

It certainly looks unseemly that the Board is considering changing its position right after the State changed its position on funding the Pacheco Reservoir, particularly since there is ample evidence of the damage that the twin tunnel project will do to the environment.

Please don't change your previous position and continue to reject funding for the destructive twin tunnels project.

Sincerely,
Emily M. Renzel, former Councilmember, City of Palo Alto (1979-91)
1056 Forest Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Melissa Stone

From: Dr. Mathew Snider <docforbax@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 6:02 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Shame on you.....

Quit vacillating. You do realize who you are to serve, right? Sending water south is not in the interest of this district, no matter the backroom deals you and ole Jerry concoct.

Agan, shame on you. How can you sleep at night? If you want to play politics get yourself elected to Sacto or Wahington. See how long you'll stay in office with the about-face attitude you're portraying here.

Melissa Stone

From: Wendy Reynolds <xskyhag@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 6:08 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Cal water fix

I am 100% against you passing the cal water fix. Don't do it I.

Sent from my iPad

Melissa Stone

From: Katrina Lomax <klomax7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 6:10 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Regarding upcoming meeting on Wed - for Richard Santos

Dear Mr. Santos.

You may not remember me - but before you first started building your home up on Sierra Rd, I wrote to you to ask if you would consider accommodating my horses on your back property where you had an old barn and some acres. Well, I know you weren't ready at the time and, I didn't have the tractor to clear it for the horses. I ended up boarding them at Nola's Iris Gardens (stable) up the road from you.

I was there for a few years and then....

...I finally bought my dream home in Discovery Bay, and moved my horses there!

My plan is to someday retire there in the Delta. However for now, I still work in Silicon Valley - at Google in fact - but I drive home EVERY night. Why? Because it gives me much pleasure to look out onto my deck - just hop in my boat and cruise around the Delta. It gives me joy to jump in the water on a hot summer weekend, after I have cleaned stalls and rode my horses. I work hard for this, and I know you would understand since you had also a view out your front window to see the valley and the beautiful Bay.

It gives us a feeling of accomplishment to know what we worked for all these years and come home to a peaceful place.

I would encourage you to oppose funding the tunnels, because, for Silicon Valley residents, the Delta represents the best and closest weekend water recreational opportunity. Many of my friends who now live in Discovery Bay also spent their career years working in Silicon Valley during the week and driving to the Delta on weekends. They saved their money and retired in the area they grew to love - the Delta. This project will destroy their retirement and way of life. This is the only place where I could afford to buy and retire to that had so much to offer. Others will agree!

The tunnels are not necessary! Storage for all that Spring rain is necessary for those living in the south of the State. Storage, recycling, and conservation. The state needs to look at alternative solutions. I cannot believe that some of the cost of the project is to be considered to be paid by Santa Clara? Please Mr. Santos, do not agree to support this!

The current route for the tunnels will devalue my property severely, destroy boating and plug the roads with traffic due to barges and construction both under the drawbridges and over highway 4 between Discovery Bay and Stockton.

I know you have heard it before, fish, estuary destroyed because it goes right through the heart of it. Not sure why there wasn't a plan to go East near highway 5? Why destroy these quaint legacy cities along the tunnel route?

You know, sometimes I drive over to Alviso after work to walk the path there by the water, and I think how beautiful it is still. How I love to look at the old pictures or think about Drawbridge and it's past. Then I look in the near distance and I see all of the buildings around and know that Alviso is the only town left in Silicon Valley that has some resemblance to timelessness. I don't want that to change!

I want that for the Delta and for all of us that live there with our children, and hope to retire to an area left that has wildlife, marine life and, I can enjoy my retirement when it comes.

So even if you don't remember me writing you those letters or talking with me Mr Santos, (when you were still in Alviso and just building that house on Sierra) - please consider not funding the tunnel project. I want to ask on behalf of the Discovery Bay Community AND my Silicon Valley friends to NOT support the tunnels.

I will hope to see you on Wednesday at the meeting, but in case I do not get a chance to speak, I wanted to be sure you received this letter. I am still part of Silicon Valley and part of the Delta for many years now.

Sincerely yours,

Katrina Lomax

Melissa Stone

From: Joanne Morelli <moepie23@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 6:11 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Delat Tunnels

Dear Board Members,

I implore you to not support the Delta Tunnels. Please consider our environment and people involved when considering the Tunnels. Passage of the tunnels will destroy a beautiful estuary, destroy farming in some of the most fertile land in the nation and put an economic burden on people to pay for these tunnels when water prices increase. Please, do not support the tunnels, the future of this state is in your hands.

John Morelli

PS--Please have my comment entered into the record.

Melissa Stone

From: carney.web@scubadoo.com
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:50 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Oppose "WaterFix"

Dear Board,

Please reject the WaterFix project. I do not want my local (Mountain View) rates to fund this project. This project has been rushed through without regard to the following issues:

- Joining the CA WaterFix without reliable estimates of the cost to your customer rates is negligent.
- Design and construction of the CA WaterFix without operating agreements is not prudent.
- Proceeding with the CA WaterFix without understanding the impacts on the Delta's environmental ecosystems and the people and business that rely on those ecosystems is not prudent.
- The almost \$15 Billion CA WaterFix concept estimate will increase significantly as complexities are identified and addressed. - Recent reports indicate that the conceptual tunnel design must be revised to withstand modest earthquake loading, adding significant and currently unestimated construction costs to project.
- In the event of a major earthquake or other natural disaster, the CA WaterFix would concentrate risk rather than spread the risk to many smaller, geographically diverse projects.

Thank you,

Stephen Carney
1219 Eichler Court
Mountain View, CA 94040

Melissa Stone

From: Peder Jones <pederj@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:58 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Your May 2 Discussion of California Water Fix

Members of the Board
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose CA 95118

Dear Members of the Board:

I had the opportunity to speak to you several times last year as you considered whether to participate in California Water Fix. I appreciate the careful consideration you gave to community input. Your unanimous decision to agree to participate in the project if and only if a list of important considerations were met was, in my opinion, a sensible and admirable action.

I was particularly impressed by your efforts to ensure that increasing amounts of fresh water would not be diverted from the Sacramento River. As you are aware, the purity and beauty of San Francisco Bay cannot be sustained if water districts far to the south are allowed to take more water than they already take from the endangered estuary, of which the Bay is a part.

Since you passed your resolution, which argued for a scaled-down, fiscally responsible version of the project, a single water district with massive resources—Metropolitan Water District of Southern California—has not only revived the original flawed plan, it has voted to have its ratepayers foot the bill for the project.

In doing so, that district has not moved to address any of the project flaws:

- Cal Water Fix creates no new water supply. In dry years it will deliver little or no water to districts that have committed to fund the project.
- The segmented-concrete-lined tunnels proposed for Cal Water Fix are seismically inadequate and will be more likely to fail in a quake than the levees that currently protect the waters.
- Cal Water Fix will not protect against sea level rise; it will exacerbate problems from saltwater intrusion throughout the Delta and beyond.
- Cal Water Fix will divert more water than legally permitted, if the primary supporters of the project are to be believed. Both Westlands Water District and MetWater executives have stated in board meetings that their districts will receive more water once the tunnels are completed, despite legal filings which state that no greater amounts of water will be sent south in the future.
- Cal Water Fix will create an ecological crisis in northern California. Science writer Dan Bacher summarizes the situation as follows: "Reports of scientific panels ranging from the Delta Independent Science Board to federal Environmental Protection Agency scientists have given the alleged "science" of California Water Fix a failing grade." Fish, birds, and other wildlife will suffer severely from reductions in freshwater flow.
- Cal Water Fix fails to specify which agencies and individuals will have control of how much water is diverted from the Sacramento River, and how much water will be allocated to particular water districts legally entitled to share that water.
- Cal Water Fix does not reward water districts that have moved toward regional water independence through recycling, storm water catchment, conservation, and other means.
- The Cal Water Fix budget includes only a token amount to cover cost overruns, which on megaprojects typically exceed 200%. If and when such cost overruns occur, low-income residents will be hit with increases in their water bills which they will struggle to pay.
- Even if there are no cost overruns, the two-tunnel project will provide less than one dollar of benefit for every four dollars spent, according to University of the Pacific business professor Dr. Jeff Michael.

You as board members did address these problems in your resolution last fall. Instead of respecting your consensus decision and the decisions of other water districts throughout the state, Met Water has told you and other Californians, "We are pushing the project forward with no regard for anyone else--because we can."

In light of the many unaddressed flaws in the project and the arrogant and undemocratic actions of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I respectfully request that you as a board leave in place your previous decision on your participation in California Water Fix. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peder Jones
Member, Protect Our Water
San Francisco

Five generations of my family have lived, studied, worked, and served in the military in the Santa Clara Valley.

Melissa Stone

From: Gary Watson <garyw1030@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:02 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Water Fix

I request that you vote No on the Water Fix matter. It is the correct position for the board to take.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Gary Watson
Mountain View, CA

Melissa Stone

From: Jacklyn Shaw <jjjshaw@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:39 PM
To: Board of Directors; progers@bayareanewsgroup.com; Restore Delta the
Cc: AndyC Wid; kensvogel@juno.com; belliot@sjgov.org
Subject: Plz. Enter for record: Not counting destructive loss (in tax and income) by increased soil salinity to Delta agri-tourism (food crops to USA); health issues and crime, as Coalition of five Delta River counties protest
Attachments: unnamed document.pdf

From jacklyn.el.shaw@icloud.com on 4/30/18, please enter for the record:

Dear Dick Santos, chairman of the Santa Clara Valley Water District and concerned others:

RE: Data is not counting devastating losses (in tax and income) by increased soil salinity to Delta agri-tourism (food crops to USA); health issues (breathing) and crime (job losses), as Coalition of five Delta River counties protest!

Given charts for Never ending fix it costs, if there would be any empty two lane highway destruction under Delta River,

then common sense shows this would mean a **Delta "dust bowl" in NorCal**, as stated by directors (WID).

Fix Its lead to non ending fixits and to a Tax grab with no water to grab from Delta River dust bowl (if not Oroville Dam).

That is *if any destructive tunnel/s and 2 to 10 suckling intakes* are built. **Horrific losses fail California as #1 in agri-tourism**

for food crops to USA (not to mention narco crops that take more water, as does concrete for housing on Greenbelt).

Invest any funds in **productive options: RECLAMATION and California's innovative Desalination, by Navy ships,**

Salt Energy-in Desalination (Stanford); wave energy (San Luis Obispo university); Cal, 1970's invention used in Israel

and and 100 nations. **Use funding for benefits not waste:** Data does Not count **destructive losses** (in tax and income)

by increased soil salinity to agri-tourism, as Coalition of five Delta River counties protest. (For samples on figures,

contact CAWG, California Association Wine Grape Growers, where vineyards use least in water, and are heart healthy.)

Order the poster on THE NATURAL GROUND WATER CYCLE (NRSC, USDA, poster, 2012). We need to Protect

our rivers and aquifers, to avoid California earthquakes as near faults not on levees. Concrete surface water seems faulty or

limited. San Joaquin County has 2/3 of the **Delta River**, with most of 127 varieties of fruits and vegetables in **50% of food crops**

to USA. (The northern three counties, of 28 in Central Valley, are Mediterranean Sub-Tropical, while the southern ones are

Semi-arid; USGS/soil maps).

The Delta's San Joaquin County has been in **Critical Water OVERDRAFT since 1983.** It can take 100 years for a drop of

water to reach the Aquifer. To avoid any flooding, **restore deep, pure Delta River DREDGING by USACE (San Francisco,**

Pacific). 90% of Californians live on the coast. Then, there are more practical options than making the Delta River into a

“Dust Bowl”. For instance, desalination costs less than concrete. Californians have been known for being **innovative in** business jobs, not just being **overtaxed** already. Thanks for opportunity of public record in comments and the May 2nd meeting
In San Jose, Santa Clara County.

Sincerely,
Jacklyn Shaw, Prof-Author, and Grower
Lodi, CA 95242 * 20 miles from heart of Delta River
Cc: PR, WID, KV, RTD/Delta

Summary of Public Benefit Ratio Pre and Post-Appeal - Staff Assessment
As of April 20, 2018

Project	Applicant	Type of Project	Total Cost	Funding Requested	Pre-Appeal Eligible Amount	Post-Appeal Eligible Amount	Pre-Appeal PBR	Post-Appeal PBR
Centennial Water Supply Project	Nevada Irrigation District	Surface Storage	\$324 M	-	\$0	\$0	0.0	0.0
Chino Basin Conjunctive Use Environmental Water Storage/Exchange Program	Inland Empire Utilities Agency	Conjunctive Use	\$480 M	\$372 M	\$0	\$153.7 M	0.71	0.92
Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project	Irvine Ranch Water District/Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District	Groundwater Storage	\$171 M	\$85.7 M	\$49.7 M	\$72.5 M	0.58	0.85
Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project	Contra Costa Water District	Surface Storage	\$795 M	\$459 M	\$0	\$422.6 M	0.46	1.77
Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project	Santa Clara Valley Water District	Surface Storage	\$969 M	\$484.5 M	\$0	\$484.5 M	0.36	1.77
Pure Water San Diego Program North City Phase 1	City of San Diego - Public Utilities Department	Surface Storage	\$1,210 M	\$219.3 M	\$0	\$0	0.0	0.05
Sites Project	Sites Project Authority	Surface Storage	\$5,176 M	\$1,388 M	\$662.6 M	\$933.3 M	0.4	0.67
South Sacramento County Agriculture & Habitat Lands Recycled Water, Groundwater Storage, and Conjunctive Use Program (South County Ag Program)	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San)	Conjunctive Use	\$373 M	\$280.5 M	\$229.6 M	\$244.3 M	0.75	0.87
Temperance Flat Reservoir Project	San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority	Surface Storage	\$2,661 M	\$1,055.3 M	\$0	\$171.3 M	0.1	0.38
The Tulare Lake Storage and Floodwater Protection Project	Semitropic Water Storage District	Conjunctive Use	\$603 M	\$452 M	\$0	\$0	0.01	0.03
Willow Springs Water Bank Conjunctive Use Project	Southern California Water Bank Authority	Conjunctive Use	\$343 M	\$301.6 M	\$0	\$105.3 M	0.0	0.35
Total Requested Funding				\$5,097.9 M	\$941.9 M	\$2,587.5 M		

Total Cost - Total cost as provided in the original application.
Funding Requested - \$ amount requested from the State in the appeals process
Pre-Appeal Eligible Amount - Pre-Appeal \$ amount staff estimated based on staff adjustments to benefits and value, per Proposition 1 requirements. (February 2018)
Post-Appeal Eligible Amount - Post-Appeal \$ amount staff estimated based on staff adjustments to benefits and value, per Proposition 1 requirements. (April 2018)
Pre-Appeal PBR - Ratio of value of public benefits divided by funding requested
Post-Appeal PBR - Ratio of revised value of public benefits divided by funding requested

Melissa Stone

From: Glenn Wilcox <wilcoxfam30@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 8:14 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Vote tomorrow on Tunnel Project

Board,

I am a fifth generation Californian and a resident of Los Gatos. This project has already been rejected and should be rejected again. Approval of this proposal would be fiscally irresponsible.

Specifically to Mr. Kremen: a yes vote on this proposal will definitely loose my vote in November and I will actively campaign for your removal.

Thank you,
Glenn Wilcox

Melissa Stone

From: Jack Lucas <jlucas1099@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 8:16 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: SCVWD Board Meeting - May 2 - vote on Twin Tunnel Delta Diversion of Sacramento River

Richard Santos, Chair
Santa Clara Valley Water District Board

Dear Director Santos, and Members of the Board;

In regards your vote Wednesday evening, May 2, for District approval and fiscal support of the State's Water Fix project to divert a substantial portion of the Sacramento River to twin tunnels to supplement the State's aqueduct supply for Southern California and the Central Valley, I would urge you to qualify your support for present project.

The Water Fix project is unsound in its hydrology. The twin tunnel diversion structure will head-cut into the river's natural riparian banks and erode upstream to destabilize both the channel and adjacent island levees.

This diversion finesses historic water rights and beneficial uses of the main river of the San Francisco Estuary.

The size and power of diverted flow will compromise migratory anadromous fish runs in the Sacramento River.

Recreation boating through this scenic reach of river will be hazardous if even possible so federal law of rights of navigation on US rivers will be challenged.

Maintenance costs for sediment removal at high deposition reach of Sacramento River will be high, if feasible.

The magnitude of diverted main stem river flow will accelerate salt water intrusion reaching higher into Estuary.

Modeling needs to be done to ascertain degree to which circulation of sediments in South Bay is diminished.

In the District's August, 1991 Water Supply Master Plan Report - Preliminary Evaluation of Alternative Dam and Reservoir Sites the cost of a Pacheco Reservoir was estimated to be \$81 million. Present estimated cost of \$969 million for an expanded Pacheco Reservoir facility is a sobering increase.

In view of inflationary construction costs do please qualify your support of any tunnel facility diversion in Delta.

Libby Lucas

Melissa Stone

From: Clerk of the Board
To: Board of Directors
Subject: FW: New Comcate eFM case: Master plans>Water Resources Master Plan (you are secondary)

-----Original Message-----

From: AccessValleyWater=valleywater.org@mg.comcate.com <AccessValleyWater=valleywater.org@mg.comcate.com> On Behalf Of Santa Clara Valley Water District
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 8:30 AM
Subject: New Comcate eFM case: Master plans>Water Resources Master Plan (you are secondary)

Customer: Mathis, Willard

Customer request (only first sentences): I would like the board to vote against the southern California water grab and deny the monetary outlay for twin tunnels under the delta. This will decimate the delta and cause much long term damage. PLEASE VOTE AGAINST THIS ISSUE! Thank you for your consideration on this issue. WLM

Melissa Stone

From: Linda Ziff <lindaziff37@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 8:41 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: No on Water Fix

Dear Board Members,
I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the WaterFix project.

This project is too big, too expensive, environmentally unsound and, most of all, does not benefit your customers.

Thank you .

Linda Ziff
510 Torwood Lane
Los Altos, CA 94022
lindaziff37@gmail.com

Melissa Stone

From: gary watson <garyw1030@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 10:05 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Re: Water Fix

Dear Board,

Yesterday I read an article in the 4/28/2018 San Jose Mercury News and am troubled that the SCVWD is again considering to participate in the CA WaterFix Project. I am writing to urge the SCVWD not to join the CA WaterFix Project.

Your responsibility to your customers is to support only projects that stand on their individual merits. Do not bend to backroom deals that give away your customers money in turn for support of another project you believe has merit.

Numerous reports and analyses confirm that the costs and risks of the CA Water Fix make smaller local and regional water projects a much better solution for SCVWD and California water agencies. The CA WaterFix Project is simply too big, complex, risky and expensive.

- Joining the CA WaterFix without reliable estimates of the cost to your customer rates is negligent.
- Design and construction of the CA WaterFix without operating agreements is not prudent.
- Proceeding with the CA WaterFix without understanding the impacts on the Delta's environmental ecosystems and the people and business that rely on those ecosystems is not prudent.
- The almost \$15 Billion CA WaterFix concept estimate will increase significantly as complexities are identified and addressed.
- Recent reports indicate that the conceptual tunnel design must be revised to withstand modest earthquake loading, adding significant and currently unestimated construction costs to project.
- In the event of a major earthquake or other natural disaster, the CA WaterFix would concentrate risk rather than spread the risk to many smaller, geographically diverse projects.

SCVWD and other importing water agencies would better serve their customers by investing in local projects that conserve, improve and protect water supplies, and that also protect the Delta and its fresh water / salt water environment.

Respectfully,

Gary Watson
Mountain View, CA

Melissa Stone

From: Tracey Ziomek <sctrace@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: May 2- Objection Comment for the Record re: CA Water Fix

Dear Board,

Please accept this email as a formal Objection for the record re: CA Water Fix. Please do not approve this CA Water Fix as it is detrimental to the Northern CA Delta and does not provide a long term solution. Please reject the twin tunnels! There must be a better plan for farming. Growing water intensive crops in the desert doesn't make any sense. Let's change what we are growing for a long term solution. The people who own the water rights are the only to benefit. Let's find a balance, this is not it, as we can not make more water, but we can grow less water intensive crops.

Please do not make a decision that will raise the water rates in Santa Clara County as well. A partnership with the Metropolitan is a bad idea for Santa Clara County.

Thank you,

Tracey Ziomek
5062 Sandmound Blvd
Oakley, CA 94561
sctrace@gmail.com

Melissa Stone

From: Nick Dunckel <ndunckel@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 10:54 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: CA Water Fix Project

Please do not support this project. The cost is gigantic, the risk of overruns is high, and the benefits to us here in the Bay area are minimal to zero.

Thank you

Nick Dunckel
Los Altos Hills

Melissa Stone

From: PJ Jacobs <pamjacobs2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: I oppose the twin water tunnels

To the SCVWD Board of Directors:

As a 27 year homeowner in Los Altos, let me add my voice in opposition to the water tunnel project. Under no metric do I support this. It is environmentally unsound and excessively expensive. As a person who regularly travels in Southern California, I can say first hand that Northern California residents are far more serious and successful in their efforts to conserve water than Southern California residents. The lack of serious and sustained conservation efforts and unnecessary water uses in Southern California is disgraceful. Additionally, our unbridled acceptance of using water for inappropriate, water hunger crops like almonds - and unnecessary crops through Central California like wine grapes - are not justifications for this expense and environmental risk. It is not a requirement that all of the citizens of California subsidize the cost and squander our water resources to support private, profit driven agriculture that does not provide essential food crops to feed our citizens (we can live without almonds and wine).

It's time for all of California to revisit appropriate water usage and conservation rather than 'robbing' Northern California's water sources to give precious water to wasteful and unnecessary purposes in Central and Southern California. It is also time to consider 'eminent domain' type legal approaches to regain control of critical water resources held privately - and used inappropriately. Those are more challenging political problems, but they are the problems we need to address. And storage of rainwater during good rain years remains a critical need for these same water financial resources.

Regards,

Pam Jacobs
885 Santa Rita Ave.
Los Altos, CA 94022

Melissa Stone

From: Kathryn A. Klar <kkestrel2000@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:17 AM
To: Board of Directors
Cc: brechingray@hotmail.com; barbara@restorethedelta.org;
congressman.desaulnier@mail.house.gov
Subject: Delta tunnels.

To: Santa Clara Valley Water District.

This comment is in reference to the Santa Clara Valley Water District special Board of Directors meeting, May 2018. I am a California citizen and taxpayer.

Do not enable "big money" and "big agriculture," with the help of Sacramento (and probably Washington) politicians to build any tunnels under the Delta to divert more water from Northern California to Southern California and the southern Central Valley. Those latter areas are, naturally, deserts or extreme Mediterranean climate areas, and cannot support huge agriculture or endless development and urbanization without more water than Nature or God or the Universe (or whatever you believe in) has provided. They once were rich, if dry, ecological systems of their own, plowed under now and watered with liquid never intended to soak into that parched ground.

Ironically, the "Delta tunnels" plan will help "make the desert bloom" by nudging the source region of the diverted water toward—what a else—a desert itself, or at least toward the destruction of an environment which is rich in species evolved over millions of year to rely on Northern California's natural water resources. We do not have "too much water" here in the North. We have what is necessary to maintain our ecosystems in a healthy condition. This is especially important in our time of climate change and global warming, when the amount of water that comes naturally to Northern California may be reduced at times (droughts) or permanently, or arrive at times and in amounts that are not optimal for the ecosystems. However, animals and plants have adapted to the natural fluctuations, and they have managed to survive over much longer climate fluctuations than we now experience or anticipate. They cannot survive the massive destruction that human beings are capable of inflicting, and we are already seeing the results in the Delta, even without the new tunnels.

The "externalities" of this proposed big business water grab are beyond any imaginable level of acceptability in terms of the damage humans will once again be willfully and thoughtlessly inflicting on a part of the earth which is too tempting for greedy, profit-driven developers and politicians to keep their hands off. If Santa Clara Valley, with its short-term thinking, agrees to help pay for this boondoggle, are you going to somehow also pay for all the destruction it does to the San Francisco Bay delta and our Northern California rivers and ecosystems?

There is a whole, huge ocean just to the west of the southern Central Valley and the southern California deserts. It is up to people who live there to figure out how to use (and pay for) more water if they insist on continuing to use an entire region for purposes it is not naturally suited for. (Desalination, anyone?)

Before the coming of big agriculture and Silicon Valley development, Santa Clara Valley was known as "the valley of heart's delight." It's already buried most of that delight under asphalt and concrete, and depleted and polluted its water resources. Do you really want the same thing on your collective conscience (if you have one) if you contribute materially to doing the same thing to the Delta?

That's how you'll be remembered when the historians come to write the story, which will likely include the ruin of the whole engineered folly when the San Andreas, Hayward, Calaveras, and a thousand other seismic faults have

done what we know they are going to do. Having destroyed one massive region, do you really want to be responsible in even a small part, for destroying another? For what?

There is a whole, huge ocean just to the west of the southern Central Valley and the southern California deserts. It is up to people who live there to figure out how to use (and pay for) more water if they insist on continuing to use an entire region for purposes it is not naturally suited for. (Desalination, anyone?)

Nature is ultimately more powerful than anything human hubris can think up and implement, a fact of life worth remembering.

Kathryn A Klar
710 Courtland Ave
Richmond CA 94805-1541

510-237-0825

Melissa Stone

From: C Wilcox <cmswilcox@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Delta Tunnels Board Meeting

Good morning Board Members,

I am opposed to the tunnels for many reasons. Many of which I am sure you have heard from opposing citizens and advocacy groups. My voice is only one, but that is what America is about; small, passionate voices all put together adding up to one larger, strong voice.

Please do not build the tunnels, please look for different solutions, please do not be swayed by dollar signs, and please do this right thing. Your vote and actions have implications for all of us for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Please enter these comments into the record.

Sincerely,
Christina Wilcox

Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives :-)

Melissa Stone

From: Heather Rosmarin <hrosmarin@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 12:51 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Agenda 2.1 (WaterFix) Comment: OPPOSE

Dear Board of Directors:

As a Bay Area resident, I urge you to protect our unique Bay-Delta ecosystem by voting NO on the WaterFix proposal.

Fresh water flows to the Bay-Delta need to be increased, not diverted by massive tunnels.

There are better water solutions for our central and southern California neighbors that don't involve destroying the fragile Bay-Delta with a multi-billion dollar infrastructure project from the last century.

I've lived in Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda, and now Contra Costa County, and we all need to stand together to protect our water supply, our estuary, our fisheries, our farmers, and our wildlife.

Please vote NO on WaterFix.

Please enter this comment into the record.

Thank you.

Heather Rosmarin
hrosmarin@mac.com
25A Crescent Dr. #245
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Melissa Stone

From: Michael Abramson <abramson53@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 12:47 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Oppose Twin Tunnels

I urge SCVWD to refuse to participate in the CA WaterFix Project. The project is outrageously expensive, and I could not find any convincing arguments in its favor. Much smaller sum of money invested in water conservation and recycling projects would be much more effective.

Thank you,

--

Michael Abramson

Melissa Stone

From: Linden Skjeie <skeejee@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Vote on delta water fix

Looks like you have a momentous vote coming up tomorrow night on whether or not to commit \$500 million to the twin tunnel project. But without some digging, one would never know from looking at your website. Do you not want the people you represent at the meeting? Kind of looks that way which, along with the fact that you already voted down this environmental disaster of a boondoggle, is just about the only thing one could conclude. Very disappointed in you. I urge you to vote against this expenditure. The delta should not crash so that Southern California and the Bay Area can keep growing.

Linden Skjeie

Sent from my iPhone

Melissa Stone

From: D. Olson <dolson5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Oppose Water Fix

This project has progressed slowly for many reasons - from weak process management by the state water board to real world obstacles like the design and its impact on the environment. It is still too poorly designed to know how well it will work.

Please do NOT make a decision to support the project because it needs to be saved. It should never have gotten into the position of needing to be saved. It would not need to be saved if it made more sense.

The project has not improved since your last vote.

Demand that SCVWD avoid taking risks that could be very costly. Imagine what the SCVWD could do with this same investment spent on other alternatives.

We do NOT need the CA Water Fix.

David Olson
resident who likes to follow water issues



*Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515*

*Anna G. Eshoo
Eighteenth District
California*

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Richard Santos, Board Chair
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, California 95118-3686

Dear Chairman Santos,

I write to express my concerns regarding the Santa Clara Valley Water District's upcoming vote to reconsider participation in the California WaterFix twin tunnels proposal. I urge you to delay reconsideration of WaterFix or to reject it yet again, as the Board did unanimously in October of last year.

As I've indicated in several previous communications with the Board, I have serious concerns about the costs of the project and lack of transparency. Santa Clara Valley Water District's own staff estimated that participating in WaterFix would require the Water District to raise rates by up to \$10.26 per month for many of our mutual constituents by the time the tunnels are operational in 2033. This estimate does not take into account the State Auditor's report that WaterFix is likely to face considerable cost overruns because the California Department of Water Resources has not completed the necessary analysis to ensure that the project is financially viable. It is also troubling to me that this issue of major importance to our region was added to the Board's agenda with less than a week's notice, despite the Board previously rejecting participation in the project less than six months ago.

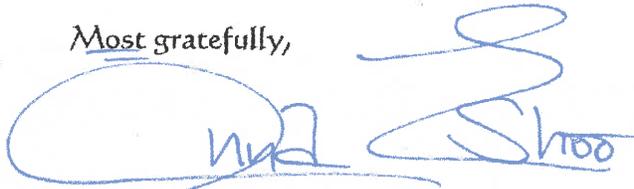
In my letter of November 1, 2017, I thanked the Board for rejecting the project and for the inclusion of several "Guiding Principles for Participation in the California WaterFix" appended to its decision. Most important among those principles was a commitment to keeping rates low for Santa Clara County ratepayers and the Board's refusal to participate in a project that does additional harm to the Delta's fragile ecosystem. In my view, WaterFix remains plagued by high costs and mismanagement that justified the Board's prior rejection of this project, and it's unclear what has changed in the last six months to ensure that it now meets the criteria the Board put forth last October. I also urged you to be fully transparent with ratepayers about the

potential costs and benefits of the tunnels, which at the very least should necessitate delaying a vote on the project to allow for additional public scrutiny.

The Board is faced with a monumental decision that will affect our environment and Santa Clara County ratepayers for decades. As public servants, we have a duty to our mutual constituents to place their interests first, and I urge you to delay your reconsideration of WaterFix until important questions about its cost and mismanagement have been addressed, or to once again reject it.

Thank you, and I look forward to your response.

Most gratefully,



Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

- cc: The Honorable John L Varela, District 1 Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
The Honorable Barbara Keegan, District 2 Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
The Honorable Linda J. LeZotte, District 4 Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
The Honorable Nai Hsueh, District 5 Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
The Honorable Tony Estremera, District 6 Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
The Honorable Gary Kremen, District 7 Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District

Melissa Stone

From: Rosenblums(pol1) <pol1@rosenblums.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 12:11 PM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Say NO to Ca Waterfix

Dear Board members,

I am troubled that the SCVWD is again considering participating in the CA WaterFix Project. I am writing to urge the SCVWD not to join the CA WaterFix Project.

Numerous reports and analyses confirm that the costs and risks of the CA Water Fix make smaller local and regional water projects, such as tertiary processing and re-use, a much better solution for SCVWD and California water agencies. The CA WaterFix Project is simply too big, complex, risky and expensive. It will mainly benefit large agricultural users and customers in LA at the expense of fresh water flows to the delta.

- Joining the CA WaterFix without reliable estimates of the cost to your customer rates is negligent.
- Design and construction of the CA WaterFix without operating agreements is not prudent.
- Proceeding with the CA WaterFix without understanding the impacts on the Delta's environmental ecosystems and the people and business that rely on those ecosystems is not prudent.
- The almost \$15 Billion CA WaterFix concept estimate will increase significantly as complexities are identified and addressed.
- Recent reports indicate that the conceptual tunnel design must be revised to withstand modest earthquake loading, adding significant and currently, poorly understood, construction costs to the project.
- In the event of a major earthquake or other natural disaster, the CA WaterFix would concentrate risk rather than spread the risk to many smaller, geographically diverse projects.

SCVWD and other importing water agencies would better serve their customers by investing in local projects that conserve, improve and protect water supplies, and that also protect the Delta and its fresh water / salt water environment.

Dr. Stephen Rosenblum
Palo Alto

Melissa Stone

From: Lisa Orton <lsorton@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:50 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Twin tunnels

I am writing to oppose the construction of the twin tunnels. I can't think of any reason I should fund a project to send northern California's water south, and to damage our fragile eco system in the process. I am unaware of what deals must have been made to resurrect this project, but any benefit we might get certainly pales in the the comparison with the damage and cost of these tunnels. Lisa Orton, PhD

26666 Snell Lane
Los Altos Hills, CA. 94022

Lisa Orton
lsorton@sbcglobal.net

Melissa Stone

From: Joseph Caldwell <jwcald57@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2018 11:44 AM
To: Board of Directors
Subject: Vote No on Delta project

Board of Directors

I respectfully ask you to cast a "No" vote on the Delta tunnels project. Please do not forget your obligation to protect the Bay Area. Thank you Joe Caldwell
Email: jwcald57@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone