Correspondence received in opposition to California WaterFix.

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From:

Bonnie Packer <br/>
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bonniebpacker@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 13, 2017 12:43 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors Gary Kremen, WaterFix

Dear Mr. Kremen.

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the City of Palo Alto.

I oppose the Waterfix project, which would build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in an effort to ensure water supply to areas south of the delta, including Santa Clara county but especially Southern California and the Central Valley.

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We need 21st century solutions to the problem of guaranteeing a safe and adequate water supply. The Mercury News and the League of Women Voters of California oppose this project.

I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Thank You.

Bonnie Packer 768 Stone Lane Palo Alto, CA 94303

From: Subject:

Board of Directors FW: CA "Water Fix"

From: Dan Cloutier [mailto:djcloutier@verizon.net]

Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 12:00 PM

To: Communications Unit < <a href="mailto:CRU@valleywater.org">CRU@valleywater.org</a>>

Subject: CA "Water Fix"

## Dear Valley Water Board Members,

Our family does not support the "California Water Fix". It is a giveaway to water abusers in the Central Valley and Southern Cal. There is no guarantee for environmental protection either. Please do not waste my money on this scam. I live in a SCVWD recharge zone and always pay my pump tax on a timely basis. I even have a meter so I know exactly how much water I use each month, as well as having drought tolerant landscaping. This "fix" is a joke and an insult to taxpayers in Northern California. This is very reminiscent of the "Peripheral Canal" proposal of several years ago. Sincerely,

Daniel Cloutier Morgan Hill, CA

From:

Marcus Smith <almadenmarcus@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 13, 2017 8:34 AM

To: Cc: Gary Kremen
Board of Directors

Subject:

Delat Tunnels Vote

Dear Director Kremen and Members of the Board:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Delta Tunnels project. This project is far too expensive for the benefits received. Combined with the recent refusal of one of the main potential beneficiaries in the Central Valley (Westlands) to help fund this, the project should be scrapped as currently envisioned. There are other ways of securing water supplies that are more cost effective and environmentally friendly. Please do not use my ratepayer or tax payer dollars for this project.

Please OPPOSE any funding for the project.

Sincerely,

Marcus Smith (current Silicon Valley CFO and concerned ratepayer)

From:

Elizabeth Ratner <eratner@pacbell.net>

Sent:

Friday, October 13, 2017 1:54 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject: Gary Kremen: Opposing Waterfix

#### Dear Mr. Kremen,

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the City of Palo Alto.

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Thanks for your attention, Lisa Ratner 3708 Carlson Circle Palo Alto, CA 94306

From: Sent: Rita Benton <rita\_benton@ymail.com> Monday, October 16, 2017 8:12 AM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors Vote NO on WaterFix

Dear SCVWD Board members.

The Waterfix should **not** be supported. The Board has other viable solutions.

If the Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy in the decades to come, please <u>vote NO</u> on the Waterfix.

There is no guarantee that, in this climate-challenged era, there will be enough water to warrant the tunnels. Nor is there any guarantee that the water will be managed in a way to make sure the environment is protected. Water agencies that pay for the tunnel may not get much in return which means the ratepayers, who are already paying outrageous water rates, will also not get much in return, except even higher unsustainable water rates.

Other water interests around the state are beginning to see how foolish the tunnels plan is. The Westlands Water District board recently rejected becoming a funding partner by a vote of 7 to 1.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Please vote NO.

Sincerely, Rita Benton WRATES

From:

FREDERICK RUNCO <fredrunco@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 2:03 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors
Vote NO on the WaterFix

## Dear SCVWD Board Members.

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely, Fred Runco San Jose, CA

From: Sent: Eva Runco <iniverp@sbcglobal.net> Sunday, October 15, 2017 2:05 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

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Sincerely, Eva Runco San Jose, CA

From:

Karen Loftus <loftuskaren@yahoo.com> Sunday, October 15, 2017 2:12 PM Board of Directors

Sent:

To: Subject:

Tuesday meeting

please vote "No" on the water fix.

From:

Mary Alice Thornton <4mat@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 3:52 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

I oppose the Waterfix Project

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely, Mary Alice Thornton

From: Sent:

Nahidking <nahidking@yahoo.com> Sunday, October 15, 2017 4:29 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

Please vote NO on WaterFix

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Sincerely, Nahid &Dennis King Cheverly Ct. Saratoga

From: Sent:

Cathy Dolton <cathyjd@comcast.net> Sunday, October 15, 2017 7:36 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Oppose the Waterfix project

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Sincerely, Catherine Dolton

From:

Jean Staats <jeanstaats@aol.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 9:29 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Conservation Needed, Not Water Tunnels

#### Dear SCV Water District,

Please vote against funding for the Delta Tunnels proposal. Conservation is needed. The Tunnels will not supply more water to the equation. Yes, our current water system is out dated and needs fixing. Spend money on innovative projects that provide jobs and solve existing problems without a tunnel boondoggle. Save the Delta. Thank you, Jean Staats, Sunnyvale resident.

From:

dave scholz <scholzd61@gmail.com> Sunday, October 15, 2017 10:03 PM

Sent: To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

Water Fix

Dear members of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board-

You are faced with a difficult decision regarding the State's twin tunnel ("Water Fix") project. And you all must be nearly blind reading the billions of words written about this exceedingly complex project. I am not an engineer or expert about the many issues here but, nevertheless, as an 80 year native of the Bay Area the following seems apparent:

- 1. The building of both the Federal and State water transfer projects have resulted in massive ecological harm to our State's Public Trust fisheries. The Water Fix project will only make it worse and specie extinction and additional irrefutable harm to our beloved Delta and Bay will be the result. The prevention of salt water intrusion requires MORE Delta water flow, not less (less being a Water Fix guarantee). Please vote for "independence". Conservation, expansion of existing regional dams, water recycling, and technology, represent better alternatives, a better future, and money well spent.
- 2. The \$17 Billion cost estimate (almost double when interest is included) is not credible. The State has NEVER met any initial cost estimates on complex, multi-year projects. Although I do not have the figures, I'm willing to bet that neither the Orville Dam or Shasta Dam projects came close to their original cost estimates. The most recent local example was the eastern section of the Bay Bridge which was originally estimated at \$1.5 Billion and it ended up at \$6 Billion. And this was, you know, only a bridge.

Thank you for this opportunity to express an opinion. The pressure to just "go along" must be great but I get the impression that's not your disposition.

Sincerely,

David Scholz 1548 Klamath Drive Sunnyvale 94087

From:

Alan Nonnenberg <anonnen@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 10:45 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Please reject Calif. WaterFix

Dear SCVWD Board Members, The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix. Sincerely,

Alan Nonnenberg Saratoga

From:

Virginia Van Kuran <virginia@vankuran.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 10:47 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely,

Virginia Van Kuran 879 Garland Drive Palo Alto, Ca 94303

From: Sent:

Traci Gifford <mtgiff@earthlink.net> Sunday, October 15, 2017 12:34 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors Vote "no" Waterfix

Attachments:

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#### Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The board has viable water solutions and the Waterfix SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED! If the Board's objective is to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, I urge you to please vote NO on the WATERFix.

We remodeled 8 years ago to include a swimming pool. Since then, water continues to go up. We pay taxes yearly on a pool that has become more of a hindrance than luxury due to the astronomical water prices.

\$1000.00 in 4 months is ridiculous. Shameful

Regards, Traci Gifford

From:

KKB <kirkeminde@gmx.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 1:15 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

I oppose the Waterfix Project

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We need safe, economical, and sustainable solutions to the problem of guaranteeing a safe and adequate water supply. The Mercury News and the League of Women Voters of California oppose this project.

I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely, Katherine Bass

From:

Pat Frankenfield <pvfrankenfield@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 8:37 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

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You have made poor decisions in the past; don't make another one.

I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely,
Pat Frankenfield

From:

Cindy Greer <cindy.greer1@icloud.com> Sunday, October 15, 2017 8:48 AM

Sent:

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Please vote NO on the Waterfix. The Board has other viable solutions that would not impact our community in such a negative way.

Respectfully, **Cindy Greer** 

Sent from my iPhone

From:

peovino@comcast.net

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 9:12 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Waterfix vote

## Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely, Paul & Sandra Eovino 12045 Saraglen Drive Saratoga, CA

From:

R D <r\_denoyer@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 10:05 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

**VOTE NO** 

## Dear SCVWD Board Members.

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Sincerely, ROBERT DE-NOYER

From:

Rob Means <rob.means@electric-bikes.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 15, 2017 11:27 AM

To: Subject: Board of Directors
"Waterfix" is a bad idea

## Honorable Board Members,

The so-called "Waterfix" was a bad idea when it was called the Peripheral Canal, and it is still a bad idea from the perspective of the environment. Big Ag wants it which is - in itself - a contra-indicator of something good for people. Please look around for other ideas that cost the same but have a much better ROI.

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Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone Ave., Milpitas, CA 95035-6913 408-262-0420h, 408-262-8975w, rob.means@electric-bikes.com

From:

cwtripp@comcast.net

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 7:48 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors Water Fix ... No

Dear SCVWD Board Members.

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely,

Charles Tripp Los Gatos.

From:

Richardsons <richardson48@comcast.net>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 8:19 PM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors Vote NO!!!

# Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely, Lainey and Bruce Richardson, Los Gatos 50 year residents

From:

Aileen Gulesserian <agulesserian111@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 8:44 PM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors Please vote No

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

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Sincerely, Sent from my iPad

From: CATHY GRIMALDI-GARDNER <13202gardner@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2017 9:13 PM

To: Board of Directors Subject: California Waterfix

We are asking everyone on the Board and anyone involved with the Waterfix to please vote NO on this program. We both say NO NO to the Waterfix. This will harm the Delta.

Our water cost has gone beyond what we can afford and this will add even more burden.

We will be penalized for all the water we have been so careful to save, even more.

Sincerely Richard and Catherine Gardner Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent:

Keith Bhatia <br/>
<br/>
Saturday, October 14, 2017 10:23 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Vote No

Dear SCVWD Board Members, The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix. Sincerely,

Dr, Keith Bhatia 12370 Saraglen Drive Saratoga, CA 95070

From: Sent:

Nancy Smith <nssmith@earthlink.net> Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:26 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

I oppose the Waterfix Project

Dear Mr. Kremen,

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the city of Palo Alto.

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely, Nancy S. Smith

From:

Sonya <sonyad28@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:49 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors California Waterfix

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Sonya D'sa

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Chester Hayes <hayescf782@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 3:17 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

Water Fix

Please vote to kill the proposed participation in the tunnel water fix program. It will do nothing but increase our local water rates which are excessively expensive and will not conserve or create any additional water supply.

Regards,

Chet Hayes

"Education is expensive but ignorance costs more."

From: Sent:

rnsca88 <ms.rnspencer@gmail.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 3:36 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Governor Brown's WaterFix -- We vote No....

Dear SCVWD Board Members.

Concerning the WaterFix, we vote \*\*no\*\*.

We believe the SCVWD Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix \*\*should not\*\* be supported.

The solutions we must pursue should be cost effective and safe for decades to come. If the Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely, Gordon & Rosanne Spencer 20889 Michaels Dr., Saratoga, CA 95070

From: Sent:

Ed Turner <ed.turner@speakeasy.net> Saturday, October 14, 2017 5:24 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

Vote No on the Waterfix

#### Dear SCVWD Board Members.

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# Sincerely,

**Edward Turner** 

From:

JOSEPH HASSOUN <jhass01@comcast.net>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 5:36 PM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors Waterfix Vote

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Sincerely,

Joseph Hassoun Los Gatos, CA

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

From: Sent:

Silvia Kang <hwk168@yahoo.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 5:37 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

No on waterfix

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Sincerely,

Silvia Kang

From: Sent:

John Brezzo <johnbrezzo@gmail.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 5:59 PM Board of Directors WATER FIX

To:

Subject:

PLEASE VOTE NO!!!!!

From:

Milt Wehrman <miltwehrman@comcast.net> Saturday, October 14, 2017 6:40 PM

Sent:

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject: Not a Supporter of the "California Water Fix"

I am not in favor of the "California Water Fix!" Please do not support it. Sincerely, Milton Wehrman 12525 Sumner Dr, Saratoga

From:

John McLaren <johnmclaren@verizon.net>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 7:37 PM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors Vote NO on the WaterFix

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

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Sincerely, John McLaren

17560 Daves Avenue Monte Sereno CA 95030

From:

Sent:

suechap21@comcast.net Monday, October 16, 2017 6:32 AM Board of Directors

To:

Subject:

Please vote no on this bill.

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

From:

Margo Seymour <margoseymour@gmail.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 2:01 PM Board of Directors

Sent:

To: Subject:

Please vote NO on the WaterFix

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From: David Scott <normmargie@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:59 PM

To: Board of Directors

Subject: Water Fix

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Sincerely, Dave Scott Saratoga, CA

From: Sent:

Scott Raley <scott@csrteam.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:57 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Note NO on WaterFIX

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Sincerely,

Scott Raley

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From:

BGoedjen@aol.com

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 2:37 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

California WaterFix

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Sincerely, Robert Goedjen

From:

Chris & Ken <cfam@mac.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 2:45 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

WaterFix

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This plan, by what every name they care to label it with, will destroy the the Delta and massive disruption of the towns in the area. I fail to see how further salt water intrusion into the Delta is a good thing.

California would be much better served by fixing the current water infrastructure and building more water storage for the dry years. Not by spending Billions that will raise the already overburdened water users with significantly increased rates.

Again, PLEASE vote NO!!

Sincerely,

Ken & Christine Campbell

From: Sent: Gail Thompson <gailt1225@earthlink.net> Saturday, October 14, 2017 3:18 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

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We need 21st century solutions to the problem of guaranteeing a safe and adequate water supply. The Mercury News and the League of Women Voters of California oppose this project.

I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely,

Gail J. Thompson

October 14, 2017

SCV Water District 5750 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable water solutions and the so called "Waterfix" should not be supported in our opinion. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley customers with cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the "WaterFix."

My family has been living in the State of California since 1847 and we have seen lots of water rights and water issues come and go during these long years but this one is not a valid or solid use of SCV water districts rate payers moneys and not environmentally sound in our opinion.

Sincerely,

Brenda and Larry Mehringer

Brenda & Larry Mehringer

18709 Westview Drive

Saratoga, CA 95070

From:

Leah F. Friedman PhD <leahff@stanford.edu>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:27 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

I oppose the Waterfix Project

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the city of Stanford, California.

I oppose the Waterfix project, which would build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in an effort to ensure water supply to areas south of the delta, including Santa Clara county but especially Southern California and the Central Valley.

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely, Leah Friedman, PhD

From:

Brenda Dohmen <a href="mailto:brendamcleandohmen@icloud.com">brendamcleandohmen@icloud.com</a>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:35 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors NO to the WaterFix

### Dear SCVWD Board Members.

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely,

Brenda and Thomas Dohmen Residents of San Jose, CA

From:

Hannah Comisky <hannah1908@yahoo.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:42 PM Board of Directors

Sent:

To:

Subject:

Water Fix

Please do not support the water fix. Our rates are already to high. I'm being priced out of my home by the cost of water!

From: Sent:

Tom Surrette <tomsurrette@gmail.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:55 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Please vote NO on Waterfix

To SCVWD Board members.

I have been researching the Waterfix proposal and I am convinced that it is not the best option for our local needs.

The claimed environmental benefits of Waterfix are unconvincing. I believe that other options are viable, including conservation and maintaining the existing levy system.

I was especially shocked at the recent public meeting when the outside consultant and the staff seemed so obviously biased in favor of Waterfix that they seemed to ignore some data that did not align with the preordained pro-Waterfix conclusion.

The likelihood of cost overruns seems significant. Why should we pay to subsidize central valley farmers at the expense of the Delta farmers?

I urge you to vote No on Waterfix.

Sincerely, Tom Surrette 22001 Lindy Lane Cupertino, CA 95014 408-805-1360

From:

Bill S <bills3@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:57 AM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

California WaterFix Feedback

#### Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely, Bill Steinmetz San Jose District 1 Resident

From:

Sent:

Lon Allan <lonallan@me.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:50 AM Board of Directors

To:

Subject:

Vote NO on WaterFix proposal

LIONEL M. ALLAN Former Mayor City of Monte Sereno O 408-354-8854 C 408-421-8170 lonallan@icloud.com www.lonallan.com

From: Sent:

Vipin Jain <vipin.k.jain@gmail.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:45 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Cc:

Vipin Jain

Subject:

Vote No on the WaterFix

### Dear SCVWD Board Members.

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely, Vipin Jain 20755 Seaton Ave Saratoga, CA 95070

From:

suzanne hawker <soozie1040@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:42 AM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors NO on WaterFix

Dear SCVWD Board Members.

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Hawker

From:

Claude R. Gauthier, Ph.D. <claude.gauthier@omniphysemi.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:41 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

please vote NO on the WaterFix

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Claude Gauthier, Ph.D.
Co-Founder and C.T.O. OmniPHY
Mobile: +1.408.569.9790
www.omniphysemi.com

From:

Sent:

Liang <matkohlk@yahoo.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:41 AM Board of Directors

To: Subject:

Vote no to WaterFix

Dear Board member,

I am voting no!

From: Sent:

Penny Ellson <pellson@pacbell.net> Saturday, October 14, 2017 11;41 AM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors Waterfix Project

Dear Mr. Kremen,

I am a resident of Palo Alto writing to ask you to please oppose the Waterfix project.

There are better ways to spend \$16 billion to ensure an adequate water supply. Water conservation, wastewater reclamation and stormwater capture are alternatives to the twin tunnels and are a viable alternative solution to create a more reliable water supply than the tunnels for Santa Clara County.

Having recently traveled in Israel, a country that has implemented numerous creative solutions to water supply challenges, I hope we will look toward thoughtful, modern solutions to the problem of guaranteeing a safe and adequate water supply.

Please vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely, Penny Ellson

From:

Margaret J Rosenbloom < Mjrosenbloom@comcast.net>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 10:52 AM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors Fwd: Oppose Waterfix

Dear Mr. Kremen,

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the city of Palo Alto.

I oppose the Waterfix project, which would build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in an effort to ensure water supply to areas south of the delta, including Santa Clara county but especially Southern California and the Central Valley.

The \$16 billion project needs to be approved by local water districts which will ultimately foot the bill.

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We need 21st century solutions to the problem of guaranteeing a safe and adequate water supply. The Mercury News and the League of Women Voters of California oppose this project.

I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely,

Margaret Rosenbloom

From:

suekemp@AOL.com

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 10:02 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

I oppose the Waterfix Project

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the city of Palo Alto I oppose the Waterfix project, which would build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in an effort to ensure water supply to areas south of the delta, including Santa Clara county but especially Southern California and the Central Valley. The \$16 billion project needs to be approved by local water districts which will ultimately foot the bill. There are many better ways to spend \$16 billion to ensure an adequate water supply The Pacific Institute and the Natural Resources Defense Council have shown that although Californians annually use at least 6 million acre feet more water than the state's rivers and aquifers can sustainably provide, water-saving practices could save up to 14 million acre feet each year. Water conservation, wastewater reclamation and stormwater capture—long-standing solutions supported by the public —are alternatives to the twin tunnels and form the viable Plan B to create a more reliable water supply than the tunnels for Santa Clara County. We need 21st century solutions to the problem of guaranteeing a safe and adequate water supply. The Mercury News and the League of Women Voters of California oppose this project. I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project. Sincerely,

Sue Kemp Palo Alto, CA 94301

From:

Margaret Jasper <mmjasper09@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 2:02 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

Vote NO!

#### **SCVWD Board Members:**

Please vote NO on the WaterFix. Support your stated objective to provide Silicon Valley with cost effective, safe, clean water! It is yet another attempt to justify higher water rates. Please vote NO.

Regards, Margaret Jasper

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Margaret

From: Sent:

Barbara Robinson <br/>
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To:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 11:59 AM

Subject:

Board of Directors WATERFIX - Vote NO

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD),

The Waterfix should **not** be supported. The Board has viable solutions.

If the Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy in the decades to come, please <u>vote NO</u> on the Waterfix.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
Barbara Robinson
908 Bucknam Ave
Campbell, CA 95008
Resident / Homeowner / Ratepayer

From:

Gretchen Kline <gretchen.kline@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 12:02 PM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors
Vote No on WaterFix

Dear SCVWD Board Members.

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, <u>please vote NO on the WaterFix.</u>

Sincerely, Gretchen Kline Saratoga, CA Resident

Please consider the environment before printing this email.

From:

keller <keller@pacbell.net>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 12:09 PM

To:

Board of Directors; Keller@Pacbell.net

Subject:

I would like you to please vote NO on Waterfix

### Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely, Deborah Keller 5930 Thorntree Dr San Jose, CA 95120

From:

Lynda.Robeson <Lynda.Robeson@sbcglobal.net> Saturday, October 14, 2017 12:17 PM Board of Directors

Sent:

To: Subject:

No

Sent from my Galaxy S®III

From:

bkeller <keller@pacbell.net>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 12:13 PM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors; Bill Keller; Keller@Pacbell.net

I would like you to vote NO on the Waterfix

### Dear SCVWD Board Members,

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Sincerely, William Keller 5930 Thorntree Dr San Jose, CA 95120

From: Sent:

Darrell Watson <dbw@watsonhome.com>

To: Cc: Saturday, October 14, 2017 12:40 PM Board of Directors

Cc: Subject: Darrell Watson California WaterFix!!!

#### Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable solutions and the WaterFix should not be supported. If the Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix. Thank you, D. Watson PS: I do not want Governor Brown's WaterFix to increase my water rates even more!!!

From: Sent:

jackie Streeter <jstreeter1@me.com>

To:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 12:44 PM

Subject:

Board of Directors NO ON WATER FIX!

## Dear SCVWD Board Members,

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Sincerely,

Jackie Streeter

From:

Cassandra Owen <ceowen23@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:13 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors Nix the WaterFix

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Members:

We are writing today to add our voices to the chorus of "No's" regarding the WaterFix proposal for diverting/importing water from the Delta.

It makes more sense, both financially and from an environmental standpoint, to continue with, and expand, the water-saving measures that have already been put in place as a result of the drought, i.e. water conservation, water recycling (88% favor expanding these water recycling programs) and storm water recapture.

Polls have already shown that the majority of Santa Clara valley residents are willing to pay for improving these measures to manage and protect our water supply. What they are *not* willing to do is to throw more and more money at the so-called "WaterFix" project, which has already increased tremendously in projected cost and promises to be yet another boondoggle project that the State of California can ill-afford.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board already has viable solutions that are much more cost effective; please DO NOT SUPPORT THE WATERFIX!

Thank you,

Tom and Cassandra Owen

From: Sent:

Bill Connor <a href="mailto:silliconnor@gmail.com">billiconnor@gmail.com</a> Saturday, October 14, 2017 1:24 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors Bay-Delta Tunnels

Removing water from the delta is a seriously flawed idea. There is no guarantee that the water will be managed in a way to make sure the environment. This project is just another grab for water that is needed throughout the system and not just southern interests.

Bill Connor, Jr. 10080 Craft Dr. #2 Cupertino, CA 95014

From: Sent: Amy Sung <amyconnect@gmail.com> Friday, October 13, 2017 8:30 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Oppose the State waterfix project

Dear Mr. Kremen.

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the city of Palo Alto.

I oppose the Waterfix project, which would build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in an effort to ensure water supply to areas south of the delta, including Santa Clara county but especially Southern California and the Central Valley.

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely,

**Amy Sung** 

From:

Robert Millavec <robertmillavec@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 13, 2017 9:11 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely, Robert Mllavec

From: Sent:

Finfrock Shirley <samfinf@comcast.net> Friday, October 13, 2017 10:35 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

State Waterfix Project - Attn: Gary Kremen

Dear Mr. Kremen,

I am a resident of the Sana Clara Valley Water District in the City of Palo Alto.

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix Project.

Sincerely,

Shirley Finfrock Resident of Palo Alto since 1969

From: Sent:

Jan Fenwick < Fenwick Jan@aol.com > Saturday, October 14, 2017 6:35 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

I oppose the Waterfix Project

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the city of Los Altos Hills (Purissima Hills Water District).

I oppose the Waterfix project, which would build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in an effort to ensure water supply to areas south of the delta, including Santa Clara county but especially Southern California and the Central Valley.

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I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Sincerely, Jan Fenwick

Jan Fenwick 28011 Elena Rd. Los Altos Hills, CA. 94022

From: Sent:

Jan Fenwick < Fenwick Jan@aol.com> Saturday, October 14, 2017 6:43 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

I oppose the Waterfix Project

Dear Mr. Kremen,

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the city of Los Altos Hills. (Purissima Hills Water District). Although, as you know, our water is from the SFPUC, we seriously feel that we need to consider better wastewater reclamation projects among others to provide needed water state-wide. I remember you made fun of your opponent for advocating such water-saving measures, but hope that by now you have changed your mind!!

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Sincerely,

Jan Fenwick 28011 Elena Rd. Los Altos Hills, CA. 94022

From:

Diane Gleason <gleasondiane@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Friday, October 13, 2017 4:50 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Vote NO to funding "WaterFix"

## Dear Santa Clara Valley Water Board:

Please do NOT vote to fund the WaterFix. It is a bad idea. (The tunnel construction itself will have a huge negative impact on the land and wildlife in the construction area.) Once they are built there is no guarantee that only "extra" water would be sent south. Any "extra" water should run down the Sacramento River and provide much needed water for the salmon. The project will be a way to send much more delta water to southern California instead of out to the delta. Too many southern California cities still have acres of lawns and waste much needed water.

The money for the twin tunnels should be spent on conversation measures, including getting people and companies to replace lawns with low-water plants (ideally California natives), building water treatment plants that convert waste water to potable water (all across the state), or at least pump the treated waste water back into the ground (like is done in conservative Orange County), and, implementing low-water use building requirements. (When I visit open houses in expensive communities in the Bay Area, I am appalled at all the fancy faucets that output large flows of water, and the heavily irrigated lawns and thirsty flower beds.)

When I visit Southern California and see the water waste, and think about the Twin Tunnels, all I see is a status-quo system, even though global climate change is loudly indicating a permanent change in water management for California. California citizens need to adapt to the new norm of less water, not pillaging water from the Sacramento River and the Delta.

The state can still restore parts of the Delta without building tunnels. The fear of an earthquake ruining our water supply sounds like a scare tactic. Looking at a faultline map, there don't seem to be any faultlines in the Sacramento Valley region. I don't see how tunnels would prevent earthquake damage, if that area doesn't have any major faultlines to begin with.

Please do not support the WaterFix (twin Delta tunnel project).

Sincerely, California native, and 9th generation Californian, Diane Gleason Sunnyvale, CA

From:

Dan Banerje <danbanerje999@gmail.com> Monday, October 16, 2017 9:28 AM Board of Directors

Sent:

To:

Water Fix...

As a concerned citizen; VOTING NO ON THE PROPOSAL!

Subject:

Thx

dan

From:

Amit Singh <asinghucsb@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 16, 2017 11:14 AM

To: Subject: Board of Directors Vote NO on Waterfix

### Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable water solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely,

Amit Singh, Ph.D. San Jose, CA 95120

From:

Ronaele Fijak <fijak\_ronaele@cusdk8.org> Monday, October 16, 2017 12:01 PM

Sent:

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

**VOTE NO** 

### Dear SCVWD Board Members.

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely, Ronaele Fijak

From:

Michele King

Sent:

Monday, October 16, 2017 12:06 PM

To: Subject: Board of Directors FW: California Water Fix

From: Mary Robertson [mailto:robertson.b.m@mindspring.com]

Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 11:05 AM
To: Michele King < MKing@valleywater.org>

Subject: California Water Fix

Please see that all Directors received the below email with my concerns and vote of NO.

Thank you, Mary Robertson

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Dear SCVWD Directors:

First, off, I would like to thank you for your devoted time and efforts to making sure that your decisions for all SCVWD residents is committed to safe, reliable and <u>Affordable Water</u>.

In these last 3 years, as a ratepayer of SJWC, our water rates have escalated over 73% with conservation, so I am emphasizing the word AFFORDABLE.

With the current SWP, the district has received 100% of it allotment only in the years 1999 and 2006. Even in this outstanding past winter rains which caused all kinds of flooding throughout the state, SCVWD only received 85% of its allotment.

The State Auditor, after completing an audit of the proposal has raised some very valid concerns. One such concern is that the State Department of Water Resources "has not completed either an economic or financial analysis to demonstrate the financial viability" of the project. In addition, the Brown administration has not put in place a proper system of governance for the project.

The DWR response to the Audit include the following comments:

...DWR agrees that a financial analysis is important, and is prepared to complete a final economic analysis when each potential participant in WaterFix has made its decision to opt into the project. DWR will prepare a Financial Analysis and Economic Analysis when WaterFix Participants are Identified

The Audit also found that Dept of Water Resources did not follow state law when it placed a key program manager on the project, hired without the competitive bidding process and run by someone without an engineering degree.

### DWR Findings Comments:

After a little more than a year, it became apparent to DWR and its stakeholders that engineering expertise alone would not be sufficient to manage the project; efficiency and management expertise would be essential in successfully moving the project forward.

## WHY DID IT TAKE THE DWR ONE YEAR TO FIGURE THIS OUT?

Why is DWR keeping prospective stakeholders in the dark regarding a financial analysis and return until they commit?

Based on the Audit comments preceding the DWR finding comments, it appears to the layperson, DWR may not have understood the magnitude of this Billion dollar project to casually blow off state law and after one year realize that engineering alone could not 'manage' the project.

With the SCVWD not being a Venture Capitalist firm, one would have to ask yourself, if you were investing in a company, would you do so without reviewing financial analysis?

A fine example of a local recent state run project is the building of the Bay Bridge with major overrun costs (almost double projections) and supplier issues. Would you place your money at risk without knowing the overrun costs?

Would you want to know the guaranteed output, minimum (worse case scenario) and maximum possible (in this case AF received). Would you want to know the cost to receive?

In light of the fact, SCVWD, as mentioned previously, only received 100% of allotment twice from the SWP, what is to say your allotments will increase and remain as such?

Has a cost - benefit study been done by the DWR?

Have the ongoing costs to operate and maintain the tunnel been highlighted, factored in, and reviewed?

Would it be better to have a new local water source with local control?

I know this is a difficult decision with far too many unknowns at this point. While Brown is trying to "build" his legacy, we the taxpayers are the ones left holding the bag.

I would request that the Board vote NO on the Water fix and look for local controlled alternatives.

Best Regards,

Mary Robertson Santa Clara Valley Tax Payer and Resident for 38 Years

From:

Clerk of the Board

Subject:

FW: New Comcate eFM case: Compliment? Complaint?>Let us know (you are owner)

Customer: Dopheide, Mike Owner: Customer Relations

Date case was created (Days outstanding): 10/16/2017 (0)

Customer request (only first sentences): Please do not fund the delta tunnels project.

From:

michael dopheide <mdopheide@hotmail.com> Monday, October 16, 2017 1:11 PM Board of Directors

Sent:

To:

Subject:

Please vote NO on funding the Delta Tunnels

A yes vote would devastate our fragile eco-system. Thank you.

From:

Hugh McDevitt <altobass@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Monday, October 16, 2017 1:33 PM

To: Subject:

Board of Directors WaterFix Proposal

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Members,

My wife and I live in the Almaden Valley, and we have watched our water bills go through the roof the past few years even thought we have been on a strict, personal water conservation regimen for years before it was required. We have studied Governor Brown's WaterFix proposal and come to the conclusion that this proposal will not fix the current water problems in California and will only increase our bills even further. We urge you to vote no on this proposal at your meeting on October 17th.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Hugh and Debbie McDevitt** 

From: Sent:

Cheryl Weiden <weidenc@gmail.com> Monday, October 16, 2017 2:14 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Please do not support Waterfix

### Dear Board Members:

Tomorrow you will decide whether Santa Clara Valley Water District will support Waterfix. I strong request that you do not support this project.

You know that many environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, oppose Waterfix. You have heard the arguments on both sides, and please apply common sense. The Waterfix is not going to increase the amount of water. Better solutions, based on science, rely on changing the way California uses water. California's water is oversubscribed because water-thirsty crops are being grown in the desert. There would be plenty of water for the environment and for residents if water was managed based on science rather than profit and political influence.

Please oppose the Waterfix.

Cheryl Weiden Los Altos

From: Sent:

Nancy Leasia <knrheidi@earthlink.net> Monday, October 16, 2017 2:16 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Vote NO on Waterfix!!

Dear SCVWD Board Members, The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix. Anything Jerry Brown wants to support will cost taxpayers more money; we already are taxed enough, and our water bills are out of control as it

Please vote NO on Waterfix! Sincerely, Nancy Leasia 12250 Beauchamps In Saratoga, CA 95070











### **Delta Counties Coalition**

Contra Costa County · Sacramento County · San Joaquin County · Solano County · Yolo County "Working together on water and Delta issues"

October 16, 2017

Members of the Board Santa Clara Valley Water District 5750 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118-3686

RE: Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) Urges You to Vote "No" on October 17th to Finance the California WaterFix (WaterFix) Project

Dear Members of the Board:

The Delta Counties Coalition urges you to vote "no" on the California WaterFix project on October 17, 2017, because the project is not financially viable or sustainable.

Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) is already on the right track and we commend you for your actions to devote \$100 million to fund sustainable water projects like stormwater capture, leak repair, and greywater reuse. Not only is the district spending ratepayer dollars wisely, it is also investing in local communities creating local jobs and increasing economic development. More importantly, the district will complete these projects faster for the benefit of your constituents all while maintaining local control.

On September 9, 2017, Westlands' Board of Directors, on a 7-1 vote, discontinued further financial support of the WaterFix project citing uncertainty in the water supply deliveries and cost estimates provided by the Governor's Administration. While the Metropolitan Water District and Kern County Water Agency recently voted to approve financial support for the project, the same uncertainties of water supply deliveries, total project cost, and who will pay for the larger portion of the project remain. Let us also not forget that Westlands' vote against WaterFix means that other water agency ratepayers or taxpayers must shoulder a greater share of the cost.

A vote to finance the WaterFix project means that SCVWD and ultimately its ratepayers will be on the hook for an unknown sum because it is uncertain which other water districts will participate in financing the project and project costs are likely to balloon well over \$17 billion. Research shows that 9 out of 10 megaprojects grossly exceed their initial cost estimates.

A better alternative to the tunnels would be to increase water storage throughout California, which will provide more water and can be done at a significantly lower cost to consumers. Additional water conservation, reuse, recycling, desalination, and investments in Delta levees could also be built statewide for roughly the same cost to build the tunnels, while producing billions of gallons of new water. Investments in any of these options would increase water supplies for jurisdictions throughout the state, farms, and the environment while protecting water quality in the Delta.

We recognize that your water district's support is critical to the financial feasibility of the WaterFix project and hope that the weight of this factor does not influence your ability to think about other more financially feasible options. For these reasons, the DCC urges you to vote no on October 17.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor, Sacramento County

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Karen Mitchoff Supervisor, Contra Costa County

Oscar Villegas Supervisor, Yolo County

Chuck Winn Supervisor, San Joaquin County

cc: Norma Camacho, Chief Executive Officer

From:

Sent:

stellahearn@sbcglobal.net Monday, October 16, 2017 1:07 PM Clerk of the Board

To:

Subject:

SCVWD Agenda Comment Form

## **Agenda Comment Form**

Current Date:	10-16-2017
Name:	Stella Hearn
Address:	650 Fairmede Avenue
City:	Palo Alto
State:	CA
Zip Code:	94306
Telephone:	(650) 493-4819 Ext:
Email Address:	stellahearn@sbcglobal.net
Agency, Business or Group (if applicable):	
Contact:	Attention: Clerk of the Board
Board Meeting Date:	10/17/17
Board Item Number:	17-0375
I would like to:	Express Opposition
Comments:	I am totally opposed to the Twin Tunnels "Water-Fix" proposal, for fiscal and environmental reasons. Please vote against it for Santa Clara County.

From:

Sent:

dwitte@matrixhginc.com Monday, October 16, 2017 1:51 PM Clerk of the Board

To:

Subject:

SCVWD Agenda Comment Form

# **Agenda Comment Form**

Current Date:	10-16-2017
Name:	Dave Witte
Address:	6727 Sunnyslope Avenue
City:	Castro Valley
State:	CA
Zip Code:	94552
Telephone:	(510) 499-4660 Ext:
Email Address:	dwitte@matrixhginc.com
Agency, Business or Group (if applicable):	
Contact:	Attention: Clerk of the Board
Board Meeting Date:	10/17/17
Board Item Number:	2.5
would like to:	Express Opposition
Comments:	I am a lifelong user of the California Delta. I have fished, vacationed and depended upon the Delta for our water supplies all of my life. The proposed California Water Fix (Twin Tunnels) will be an environmental disaster for this area. The Delta is not a limitless resource, as it has been treated, and requires flow through the area to flush out sediment, provide food for young fish and provide a viable path for the salmon to return and reproduce. This is one of the largest salmon runs on the West Coast and many people depend on it for recreation and to provide commercial fishing opportunities. California Water Fix will not produce any more water than is currently available and will bypass much of the Delta resulting in increased salt water intrusion. It also does nothing to repair the aging levee system and costs far more than that maintenance would. Please vote no on this poorly thought out plan and help to preserve one of California's wonders, the California Delta.

From:

Sent:

boatboy@pacbell.net Monday, October 16, 2017 7:27 PM Clerk of the Board SCVWD Agenda Comment Form

To:

Subject:

## **Agenda Comment Form**

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Current Date:	10-16-2017
Name:	Daniel Witte
Address:	6727 Sunnyslope Avenue
City:	Castro Valley
State:	CA
Zip Code:	94552
Telephone:	(510) 581-1278 Ext:
Email Address:	boatboy@pacbell.net
Agency, Business or Group (if applicable):	
Contact	Attention: Clerk of the Board
Board Meeting Date:	10/17/17
Board Item Number:	2.5
I would like to:	Express Opposition
Comments:	I oppose the Delta tunnels or California WaterFix for many reasons. The Delta tunnels do not produce additional water for California. Instead, the tunnels just move existing water around. The Delta tunnels will devastate the commercial salmon industry because the Delta is the largest salmon run on the West Coast. The commercial salmon industry generates \$250 billion per year. If there are no salmon, then the commercial fishermen have no fish to catch which results in no money. The Delta tunnels will utilize the high quality water from the Sacramento River leaving Northern California with the San Joaquin River which is smaller and more polluted. As of now, Northern California gets it's drinking water from both rivers together. The California WaterFix will cost 17 billion taxpayer dollars to build. On the other hand, repairing Delta levies will only cost \$4 million per year. Also, desalination would actually produce more water for California without harming the environment and large industries. I have been a Delta boater and salmon fisherman all my life, and I do not want to see the Delta ruined. Please take my concerns seriously and stop planning for the California WaterFix.

From:

Nancy <kk1688\_9@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 16, 2017 5:02 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

We Vote "NO" "NO" "NO" and FOREVER "NO" to WaterFix!!!

To Whom It May Concern:

Clean, healthy Water is a God-given necessary must RIGHT to have, just like Sun, Air, Earth.

Among four essential elements of Mother Earth such as water, air, sun, fire, it is against all inhabitants' benefit to use water as commercialized weapon to hijack our finance.

We are of the People, from the People, by the People to voice our "NO" in its full strength and capacity.

Whoever in whatever name to raise water fees that's God's given are playing God Himself against all People.

Please be attentive that we the People will prevail to say "No", "No", "No".

Sincerely,

Nancy Chung

From:

Don Lindt <webguydon@yahoo.com> Monday, October 16, 2017 5:07 PM

Sent: To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

NO vote on the WaterFix.

### Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, we need a NO vote on the WaterFix from the SCVWD Board Members.

Sincerely, Don Lindt 1529 ililkia ave. San Jose

From: Sent:

Dennis Gray <tlctrust@gmail.com> Monday, October 16, 2017 5:12 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Water Fix

### Dear SCVWD Board Members.

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely,

Blessings always

Dennis Grav (619) 571-7011 - (Cell) (760) 797-1868 - (Fax)

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From:

Bill & Sally <br/> <br/>billsallyneu@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, October 16, 2017 7:50 PM

To:

Board of Directors

Subject:

Waterfix

### Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable solutions and Waterfix should NOT be supported. If the Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the Water Fix.

Sincerely,

Sally Neubauer

Sent from my iPad

From:

Sent:

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

Waterfix

### Dear SCVWD Board Members

I oppose the participation by SCVWD in the Waterfix. If the Boards objective is to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy and productive environment for the future, please vote NO on the Waterfix. Furthermore, I object to the possibility of paying more as other water districts drop out of the Waterfix. Respectfully, William Neubauer

From:

Bobbie Morrison <br/>
<br/>bobbiemorrison@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Monday, October 16, 2017 9:29 PM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

NO on WaterFix.

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

The Board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If The Board's objective is to continue to provide Silicon Valley cost effective, safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix.

Sincerely,

**Bobbie Morrison** 

From:

Ellen Smith <ef44smith@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:20 AM

To: Subject:

Clerk of the Board Vote no on WaterFix

Dear Mr. Kremen,

I am a resident of the Santa Clara Valley Water District in the city of Palo Alto.

I oppose the WaterFix project, which would build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in an effort to ensure water supply to areas south of the delta, including Santa Clara county but especially Southern California and the Central Valley.

The \$16 billion project needs to be approved by local water districts which will ultimately foot the bill.

There are many better ways to spend \$16 billion to ensure an adequate water supply The Pacific Institute and the Natural Resources Defense Council have shown that although Californians annually use at least 6 million acre feet more water than the state's rivers and aquifers can sustainably provide, water-saving practices could save up to 14 million acre feet each year. Water conservation, wastewater reclamation and stormwater capture — long-standing solutions supported by the public — are alternatives to the twin tunnels and form the viable Plan B to create a more reliable water supply than the tunnels for Santa Clara County.

We need 21st century solutions to the problem of guaranteeing a safe and adequate water supply. The Mercury News and the League of Women Voters of California oppose this project.

I urge you to vote against the WaterFix project.

Oct 17, 2017

#### Honorable Board:

I hope you will receive this late submission in time. I have tried to read as much as I can. I urge you not to adopt the proposed resolution for conditional support for California WaterFix. Instead, please vote "No" for now, with the understanding that further discussion will be made when there are significant new developments. Significant new developments would include: information on financial analysis and governance structure that the Department of Water Resources has refused to release before district votes, or project revision.

Even now, the DWR is essentially still in denial of federal and state audits. I would like to believe in rule of law. There are problems to be fixed before WaterFix. If the expert committee on the 2017 master plan were to meet now to assess project risks, as a member of the public, I would like to propose raising the maximum risk score to accommodate a comparison between WaterFix and other projects under consideration.

A "No" vote does not mean the District cannot be in later. It would send a signal that a higher standard is expected before the District would participate.

How legally binding are the conditions proposed? Would the Board first secure the agreement of DWR that these terms are accepted? The condition that the cost per acre-foot remains similar to the current estimate is both unrealistic and vague. It is vague that there is no quantification of "similar". It is unrealistically low, not taking into account the true cost of the project including financing, and the real possibility of cost overrun. The shortfall created by the Westland vote is 3-4 billion dollars from my reading, and it is unreasonable for the District to insist on an old percentage as if nothing happened. Since the financial condition is unrealistic and unreasonable, won't it be re-negotiated later to realistic numbers that the District may have no control over? (I do not know who can exercise oversight of the DWR now, or how responsive that authority is. I hope the legislature would.) The conditional support does not lay down terms on withdrawal. And would withdrawal later be legally acceptable?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mei-Ling Shek

(Sunnyvale resident)

P.S. In my reading, I have not found an answer to a question in my mind: Will the District pay for part of the legal expenses incurred by the DWR on the project, even though the lawsuits are not caused by the District?

From:

Don Weiden < DonWeiden@KennedyJenks.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10:00 AM

To:

**Board of Directors** 

Subject:

**CA Water Fix** 

I am writing to urge the SCVWD not to join the CA WaterFix Project. Say no to the project now. Do not delay the decision by waiting for more information and details that will waste your limited staff resources and your rate payers \$s. The CA WaterFix Project is simply too big, complex, risky and expensive.

SCVWD and other importing water agencies would better serve their customers by investing in 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

From: Pat Blevins <seaglass103@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 9:52 AM

To: Board of Directors

Cc: Gary Kremen; John Varela; Linda LeZotte; Nai Hsueh; Richard Santos; Tony Estremera;

Barbara Keegan

Subject: Vote "NO' on WaterFix

### Dear SCVWD Board members,

I am writing to ask you to completely reject the WaterFix with a "no" vote at today's Board meeting. I belong to a group of residents who advocate for reasonable water rates, WRATES (water rate advocate for transparency, equity and sustainability).

On October 6, 2017, the Mercury News reported that a new 91-page report on WaterFix from California's state auditor, Elaine Howle, shows numerous abnormalities. She said the state Department of Water Resources "has not completed either an economic or financial analysis to demonstrate the financial viability" of the project." This audit provides additional information to reject WaterFix beyond that shown in the staff risk study above.

We believe the efforts on reducing demand are also consistent with your stated objective of gaining more local control of water resources and the stated California Water Conservation Act of 2009 requiring focus on "Demand Management measures". Although, no one can presently determine the detailed impact that climate change will have on any specific changes, it is highly likely that overall global temperature increase will diminish the Sierra snow-pack at some point. This would not only reduce the total water volume passing through the Delta but would also probably diminish the portion of the year that WaterFix remains valuable.

All indications continue to grow that the board has viable solutions and the Waterfix should not be supported. If your objective is to continue to provide the needs of your customers cost effectively in the decades to come, please vote NO on the WaterFix. Patricia Blevins
San Jose, Ca.