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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 9:05 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Cc: Garth Hall; Cindy Kao; Barbara Keegan; Gary Kremen; Board of Directors
Subject: Fw: funding current SWP infrastructure before tunnels (public comment to Board)

Dear Clerk, Staff, and Board Members,

Please accept this message as **public comment** to the Board for the April 11 2017 Board Meeting, Item 2.7.

This comment includes the Sacramento Bee editorial linked below explaining why the District should step back and evaluate all the maintenance expenditures before committing additional funds for planning the Water Fix project.

More outreach is needed. The public should be educated on the costs of different alternatives and associated impacts on water rates and property taxes. This should not be just another marketing exercise but an effort to include the public in priority-setting and budget trade-off decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 5:33 PM
Subject: DWR outmaneuvering us on funding current SWP infrastructure before tunnels

Jonas Minton of Planning and Conservation League published a great Op Ed last week calling for repairs of current infrastructure before the tunnels. See

Public needs answers on repairing Oroville dam, Delta levees and California Aqueduct
<http://www.sacbee.com/opinion/op-ed/soapbox/article142929039.html>

But the rubber is hitting the road in the legislature. Assemblymember Gallagher's AB 1270 has language requiring DWR to produce a five year plan for funding dam operations, maintenance, and upgrades – but NOT until Jan 1, 2019, AFTER the new State Water Project contracts are signed, and AFTER water agencies will commit to the tunnels.