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**From:** Beverly Turner <bturnersj@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2018 3:36 PM  
**To:** waterpurification@parker.com  
**Cc:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Fw: Santa Clara water district

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**From:** "Beverly Turner" <bturnersj@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "waterpurification@parker.com" <waterpurification@parker.com>  
**Sent:** Fri, May 4, 2018 at 3:29 PM  
**Subject:** Santa Clara water district

I went to a board meeting Thurs that lasted 5 hours. In northern California the public is dead set against the monstrous delta water project. They're running a 50 foot diameter tunnel from the biggest fishery on the west coast to Los Angeles. The wizards on the board are convinced that there is no such thing as small portable affordable desalination. Please help us. 3 board members vote no three say yes. I understand you can string three units together for under 50k to produce 30,000 to 100,000 gals a day. And use solar panels as well. Linda Lezotte and Mr Santosh are two approachable board members. I will send you contact information.

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May 4, 2018

SCVWD Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, California 95118-3686

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

I am one of many people who are extremely concerned about the Santa Clara Valley Water District's stance on the CA WaterFix. There are some very important reasons why the vote on the CA WaterFix should be at least delayed or more desirably, voted **NO** on.

I will list and discuss some of the ideas in this letter and then summarize with a concluding request to the Board of the SCVWD.

- (1) There are many issues and statements that we believe have not been fully understood and addressed. Yet, voting on the CA WaterFix is being pushed on the Board of the SCVWD by internal and outside forces. How can the Board vote on the CA WaterFix with any good and honorable conscience without knowing the answers to these unresolved issues? A partial list of unresolved items is shown below.
  - (a) SCVWD participation in the CA WaterFix, which does not reduce reliance on the Delta for water, is in violation of the Delta Reform Act of 2009. How can you justify a YES vote for CA WaterFix considering this fact? The Board should be voting NO for the CA WaterFix proposal since it does not adhere to the mandates of the Delta Reform Act of 2009.
  - (b) The State Auditors analysis of the risks associated with the CA WaterFix align with the findings in SCVWD's Water Supply Master Plan. The most concerning items was that the CA WaterFix created the highest risk of possible projects with respect to cost, implementation, and operation. How do you justify a yes vote on the CA WaterFix considering this assessment?
  - (c) A project as massive as the CA WaterFix is certainly going to incur cost overruns. The stated \$17 Billion cost of the project will go up. Nobody knows for sure by how much. For example, the SF Bay Bridge Eastern Span project was touted as a \$250 Million project and has ended up costing \$6.2 Billion. That is a factor of over 24 times the original cost estimate. How much will the CA WaterFix cost in the end? Certainly not \$17 Billion, you can count on that! The analysis of cost per acre foot of the CA WaterFix project to SCVWD is projected at \$400 per acre/ft. What is lacking is transparency to how much this value will change per each level of cost overrun. If the project ends up costing \$34 Billion, how does that change the acre/ft value? And how and why does it change it? Where can the cost overruns be encountered in the project and how will different areas affect the per acre ft cost of the water? What about if the cost is \$50 Billion? How can the Board consciously vote on this project without a clear understanding of how incremental cost overruns affects the acre/ft cost?
  - (d) There are stated issues that the water quality of Stockton will deteriorate if the new tunnels are installed. What is the science on this? Will the water quality be affected? Does the CA WaterFix plan incorporate some way or preventing this?
  - (e) San Diego Water Authority concludes as with Restore the Delta that the MWD's projects costs of the twin tunnels is significantly underestimated. How does this affect the project?

How does it affect the rates SCVWD ratepayers will pay? Has the Board and staff of SCVWD reviewed the facts and information behind this to know what the impact will be?

- (f) The fact that if the Delta tunnels are implemented, the Delta waters will then consist more of San Joaquin River sourced water and less of Sacramento Rivers sources water. This means that since the San Joaquin River is way more polluted than the Sacramento River, the amount of pollution in the Delta will increase. Selenium and pesticides are some of the more detrimental pollutants that will increase. The fishery will suffer, and local agriculture will suffer as well as all user of the water. How can the Board justify voting YES on the CA WaterFix considering this occurring?
  - (g) It is a broadly scientific accepted projection that, because of global warming, the Sierra snowpack will shrink to 30% of current levels by the end of the century. This will decrease river flows and water flowing into the Delta. How will this affect the usage of the twin tunnels after they are built? Is the Board aware of the ramifications of tunnel usage and effect on costs and rates when making your final decision?
  - (h) There has been no clear documented evidence that constructing the tunnels will help mitigate the salt intrusion into the Delta from ocean waters. If more water is taken out of the Delta, how can this help mitigate salt intrusion? How can the Board justify voting YES on the CA WaterFix considering this?
  - (i) Has the California Department of Water Resources completed the necessary analysis to ensure project financial viability? If not, how can the Board justify voting YES on the CA WaterFix considering this?
- (2) During the past four years, there have been numerous news reports of the mis-dealings of MWD and DWR. The MWD was reported as lobbying to gut the Endangered Species Act as part of their water-taking ploy. There were a lot of discoveries of under the table interactions between MWD and DWR. The list of inappropriate behavior is very long. Considering this, why is the Board wanting to act so fast to buddy up with these organizations and be a part of a system that will be controlled heavily by MWD?
- (3) There seems to be an urgency by some members of the Board to "get on board" with the CA WaterFix because they feel they will be left behind if they don't. I have been taught that you go along with something because you believe in it, not because you are being bullied into participating. That is exactly what seems to be happening here. MWD is manipulating the playing board to be in control and twist things to make things look good, when in fact, they are making a mockery of the whole process and they are losing credibility. Take your time and know the facts and make decisions based on the facts.
- (4) The Board has had great praise for their staff in preparing information and documents for the Board to help with decision making. However, it seems that the information provided is weighted towards the Yes on WaterFix side of things. There have been so many issues brought up at the Board meetings and submitted by concerned ratepayers yet very few seem to make it into the reports developed by the staff. There seems to be a "highlight the positives and downplay the negatives" approach.
- (5) The ratepayers and citizens of the State of California should be allowed to vote on such a huge project which will affect the lives of so many and will greatly affect the health of our environment. It is a thorn in the side of Democracy that deciding the CA WaterFix has bypassed the vote of the people.

- (6) We thank the Board for recognizing the importance of the No Regrets Package and all it entails. This is an important endeavor and should be engaged with more rather than signing up for the CA WaterFix. The methods outlined in the No Regrets Package is the key to our water future.
- (7) Your decisions should be based on knowing the truth. For any question or issue that results in different replies from the CA WaterFix opponents and proponents, you should have the staff work to resolve which answer or result is correct. Then, using the truth, make your decision. There are a lot of outstanding CA WaterFix issues that need this process to be followed!
- (8) The Board must use all the other viable solutions that have been submitted to them to support our water infrastructure and the CA WaterFix should not be supported. Storage, recycling, and conservation is the answer! 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, then please vote NO on the CA WaterFix.
- (9) The Ca WaterFix is a manipulative political scheme to provide water to big business so they can continue to make money. It is also a last ditch effort on the part of our governor, Jerry Brown, to try and leave some legacy water project that has his name on it. Please do not cave in and be part of this game. By allowing the CA WaterFix to happen, you are allowing big business to control our destiny. Remember, you will have to live with the decision on your back forever!

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As I have state many times before, your task is a tough one. We thank you for your time and effort trying to make sense out of all the inputs provided to you. My comments above are not intended to be derogative or nasty. I am just trying to get you all to make sure that you realize there is a lot at stake and that needs diligent focus without being bullied into a decision. Our wonderful Delta, which is unique and an important part of our states environment, is at risk of being permanently damaged beyond repair. If nobody does something to stop the insane actions to devastate the Delta, it will be forever lost. Do you want to be part of that destruction or do you want to be among those that stuck in there to do what was right? Our methods of water management are being adversely affected by groups of people who have only money in mind. We need to change that and allow science and common sense to point the direction.

**Request #1:**

Please have your staff address the questions/unresolved issues I talked about above so that you can have more clarity in making your decisions. Delay any voting until all answers and issues have been resolved.

**Request #2:**

Please do not vote YES on the CA WaterFix proposal.

Thanks.

Rod Kirk

Director, EcoGreen Group of Silicon Valley  
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**From:** Gary Wesley <gary.wesley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2018 10:41 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Gary.wesley@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Water for LA - High Cost and Liability for Santa Clara County

Board Members, I was not able to remain at your May 2 meeting long enough to address the proposed twin tunnels. The Mercury News reported that 4 of 7 Board members appeared ready to vote for the twin tunnels and sign off on the various documents presented by staff on horribly short notice. You were right to delay the vote. The proposal does not require a yes or no answer. You might want to know whether the District has a right to Delta water without begging the Southern California power-brokers for a seat at a new table. Has this Water District appeared to weigh in on the validation.action filed in Sacramento court? Have you even been told of the issues raised in the lawsuit challenging the Final Environmental Impact Report prepared by the state agency? I have already written a letter to the MV Voice suggesting you should not support or rubber-stamp the current proposal. Gary Wesley, Resident of Mountain View (408-882-5070) gary.wesley@yahoo.com

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**From:** Enid Pearson <enidpearson1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 05, 2018 12:55 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Two tunnels

Dear board members. Sounds like you are being pressured with offers of seats on the tunnels board. You are already very effective without such offers. You have the public behind you almost totally against this goofy project. This is clearly aimed at securing water for massive development in Southern Ca. Don't be a party to this water grab. I support your show of strength in preserving our delta, our fish and preserving our own water rights. Vote against these enormous destructive tunnels. Thanks. Enid Pearson, vice chair of ca water commission, 1976-1980. And Vice mayor of Palo Alto City council 1965-1975.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Linda Segal <lindasegal@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 05, 2018 3:13 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** STOP THE DELTA TUNNELS!!

- My husband and I are **opposed to the Delta Tunnel project.**
- As small farmers, we believe this project will cause **salt to taint our water quality**, among other things.
- We are sure this will **impact our groundwater and irrigation.**

## **STOP THE DELTA TUNNELS!!**

Albert and Linda S. Segal  
29039 Orange Avenue, Escalon, CA 95320  
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**From:** Linda Vallery Hall <lvy9@humboldt.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 05, 2018 3:41 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

Please do not make tunnels in our Delta water ways. This belongs to all the people who have used the Delta for hundreds of years. Tunnels will steal our water and mess up the use of the water for all the important and fun things. I grew up using the Delta for fishing, swimming, water skiing and boating. The valley has had water for all the growth of our food that has kept us all healthy and for people all over our country. I will really appreciate you for not changing our Delta water ways. Thank you and God bless you!

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**From:** hiltotii@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 05, 2018 4:38 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Engfer Dick  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnel OPPOSITION

Board of Directors, Santa Clara Valley Water District

Re: Opposition to Tunnels in the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta

This is to state our opposition to either Twin or Single Tunnel in the Delta. Such a project would not create any water and would most likely destroy the Delta's ecology during and after construction. The final cost (if actually built) would most likely be many times the figure now stated.

Before voting, we hope your uppermost consideration will be – **DO NO HARM.**

Born in San Jose (too long ago to mention), spent many younger years on farm in Manteca including fishing in both the San Joaquin & Stanislaus Rivers (near Manteca). Later years boating on both San Francisco Bay and The Delta while living/working in San Jose. We would be ashamed to admit to our grand & great grandchildren if any of our taxes paid a portion of Delta Tunnels.

**Linda J. LeZotte** is board rep for our area of residence.

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PS when looking at SCVWD zone map, the Delta seems almost non existent --- why is it virtually invisible?

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**From:** Stephen Smith <ssmith@scu.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels Project

To the Board of the Santa Clara Valley Water District:

As a rate payer of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, I strongly oppose the Delta Tunnels project. I understand that the District is planning to commit \$650 Million to this project, which provides little if any benefit to its rate payers. It appears to me and many others that the project is far too expensive for the benefits it provides and is very damaging to the environment as well.

Please do not contribute our rate payers' money to this project.

Stephen A. Smith  
Saratoga CA 95070

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**From:** Ken Colson <waterwalla@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 10:16 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** You better not give \$650 million to Brown's tunnels.

The rationale for those of you directors who say pay up so you "stay engaged" is specious.

Your original vote not to pay up is still fundamentally sound: don't stick us with the potential for cost over runs, there is little direct benefit to we customers, and the environmental hazards are documented.

It is no mystery as to why some of you directors are now having second thoughts, the governor pressured his Department of Water Resources to retract their previous no vote for the Pacheco Dam. And I thought such deals only occurred in the in-democratic Third World countries I have seen.

On this tunnel proposal, Brown has gone as much off the tracks as his high speed rail boondoggle. You cannot in good conscience go along with a Politically motivated proposal that is not supported by most of the state's environmental groups and opposed by Northern California representatives.

There is nothing "transformational", as Karla Nemeth, told you, other than enriching the water and land interests in Southern California; along with bolstering the legacy of Jerry Brown to his Southern California base.

TAKE THE HIGH ROAD. VOTE NO ON SPENDING \$650 MILLION. PROTECT OUR WATER RATES AND SPARE US FROM INCREASED PROPERTY TAXES.

Ken Colson  
2232 Bailey Ave  
San Jose, CA 95128  
Email waterwalla@yahoo.com

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Diana Hall <dianahall39@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 10:23 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** No Delta Tunnels

Please do not support the Delta Tunnels. They are an environmental disaster for the Delta and will cost a huge amount of money. Please support local projects instead.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diana Hall  
Mountain View, CA

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**From:** Lachmayr, Lucia <lachmayrl@smccd.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 10:48 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels project

Good morning, valued board members!

I am writing as a concerned citizen, wanting to let the board understand my deep opposition to the Delta Tunnels project.

Not only do I feel it is a waste of taxpayer monies, the ROI is negligible and promises more than it can deliver.

Rather, I would hope the board would consider more robust and effective local efforts, such as business and residential conservation, water reclamation, lawn mitigation, and educational outreach.

Thank you for your time in reading and considering my voice in this matter.

~Lucia L.

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android Device

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**From:** Tom Schwertscharf <tschwertscharf@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 10:49 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Twin Tunnels

I am writing the board to ask that you oppose the twin tunnels project.

I am very concerned about project cost over runs. Since recent state projects have had very significant over runs like the Bay Bridge you may be asked to add further money to the project above the \$650 million you are proposing to spend.

I would be asking the Operations and Maintenance at your treatment plant how the Sacramento River water might affect the water treatment plant and if they have the capacity and equipment to handle a new water supply since it may increase costs.

Having followed the project for the past 12 years I would also point out that I haven't seen a single article on what would need to be done to address the inevitable bio fouling of the tunnels especially if they are operated on an intermittent basis. What species may begin growing in the tunnels and could it lead to putrefaction in the tunnels. How might that affect water quality?

I have attended a meeting when your contractor for the tunnels painted a rosy picture of the twin tunnels and adaptive management. There is no place in the world where dewatering a delta has led to restoration and in fact nobody knows what will actually happen when that much water is diverted. There are complexities to the Delta we do not understand as illuminated by Drs. Lee and Lee in their take down of the EIR. The reason why the tunnels proponents have never been able to truly put forth a legitimate EIR is that you cannot start with the faulty idea that the tunnels will help San Francisco and the Delta and arrive at a satisfactory end point for the project. Ninety seven thousand (and counting) pages for the EIR have been developed to try and explain away the faulty premises the tunnels are based on. Quite simply it has always been a water grab.

The key to making water systems work in your area is through conservation. I have attended a number of the awards ceremonies for water savings in the Silicon Valley and there are remarkable stories about how businesses have saved water through a variety of technologies.

Again I would ask you to vote against the tunnels and use your money to create a more sustainable water system.

Thank you Thomas Schwertscharf tschwertscharf@gmail.com  
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Sent from my iPad

May 6, 2018

Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)  
Board of Directors

Andy Kobayashi  
Antioch, CA 94531  
Contra Costa County

**RE: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED DELTA TWIN TUNNELS**

Dear Director's Keegan, Santos, LeZotte, Hsueh, Estremera, & Schmidt:

The SCVMD Board must stay the course and vote 'NO' to the proposed Delta Twin Tunnels project! To change your minds and approve such a project is reprehensible, because in October 2017, you voted to reject this project due to detrimental impacts to the environment and budgetary cost /over run concerns.

Now some of the SCVWD Board Members have reconsidered because Southern California 's Metropolitan Water District (MWD) has voted to contribute \$11 Billion dollars to the project.

It is my understanding that CA Water Commission (CAWC), recommended after appeal from your agency to bond fund the Pacheco Dam Project; however, soon afterward, the District staff placed a revote on the Delta Tunnels Project (East Bay Times article 'Santa Clara Water District Delays \$650 Million vote on tunnels project' , May 4, 2018).

Why would SCVWD revote after funding was recommended for the Pacheco Dam project? It makes no sense unless there are deals being made by the water board. Something to the effect, we (CAWC) will fund Pacheco Dam Project if you vote "yes" to be part of Delta Twin Tunnels Project.

Karla Nemeth, a former So. Cal MWD employee, is heading the CA Dept. of Water Resources! No conflict of interest there.

"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark" !

I have lived in the SF Bay area for most of my life. I have a BS degree in Fisheries Science and retired from a career in Environmental Compliance and Monitoring in the CA Delta. I personally have seen the effects of not having enough water flow through the Delta during low water years.

- 1) The water quality in the Delta, esp. during the Fall months, becomes saltier.

- 2) The low water does not allow the Delta & Bay to 'flush' out organic material. This inhibits healthy ecosystems from developing because they are smothered by fine sediments. I have seen healthy fish spawning areas that became silted in and were no longer used by spawning fish.

In conclusion, having less water in the Delta is detrimental to the environment! The tunnels would bypass the Delta and would not allow that water to flush out the Bay / Delta to maintain a healthy ecosystem; furthermore, the degraded water quality would impact millions of people that rely on the Delta for clean drinking water & agricultural use.

Please stick to your convictions and vote 'NO' again to funding the Delta Twin Tunnels. There is too much at stake to have this project become a reality.

Sincerely,

Andy Kobayashi

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**From:** Marcia Fariss <mpub@gizmology.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 11:14 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta tunnels

No, no, no! Do not approve the tunnels. They will ruin the Delta and deprive fish and wildlife of needed water. The Delta tunnels will also ruin the quality of water in the Delta and the SF Bay itself.

The tunnels are a terrible idea! There are better and less costly and more effective solutions. I urge you to explore them instead of approving the current Delta tunnels plan.

Thank you for opposing the current Delta tunnels plan.

Marcia Fariss

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**From:** pam wrieden <outlook\_9BBBA595CB370A25@outlook.com> on behalf of pam wrieden <13pswk@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 12:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** delta tunnels

Please to not allow the delta tunnels as that will undermine the stability of the sacramento river and depriving the the San Francisco Bay Delta of needed fresh water.

Thank you, Pamela Wrieden

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**From:** charles@charlesbwarren.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 12:16 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Tunnels

With respect the Delta Tunnels aren't just a bad idea, they are also probably not possible.

Once upon a time I appraised a parcel of land in Wildcat Canyon. It had a tentative map for a planned unit development. It had a wonderful soil report and geotechnical proposal. All of that was about ten years old when I was given the assignment. When I compared the topographic map and aerial photography to what was there, I had a very hard time finding my way. I obtained a current aerial and by a plantation of pines, just planted in the previous image and pretty substantial when I looked, I was able to orient myself. It had been a farm once. The foundation of the late 19th century farmhouse was also a key. It was on the only solid portion of the parcel, probably a rock formation. The Delta is like that. Pay an engineer and they will produce a proposal. That doesn't mean it will actually succeed. Delta soil is proverbially unstable. At the very least, cost will very predictably explode... even if the final product leaks.

In all events, like the Peripheral Canal, this is just an attempt to get a bigger portion of a fixed and finite amount of water. Far better to use money to build storage. If dams are out of fashion, how about recharging aquifers? Cadiz (CDZI) should give us a clue.

The Peripheral Canal was probably possible, but we know what the people of California decided about that.

- charles warren  
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**From:** James Nokleby <chinajim99@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors

NO TUNNELS!!!!!!!

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**From:** Jan McCleery <jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 1:41 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Public Record Comment Vote No— WaterFix won't save fish

Please add my comment to the public record. I saw in last week's slide presentation one supposed advantage to the Tunnels is to "save fish" (notably the salmon and Delta smelt). Taking out more, fresher water from the Delta obviously will not. The EPA in 2015 said the habitat improvement plans in the BDCP were insufficient and those are now part of EcoRestore, a project that is not being pushed and is not funded, not WaterFix.

I believe your packet includes a report by UCD's Peter Moyle. In a more recent blog dated April 29, Mr. Moyle apparently has reversed that position. In discussing the future for the Delta, he states "the future ecosystem may not have many of the species we find desirable today, especially endangered species such as delta smelt and winter-run Chinook salmon."

He talks about a plethora of recommended habitat and other unfunded projects that might someday improve something without ever stating the obvious. The Legislature recognized it in 2009 when they wrote the Delta Reform Act telling the DSC to meet the Delta Flow Requirements. That scientific report and reports by the Independent Science Board and others recognized the exporters were exporting too much fresh water which lowers water quality thus negatively affecting fish. A Judge recently awarded our case granting the Delta Plan needs to include quantifiable targets for reducing exports. The goal should be regional self-sufficiency says the legislature.

Sure, due to over-exporting, reverse flows suck fish south and because of old ineffective screens, fish are entrapped. But being a scientist, Moyle knows increasing fish water flows is the one key that could improve the environment for fish. That requires reducing almond acreage instead of continually expanding the profitable crop, conservation, and other alternatives.

While the advantages of reducing reverse flows and trapping fish in the south would be a plus, the exporters have a track record of ignoring environmental needs and can't be trusted. The WaterFix does not include sufficient controls and can cause worse reverse flows on the Sacramento River.

For these reasons, fish will be harmed by this project, not saved

Thank you

Jan McCleery  
Now Discovery Bay 94505 but for 35 years a Mtn View and Sunnyvale resident  
1163 Pulora Court 94087

<https://californiawaterblog.com/2018/04/29/resurrecting-the-delta-for-desirable-fishes/>

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**From:** Mary-Lynne Bernald <mlbernal@saratoga.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 3:01 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Twin Tunnels

Dear Chairman Santos,

This email is to express my concerns regarding the upcoming vote to reconsider participation in the California WaterFix twin tunnels proposal. These concerns have to do with the cost and the lack of transparency in the process. It is essential that this process demonstrate that all factors have been explored in order to ensure the project is financially viable, contains a commitment to keeping the rates low for the rate payers, and will do no additional harm to the Delta's fragile ecosystem. Additionally, I believe it is essential that more time be given for public outreach and input. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to delay the May 8th vote until it can be determined that the criteria the Board put forth last October is fully addressed.

Sincerely,

Mary-Lynne Bernald  
Mayor  
City of Saratoga.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Marieann Shovlin <m.shovlin@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 3:33 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** reply@emails.sierraclub.org  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels - Please vote NO

Dear Water District Board Members,

The Delta Tunnels will take water from the Sacramento River, depriving the San Francisco Bay Delta of needed freshwater flows, harming water quality in the Delta and the Bay.

The project will cost at least \$17 billion dollars, and independent estimates run as high as \$64 billion, but even the Water District Board admits that it will not increase local water supply.

It's no wonder that the project had been stalling, with agencies balking at the huge cost for little benefit, however Santa Clara Valley Water District is now looking to support the project by committing \$650 million of ratepayer dollars. That money should instead be use for local projects, providing local jobs, developing local sustainable water supplies.

As a Sierra Club member and a citizen, I respectfully request you vote against this project to protect the environment - and our future.

Thank you,

Marieann Shovlin

Cupertino, CA

408.730.4413

Keith and Atsuko Bennett  
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May 6, 2018

Honorable Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
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By e-mail: [Board@valleywater.org](mailto:Board@valleywater.org)

Dear Honorable Directors:

We request that you decide against financial participation in the WaterFix Project for the following reasons:

- 1) This water is expensive, and once purchased, the financial incentives are to use the water. The costs of this water project are borne by all residents – existing residents pay more to subsidize increased population, driven primarily by excessive job growth and inward migration.
- 2) The main purpose of the WaterFix project is to take water to Southern California, thereby damaging the Sacramento Delta and San Francisco Bay.
- 3) One tunnel is enough
- 4) The WaterFix project will not address the fundamental issues of providing water for residents in our State and region: rapid population growth.

We hope you will make a wise decision and reject this environmentally and economically destructive proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Keith and Atsuko Bennett

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**From:** Janel Afanador <missnellie@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 3:42 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Raising water bill

Hello,  
For the vote comments be "added to the record." Tell the Board to vote "NO" - you don't want your water rates raised for the tunnels when tunnel construction will ruin a favorite nearby boating and recreation area.

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**From:** cabarbie@comcast.net  
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**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Tunnels

**Please add my comments to the record.**

**Board Members,**

**Please say "NO" to building the tunnels.**

**We live in beautiful Discovery Bay on the Delta. We do not want water rates raised to build the tunnels. The years and years of construction would ruin our wonderful Delta, the fish and the that grace that Delta. Not to mention the traffic it will cause in area with all the construction trucks, and equipment. All of this and years of destruction to our Delta to grow more almonds to the world is just not right! We need to reduce those export our water and the Delta safe. Please do not turn our irrigation into salt water, and vote No on the tunnels.**

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**From:** Janice Hutchinson <glassfilly@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta water fix

Please read these comments into the record of the SCVWD meeting.

My name is Maria LeClaire, I live at 10441 PharLap, Cupertino. My representative is Nai Hsueh

I think the Delta tunnel idea, either the 2 or only 1, is the wrong way to go for water management in California. Taking water out of the river stream before it gets to the delta degrades the water flow, damaging existing productive farmland and fisheries to serve farmers in an area of questionable productivity. We need more creative approaches to water management, not expensive boondoggles that destroy some areas to provide temporary relief to others. The northern California rivers are not an endless resource and we need to put some hard thought into managing water for the entire state.

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**From:** Tom Carlino <tcarlino@axomoxa.com>  
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**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

Such an obvious boondoggle that is pathologically overpriced, entirely worthless to the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and totally counterproductive, should have raised all kinds of red flags and sounded plenty of warning bells. But no, instead you decide to blow \$650 million on it. Certainly forces me and plenty of others to speculate in a strongly negative way about what the true motivation is for foolishly dumping all that money into it.

Kill the tunnels.

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**From:** Jan McCleery <jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 9:20 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Save Silicon Valley's Premier Recreational Area  
**Attachments:** scda\_150-BillWellsTestimony.pdf; scda\_86-Frank Morgans Testimony.pdf

Please add my comments to the public record:

My husband and I lived in Silicon Valley for 35 years. He was in finance at Ford Aerospace/Space Systems Loral; I started at Ford Aero then worked at dot.coms and then started my own software business selling web-based enterprise application software to major semiconductor including companies in Silicon Valley: Linear Technology, Cypress Semiconductor, and Intel, to name a few. We raised our two children in Sunnyvale. Weekends during the summer were spent taking the short ride to the California Delta for water skiing and enjoying the calm relaxing evenings anchored out. The Delta is a favorite location of many Silicon Valley residents due to it's closeness and the amazing variety of perfect recreational sloughs, fishing, and access via its 1000 miles of waterways to cities from Sacramento to Stockton to Benicia and beyond. For recreational boaters (skiers and wake boarders), the Delta is preferred over lakes because of the ability to find perfect straight sloughs, lined with tules which dampen boat wakes leaving mirrored glassy water and are just the right width for two boats passing. And owners of bigger boats, of course, can't trailer their boats to lakes and enjoy the Delta's charm. Bill Wells describes it well in his attached testimony.

**Why take this prize recreational area away from your residents and others in Northern California? That is what a "Yes" vote will do.** Our family loved our weekends on the Delta so much that we retired to Discovery Bay with our home built on the waterfront and our boats in our "backyard." The tunnel project will take this away from us and all of the citizens of Discovery Bay, hence we have been a large group of vocal objectors to the plan since we became aware of it in 2009. But regardless of our objections, of our explaining to the DWR the horrible impacts this project would have, the prized waterways, the objections are ignored.

The latest testimonies to the Water Board Hearings on April 20 and 23 from Delta boating experts, Bill Wells and Frank Morgan, clearly point out that this project, due to the massive amounts of barge traffic (at least 9400 barge trips), massive amounts of pile driving (over 23,000 piles with over 10,000,000 strikes from giant pile driving rigs), massive amounts of traffic on two lane Delta roadways (both from endless columns of construction trucks coupled with bridge openings on commuter highways like Hwy 4 which currently never open), massive influxes of construction workers, massive amounts of tunnel muck dumped on Delta islands (30,000,000 cubic yards), will cause a commensurate massive negative impact on Delta recreation. I've attached their two testimonies.

These massive impacts are not disputed and are included in the WaterFix EIR. Their feeble mitigation statements provide no true mitigation.

Bottom line, Silicon Valley residents will lose access to a prized recreation area if the project goes as planned. They will find the congestion and traffic jams getting to the Delta to be unreasonable and time spent on the water will include regular barge traffic, new 5 MPH areas, which will destroy the value of the Delta waterways that are now so prized.

While I am strongly opposed to the project in general because long-term it will continue to ruin the ecosystem and destroy the Delta for fish, **the DWR could at least spare the people who live in the Delta from destroying small towns, our retirement home values, and our way of life during the 11+ years of construction.** The tunnels should never be approved without at least the caveats that (1) **the Eastern Alignment be used for the tunnel routes**, (2) **moving the pumping stations far away from** legacy towns that the project now surrounds and will destroy, and (3) moving the muck piles further from communities and recreational areas than they are now planned.

Besides, the current route has been proven during these Part 2 Water Board Hearings to go through less stable soils which would be a problem during an earthquake due to current tunnel design (and earthquakes seems to be a concern

since the cost benefit analysis is based on impacts to the current system due to earthquake). The current route also goes through a dense section of the Rio Vista gas fields which shouldn't be tunneled through and the Eastern Route does not. Also, if their fear of levees falling down becomes a reality, the access shafts to get to the tunnels for repairs would become isolated in bodies of water which couldn't be reached by truck or barge. The entire through-tunnel construction and long-term maintenance doesn't make sense. The Eastern Route offers stable soils, easy truck access without these thousands of barge trips with barges pushed by tugs and requiring bridge openings impacting small Delta roads and important commuter access.

Thank you for your consideration.

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10 **BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

11 **IN RE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX**  
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19 **DELTA ALLIANCE, ET AL.'s WRITTEN**  
20 **TESTIMONY OF BILL WELLS**

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1 I, Bill Wells do hereby declare:

2 **I. Summary of Testimony: WaterFix is Highly Destructive to the Delta and There**  
3 **Are Much Better Alternatives. Don't Build It.**

4 The Delta cannot survive the WaterFix.

5 The California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") showed no concern for, or  
6 awareness of, the Delta as a recreational resource and place where people live and work. Much of  
7 the project is shaped by requirements imposed by the federal fish agencies, such as the location of  
8 facilities and the concentration of in-water work to the summer and fall months. This may protect  
9 the fish (it is hard to believe they can survive WaterFix either) but who will protect people? The fish  
10 agencies have fixed the construction season as June 1 to October 31. Shifting all of the heavy  
11 construction work to the summer months puts it in direct conflict with the boating season. For those  
12 of us in the recreation industry, 90% of our business is done in the summer season between May  
13 and October—just when the barges will be clogging our sloughs and the pile drivers will be  
14 hammering away at our sanity.

15 To us here in the Delta, California WaterFix is massive amounts of barge traffic (at least  
16 9400 barge trips), massive amounts of pile driving (over 23,000 piles with over 10,000,000 strikes  
17 from giant pile driving rigs), massive amounts of traffic on two lane Delta roadways (1,000%  
18 increases in car trips on formerly lonely roads), massive influxes of construction workers, massive  
19 amounts of tunnel muck dumped on Delta islands (30,000,000 cubic yards), and a commensurate  
20 massive negative impact on Delta recreation and those of us who make our living on the recreation  
21 industry in the Delta.

22 These massive impacts are not disputed: "The multi-year schedule and geographic scale of  
23 project-related construction activities and the anticipated incremental decline in recreational  
24 spending would be cumulatively considerable." (FEIR, p. 16-343.) Nor is it disputed that many of  
25 us here in the Delta will not survive the WaterFix economically: "recreation-dependent businesses  
26 including marinas and recreational supply retailers may not be able to economically weather the  
27 effects of multiyear construction activities and may be forced to close as a result."(FEIR, p.16-343.)  
28 In my opinion, at least 20% of our Delta marinas will be forced out of business by WaterFix. I do

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1 not think DWR will disagree with this estimate. But DWR has done nothing to protect Delta  
2 recreation.

3 They have insisted on locating massive tunnel muck dumps on Delta islands. These dumps  
4 could be relocated outside the Delta to suitable dumping grounds (which our beautiful farmland is  
5 not!). They have insisted on locating the three massive intake structures right next to the small  
6 legacy communities of Clarksburg and Hood (and close to the National Historic District of Locke).  
7 (SCDA-70<sup>1</sup>; 71<sup>2</sup>; 73<sup>3</sup>.) There is no hydrological rationale or engineering necessity for picking this  
8 location. It happened to be convenient for DWR and our legacy communities, absurdly dwarfed by  
9 the adjacent massive construction works, must be destroyed as a result. They have insisted on  
10 locating their largest staging facility and muck dump on Bouldin Island, off of Highway 12,  
11 between two drawbridges that will be prone open by constant construction barge traffic—creating  
12 the worst traffic nightmare imaginable on the main recreational gateway to the Delta. (SCDA-104.)  
13 There is no reason why this facility has to be located here. The dumps should be outside the Delta.  
14 This is a 17 billion dollar project. If DWR has to put a major construction staging area along the  
15 tunnel route, they can pick a spot where the tunnels pass closer to Highway 5 and build a dedicated  
16 access road to the site. We should not suffer a million or more dump truck runs on our already  
17 overworked two-lane Highway 12. (SCDA-72<sup>4</sup>.)

18 Professor Brent Haddad has made the case beyond dispute that WaterFix is not needed. The  
19 Delta Reform Act instructs all of us, including the State Water Resources Control Board, that “[t]he  
20 policy of the State of California is to reduce reliance on the Delta in meeting California’s future  
21 water supply needs through a statewide strategy of investing in improved regional supplies,  
22 conservation and water use efficiency.” (Water Code § 85021.)

23 That is really the end of the matter. WaterFix is highly destructive to the Delta and there are  
24 much better alternatives. Don’t build it.

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26 <sup>1</sup> SCDA-70 is a true and correct copy and accurate depiction of construction features at intakes #3  
27 and #5 and their relation to surrounding communities.

28 <sup>2</sup> SCDA-71 is a true and correct copy and accurate depiction of construction features at intake #2  
and its relation to surrounding communities.

<sup>3</sup> SCDA-73 is a true and correct copy and accurate overview depiction of construction activity.

<sup>4</sup> SCDA-72 is a true and correct copy and accurate overview depiction of construction activity.

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**II. WaterFix Intake Construction Unreasonably Harms Delta Legacy Communities And Boating in the Sacramento River and Should not be Allowed.**

Construction of the three intakes along the east bank of the Sacramento River between Freeport and Courtland, a few miles south of Sacramento, will be the most concentrated area of construction activity. Each of the intake structures is about 3/4 of a mile long. Construction of the intakes involves large-scale excavation activities, dewatering, moving the alignment of State Highway 160 inland several hundred yards, and large amounts of in-water pile driving to provide foundations to support the intake structures. The three intakes comprise an approximately six mile long construction zone that will include concrete batch plants, equipment staging yards, tunnel muck dump sites, fueling stations, helicopter over-flights to install new power lines, use of rock drills, dump trucks and other construction equipment. Several billion dollars worth of construction will occur in this concentrated area over seven years. Much of the construction activity will be limited to the summer months, including in-water construction and in-water pile driving. (SCDA-103<sup>5</sup>; SCDA-83<sup>6</sup>.)

Over 3,000 42 inch diameter steel foundation piles and 7500 sheet piles will be driven in the water at the intake construction sites. (SCDA-82<sup>7</sup>.) Acoustical Engineer Charles Salter calculates that the foundation pile driving will generate a noise of 115 dBA at fifty feet from the source. Salter also calculates that within a zone of 800 feet from the pile driving activities along the Sacramento River the sound level will be 91 dBA or more and within a zone of 1600 feet from the pile driving activities along the Sacramento river the sound level will be 85 dBA or more. (SCDA-65<sup>8</sup>.)

At each of the intake structures there will be a zone of very loud noise extending over a mile in length and covering the entire width of the Sacramento River. (SCDA-67; SCDA-68; SCDA-69<sup>9</sup>.) Due to proximity right next to in-water construction and barge activity, these noise zones will

<sup>5</sup> SCDA-103 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the United States National Marine Fisheries Service California WaterFix Biological Opinion describing barge routes.

<sup>6</sup> SCDA-83 is a true and correct copy of the Biological Assessment Appendix 3.D, Construction Schedule for the Proposed Action.

<sup>7</sup> SCDA-82 is a true and correct copy of the Biological Assessment, Appendix 3.E Pile Driving Assumptions for the Proposed Action.

<sup>8</sup> SCDA-65 is a true and correct copy of Delta Alliance's Testimony of Charles Salter.

<sup>9</sup> SCDA-67, SCDA-68, and SCDA-69 are true and correct copies and accurate depictions of the location of pile driving at the intakes and distances of noise travel.

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1 also be 5 MPH boating zones. Thus, boaters who would attempt to pass the intakes during pile-  
2 driving activity would be forced to slowly pass along a zone of very loud noise.

3 In my opinion, boaters forced to pass at slow speed past this very loud noise, would very  
4 likely simply avoid this area entirely. Many boaters do not like long 5 MPH zones in the first place,  
5 and listening to painfully loud noise while being forced to slow at a formerly fast water location  
6 would add insult to injury. In my opinion, these pile driving noise zones would effectively close the  
7 Sacramento River to recreational boat traffic at the pile driving sites.

8 This pile driving will effectively blockade the Sacramento River to Boat traffic and will trap  
9 Sacramento based boaters upstream of intake #2, while trapping Delta boaters downstream of intake  
10 #5. Each summer day, hundreds, if not thousands, of boaters pass from the lower Delta past these  
11 proposed intake sites and travel upstream to recreational areas above intake 5, including Old Town  
12 Sacramento, the Sacramento Marina, the Riverbank Marina, Sherwood Harbor, and the Sacramento  
13 Yacht Club. Likewise, boaters based at these marinas travel downstream passed the intake sites to  
14 reach hundreds of recreational destinations in the lower Delta. Many boaters also launch their boats  
15 at Sacramento launch ramps, including Discovery Park, Miller Park, Garcia Bend, and others. These  
16 launch ramps, and others, have large parking lots where boaters can leave their trailers while they  
17 boat for the day. The pile driving noise blockades will cut off transit between locations upstream of  
18 the pile driving and locations downstream of the pile driving, severely limiting the Delta  
19 recreational experience. The loss of freedom to travel up and downstream will make the Northern  
20 Delta much less attractive as a boating experience and will cause many boaters to choose other non-  
21 Delta locations to do their boating, such as one of California's many recreational lakes that will not  
22 be suffering from deafening noise.

23 I find ridiculous DWR's suggestion that bank fishermen displaced from the east bank of the  
24 Sacramento River will use DWR's enhancements of the Clarksburg Fishing Access Area as a  
25 substitute fishing spot. The Clarksburg Fishing Access Area is directly across the river from the  
26 construction site and pile driving for intake #3. The fishing area will be subject to 91 dBA, as loud  
27 as the siren on an ambulance. (SCDA-68.) DWR's suggestion only confirms that DWR does not  
28 think through its planning decisions. No one will want to fish across the river from pile driving.

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1 Just take a look at exhibit SCDA-70. The tiny legacy town of Hood is dwarfed by the giant  
2 construction works surrounding it; the town is sliced by a geotechnical exploration zone where well  
3 drilling rigs will march through town; a construction yard touches the town and pile driving will be  
4 heard loudly. (SCDA-65.) Next go to SCDA-71. The intake structure across the river is three times  
5 the size of Clarksburg. The library, the schools, the neighborhoods, and the marina will all be  
6 subject to extreme construction and pile driving noise. (SCDA-65.)

7 Thousands of construction workers will jam the tiny two lane roads. (SCDA-100.)

8 Quite simply, these communities will be ruined and tourism in this area will grind to a halt.

9 Engineer Rune Storesund has provided ample evidence to the Board that alternative  
10 construction methods that do not involve impact pile driving are available and feasible for intake  
11 construction. Contractor Malcolm Drilling has even provided a bid for the alternative method and  
12 expressed a desire to do the work for DWR without the noise.

13 I know DWR. Once granted a permit, they will not follow through on promises to find  
14 quieter methods. If this project is to receive a permit, which it should not, that permit should forbid  
15 impact pile driving and require the alternative method.

16 **III. WaterFix Construction Will Harm Recreation And Shutter Marinas**  
17 **Throughout The Delta.**

18 The construction related to the WaterFix Project will significantly decrease recreational  
19 quality in the Delta as a whole and will make recreation in substantial portions of the Delta  
20 untenable. The Project will have significant concentrated impacts in substantial areas of the Delta,  
21 including the location of the intakes between Freeport and Courtland on the Sacramento River  
22 discussed above, the staging and disposal areas at the Meadows Slough, Bouldin Island, and Clifton  
23 Court Forebay, the eight new barge landings, the construction impact area along the entire length of  
24 the tunnel route, and the Highway 12 corridor between Rio Vista and Highway 5. In addition to  
25 concentrated impacts listed above, the Project will have diffuse but substantial impacts throughout  
26 the rest of the Delta. Barge routes on Delta waterways, construction traffic on Delta roadways, and  
27 other diffuse negative impacts will leave almost no corner of the Delta unaffected by construction  
28 impacts.

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1 I am aware of the many 5 MPH zones that will be implemented throughout the Delta  
2 because of barge traffic, barge landings, over-water geotechnical boring and other in-water  
3 construction activity. I agree that these 5 MPH zones would be needed in order to protect the safety  
4 of boaters and construction workers. Before anything else we should be sure no one gets killed by  
5 this construction project. However, well over half of the boaters who come to the Delta do so to  
6 engage in high speed water sports (wake boarding, etc.). Multiple 5 MPH zones will make it  
7 practically impossible to engage in high speed water sports because each time a boater encounters a  
8 5 MPH zone he will have to drop the skier. Multiple 5 MPH zones with shifting and unpredictable  
9 locations, as construction activity moves around the Delta, will be very frustrating to water skiers  
10 and wake boarders. In my opinion many water sports enthusiasts will stop coming to the Delta and  
11 will go instead to one of the many California lakes where they can practice their sport without  
12 numerous interruptions. In my opinion a large number of people who use the Delta for water sports  
13 will stop coming to the Delta once they experience the new 5 MPH zones, and their shifting  
14 locations, once or twice.

15 The many negative construction impacts that are spread out all over the Delta and hit  
16 particularly hard some of the favorite Delta boating and anchorage destinations combined with  
17 numerous 5 MPH zones, loud construction noise, the visibility of barges hauling tunnel muck,  
18 muddy water stirred up all along barge routes by tug boats pushing the barges, the visibility of  
19 mountains of tunnel muck piled up on Delta islands, including the huge dump and Bouldin Island,  
20 the massive delays to road traffic accessing the Delta via Highway 12, will show recreational  
21 boaters early on that the Delta is fraught with problems for the recreational boater. Trailer boaters  
22 with a choice to go elsewhere will simply switch their boating activities to other locations. Why  
23 would a family with limited time and the desire to take their trailer boat out for the day choose the  
24 Delta when that means fighting traffic snarls on Highway 12, putting up with numerous shifting 5  
25 MPH zones that interfere with their high speed water sports, suffering loud noise from pile driving  
26 and other construction activities, and facing blockages on their chosen routes when they can simply  
27 decide to boat somewhere else where all of these problems do not exist? The answer is that they  
28 would not choose the Delta and would do their boating elsewhere.

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1 I have been around DWR for many years and don't believe their promises about getting  
2 things done on time. They say the tunnel project will take about eleven years. Huh! More like 20 or  
3 30 years. This is a huge project and no one knows what they are going to run into 150 feet  
4 underground. The DWR schedule is no more than a guess. I have no more reason to believe DWR  
5 when they say eleven years than I have to believe them about anything else. They never keep their  
6 promises and I don't think they could get this project done this quickly even if they tried. Twenty  
7 years minimum, in my opinion. Maybe a lot more. It wouldn't surprise me at all if DWR went out  
8 there and made a huge mess with tunnel machines, got them all stuck, and never finished the  
9 project. That is my opinion based on decades of experience in the Delta and with DWR.

10 **IV. Conclusion: Don't Allow WaterFix to be Built in the Delta; If it is to be Built,**  
11 **DWR and the Water Users Should Bear the True Cost.**

12 There is no doubt that WaterFix will have strike a heavy blow to recreation in the Delta,  
13 particularly recreational navigation, and DWR admits as much. On the other side of the equation,  
14 there is much DWR could do to lessen the blow: move the muck dumps out of the Delta; use the  
15 quitter foundation method without pile driving; place major staging areas closer to Highway 5 and  
16 build dedicated access roads so you don't clog our tiny Delta roadways. If these measures are "too  
17 expensive" then the Project isn't worth doing. There is a cost to be borne. DWR wants to shift that  
18 cost to the Delta recreation industry and recreational boaters. Why should we pay for your project?  
19 Let those who benefit pay the true cost, which includes the steps outlined above, which are  
20 reasonable and prudent means of protecting the public interest.

21 Better yet, do as the Delta Reform Act commands and develop local and regional supplies to  
22 reduce reliance on the Delta so WaterFix will not be needed in the first place.

23 Exhibit SCDA-152<sup>10</sup> is Hall Schell's famous book, Dawdling on the Delta. This is the  
24 masterwork on the Delta as place and a must read for anyone interested in what the Delta is about. I  
25 doubt that DWR's EIR consultants even know of its existence. If you take a look, you will see that  
26 the Delta is a place of quiet and wonderful disorganization. DWR wants to re-organize the Delta,  
27 make it tame and controlled with 5 MPH signs, and warnings to boaters about when and where they

28 <sup>10</sup> SCDA-152 is a true and correct copy of Hal Schell, Dawdling on the Delta.

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1 can and should boat so as not to get fouled in construction activity. The WaterFix is loud and  
2 obnoxious. And with it comes the line up and march command of the construction battalion. It is not  
3 compatible with the Delta.

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10 Executed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November at Rio Vista, California,

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20 **TESTIMONY OF FRANK MORGAN**

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1 I, Frank Morgan do hereby declare:

2 I agree with my colleague Bill Wells' conclusions: WaterFix will ruin the Delta.

3 I have reviewed the testimony of acoustical engineer Charles Salter, traffic engineer Chris  
4 Kinzel, Professor Brent Haddad, and structural engineer Rune Storesund. It is obvious that  
5 WaterFix was never thought through and much better alternative water supply measures are being  
6 ignored. There are also things DWR could do to lessen impacts but is refusing to do, including  
7 relocating the muck dumps and staging areas out of prime recreational corridors, using alternate  
8 methods instead of impact pile driving, and giving serious consideration to a much smaller project.  
9 All of these things have been proven feasible. In my opinion, failure to implement these measures  
10 will destroy the Delta as we know it and will mean ruin for many Delta marinas and other  
11 recreational businesses.

12 In my opinion Bill's estimate of 20% failure rate for Delta marinas due to WaterFix impacts  
13 is low. I know the marinas and they operate on a very slim margin. Even a small steady drop in  
14 business will cause many of them to close. We cannot withstand an eleven year construction free-  
15 for-all.

16 I run my charter boat up to the Clarksburg/Hood/Locke/Meadows area. This is one of the  
17 most scenic and peaceful areas of the Delta. Hal Schell described the meadows in his famous book:  
18 "You feel a man could go in there and never be found." (SCDA-152<sup>1</sup>, p. 65.) The Meadows is the  
19 most popular Delta anchorage: "If popularity awards were given for Delta anchorages, the  
20 Meadows would win hands down." (SCDA-152, p. 65.) Yet DWR chose this location as a major  
21 barge route, much dump, and construction staging area complete with concrete batch plant and fuel  
22 station. (SCDA-73<sup>2</sup>.)

23 The construction impacts will occur and be severe all over the Delta. (SCDA-72<sup>3</sup>; SCDA-  
24 73.) The impacts on the small towns of Hood, Clarksburg, and Locke will devastate these  
25 communities. Recreation on the river will come to halt at the location of the intakes, for miles above  
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1 the intakes and for miles below the intakes. (SCDA-67, SCDA-68, SCDA-69, SCDA-70, SCDA-  
2 71<sup>4</sup>.) It is obvious to me that these communities and recreation on the river cannot survive the  
3 construction of these intakes at this location.

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5 Executed this 30th day of November at Discovery Bay, California,

6 s/Frank Morgan

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**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 10:45 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** SCVWD Vote on Participation in Cal Water Fix

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

Dear Members of the Board:

You are constructing some remarkably large buildings in the valley today.

But when I hear someone talk about big buildings in Santa Clara County, I will always picture just two: the immense airship hangars at Moffett Field.

My father, Don Jones, worked inside those buildings.

After hovering over the Straits of Gibraltar in blimps watching for German submarines for a year, my father was sent back home by the Navy to teach flight navigation at Moffett.

Then the war ended, and my father enrolled at San Jose State and earned a degree. He took a job at Chevron, a pretty good company with pretty good values and procedures

Chevron did pretty well, until two of its tankers collided in San Francisco Bay, spilling hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil.

My father was in public relations, so it was his job to listen in person to public comments on that event--much as you have listened to public comments on Water Fix.

After that disaster, Chevron rededicated itself to its good values, and improved on its procedures. Since that time, Chevron has done very, very well . . . except for one difficult situation, their merger with Texaco.

Unlike Chevron, Texaco was a company whose management asked only one question when considering a project: Will we get what we want? And their values and procedures reflected that mindset.

The good news: In that merger, Chevron was the senior partner. Ten years afterward, the Texaco approach was long gone, and so were most of the Texaco people.

The bad news: Chevron was stuck with a potential liability of tens of BILLIONS of dollars from a Texaco project in Ecuador that caused unprecedented damage.

What if Chevron had been the junior partner? The Texaco approach would almost certainly have led to other massive disasters, and even more staggering liabilities. And my father's 37 years of professional efforts would have ended up a total waste of time.

I tell this story because I see parallels to the merger with Met Water you are considering now: duplicitous leaders, a bad project, tens of BILLIONS of dollars at risk--and you will have junior partner status.

If my father were still alive and living on Ten Acres Road in Saratoga, I believe he would have been at last Wednesday's meeting teaching this lesson. Thank you.

Peder Jones  
1548 Twelfth Ave.  
San Francisco CA 94122

**Michele King**

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**From:** Harry Bettencourt <harrybettencourt@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 10:47 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Opposition to Delta Tunnels project

Members of the Board of Directors:

I would like these comments read into the record.

I am writing to express my solid opposition to the Delta tunnels project. I am concerned about the Delta itself. I am worried about the ecological effects of moving such a large quantity of fresh water out of the Delta. The Delta is a very delicate natural preserve and making such a large impact, both by tunneling and by the removal of large quantities of water, would have a severe negative effect on this area. Please share my comments with Board member Nai Hsueh who I believe represents my district. If I am incorrect in identifying my Board representative, please share my comments with the correct Board member. If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at this email address.

Harry Bettencourt  
11553 Upland Court  
Cupertino, CA 95014

Michele King

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**From:** Rod Kirk <rajkirk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 11:19 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** CA WaterFix Related Information & Requests  
**Attachments:** SCVWD\_letter\_rkirk\_050318.pdf

Hello SCVWD Board members,

I had previously submitted this letter in an email but in the body of the email I failed to include a sentence which read "**I would like my letter to be added into the record**". So, please add the letter to the record. The document is attached and provides information, observations, and requests regarding the CA WaterFix.

Thanks for taking the time to read it and for all your efforts in trying to make the right decision!

Rod Kirk  
Director, EcoGreen Group of Silicon Valley

May 3, 2018

SCVWD Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5750 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, California 95118-3686

Dear SCVWD Board Members,

On May 2, 2018 I attended the most recent of many SCVWD Board meetings that I have attended concerning the CA WaterFix proposal. Today, I met with several colleagues who are following the issues surrounding the proposals. We came up with some observations, ideas, and requests that we wanted to convey to the SCVWD Board. Some of these ideas and requests are the content of this letter. Other ideas and requests will follow in another letter since I did not want the theme of the letter to be diluted with too many items. There are so many issues that are intertwined, I wanted to make it easier for the Board to digest in pieces rather than all at once.

**Observation #1:**

During the May 3, 2018 SCVWD Board meeting, it was brought up by at least one board member that they have seen the same familiar faces attending the WaterFix related meetings that have taken place. One board member summarized that they thanked the people for attending, but that many of the attendees were non-Santa Clara Valley residents and was not a good representation of the actual residents for whom the board member was supposed to represent.

**Observation #2:**

During the meeting, it was brought up by one board member that they believe in a democracy and it is important to have the people involved with deciding what path they take with the CA WaterFix and that is not quite happening.

**Comments on Observation #1 & #2**

We have a situation where thousands of residents of the Santa Clara Valley Water District have no idea of what the CA WaterFix is all about and how it will affect them. If they do not know about it, how can they even participate in making a choice in something that will affect them? If they do not know about it, how can they attend the SCVWD Board meetings or even write an email or letter expressing their opinions? Why are they in the dark?

While the Board may argue that information about the CA WaterFix is available on the SCVWD website and has been sent as article information in mailings sent to the residents, there is a problem with this. To compound the issue, there are many people who do not spend much time watching television or listening to the radio and many topics do not make it to their eyes and ears. Let me explain.

I learned about the CA WaterFix several years ago when I stumbled upon the Restore the Delta website. From there I got connected to more sources and became more informed and involved trying to learn as much as I could. If I had not stumbled upon their website, would I have ever become an involved person with CA WaterFix? It was not because of the information in the SCVWD mailings or the information on the SCVWD website that enticed me to learn more about it. There was nothing in the SCVWD mailing that alerted me to the fact that this is an important issue that will affect me and

my environment, so I better take some time and learn about it. Probably, many people just tossed their SCVWD mailing into the trash without bothering to look through it closely enough to investigate its contents.

On a similar note, the State of California has done a disservice to the residents by not reaching out to its residents with detailed information on the CA WaterFix program. We believe and are convinced this is politically motivated.

The proponents of the Delta Tunnels are for keeping people in the dark since it will make it easier to get the tunnels built than having any opposition. The Peripheral Canal failed on the ballot in the 1970's because the people spoke; they did not want it. Our Governor has manipulated a scheme to push the WaterFix program without letting the citizens vote on it. A smaller contained set of people, the Board of Directors of the various water districts, are the people that the Governor is using to push forward the CA WaterFix; much easier than getting the vote of the people who will be directly affected!

The State of California and the governance of the all the water districts should have put in place a process to make sure the citizens were aware of the proposed CA WaterFix plan, and how to sign up to get information on the various meetings and packets of information that was being generated by all the planners, scientists, policy makers, opponents, and proponents. They should have methodically been made aware of the issues, risks, tradeoffs, benefits, costs, ramifications, and pros and cons related to the CA WaterFix. Then, they should have been asked to vote on it.

I have had many conversations with my friends, neighbors, and relatives regarding the CA WaterFix. Most knew very little about it and extremely little about possible effects on them and effects on the environment. As a result, these people never showed up at the SCVWD Board meetings to express their ideas and voice their opinions and concerns.

Many citizens that will be impacted in one way or another by the CA WaterFix, have not been given a fair opportunity to be involved with the outcome. This is not Democracy. There is something very wrong going on here! If the Board of Directors of the SCVWD believes in Democracy and serving the people that they represent, they should not vote to get involved with the CA WaterFix.

#### **Request #1:**

As a SCVWD ratepayer, I am requesting that the SCVWD Board of Directors provide direction to their staff to make sure that the CA WaterFix, and other future projects which have any impact on ratepayers, is highlighted as a high priority water related topic that needs ratepayer attention. In the various mailings that go to all the residents, there should be links that the reader can go to get all the information that is used at the SCVWD Board meetings. There should be a request in these mailings by the SCVWD for ratepayers to participate in meetings to educate themselves and to also provide feedback to the SCVWD Board on what direction should be taken. The nature of these communications should be similar to the notices that we get regarding water rate or PG&E rate increases. They have an "air of importance" about them and are not easily thrown in the trash. The public needs to have alerts that hit them in the face, rather than being buried inside a colorful marketing brochure.

By satisfying this request, the SCVWD Board will have done what is necessary to secure more public participation in important water related projects which need ratepayer input. By doing this, the SCVWD board supports the actions of transparency and clear communication.

I am requesting that the Board communicate back to me on this request, so I can know what is being done about this or what will be done about this.

**Request #2:**

It is very unfortunate that the citizens of the State of California, and specifically the ratepayers within the Santa Clara Valley Water District, have not been given the democratic and fair process of voting on a very important issue that will affect them and their environment. It is unfortunate that the various water districts were colluded into participating in this unfair process which puts a strain on them and a strain on all ratepayers. I do not know what can be done at this point in time to get back on course with respect to putting this WaterFix plan on the ballot to be voted on. Some people have told me that there is a way to get this on a ballot. If there is a way, at this point in time, please listen to those people who have more knowledge than I have on how that can be accomplished. It appears that the course of action is going the way that a collection of greedy people hoped it would go.

As a SCVWD ratepayer, I am requesting that the SCVWD Board of Directors do their due diligence to represent the ratepayers of the SCVWD and vote to ***not get involved*** with the CA WaterFix. By not voting for the CA WaterFix, you acknowledge your belief and commitment to our democracy and a fair way of conducting public matters. By voting for the CA WaterFix, you are demonstrating your choice to support a way of governing that does not include giving the ratepayers and citizens the right to make important choices that will affect them and their environment.

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As a concluding statement, I want to make sure that you, the Board members of the SCVWD, know that I understand how frustrating this CA WaterFix project has been for you to try to go down the right path. Your efforts are appreciated. Your job is not easy, and we get that! It is unfortunate that you are caught up in the middle of political manipulation and trying to do what is right for the ratepayers you represent.

I will send more communication other letters soon.

Regards,



Rod Kirk  
Director, EcoGreen Group of Silicon Valley  
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[rajkirk@ecogg.org](mailto:rajkirk@ecogg.org)

**Michele King**

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**From:** rajkirk@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 06, 2018 11:23 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** rajkirk@aol.com  
**Subject:** Please Read The Content Of The Delta Reform Act of 2009 Before Voting!

Hello SCVWD Board Members,

I had previously sent this email to you but had failed to include the sentence "**I would like my letter to be added into the record**". So I submitting it again with this sentence included.

**I would like my letter to be added into the record.**

Please make sure you read the contents, or summary of the contents, of the Delta Reform Act of 2009 before you vote yes or no for the CA WaterFix.

It can be found at:

<https://www.mofo.com/resources/publications/california-passes-comprehensive-water-legislation-setting-historic-precedents-in-water-policy.html> ;

One very important part of this Act mandates the following:

*Moreover, where today so much of the state relies deeply on the Delta, a natural resource that, in the words of the Legislature, exists "in the midst of an ecological crisis," the legislation aims to move from managing crisis to managing more tolerable levels of risk. **To that end, the Reform Act calls for ultimately reducing California's reliance on the Delta, by meeting water supply needs "through a statewide strategy of investing in improved regional supplies, conservation, and water use efficiency."** This statewide call to action is the source of several precedent-setting policies included in the legislative package.*

By voting YES For the CA WaterFix, you are voting for something which violates the Delta Reform Act of 2009. It is very clear and something that cannot be disputed.

The ratepayers of the Santa Clara Valley Water District do not want the Board Members of the SCVWD to violate this act and request all directors to act in accordance with the intent of this act.

Voting Yes for the CA WaterFix does not reduce California's reliance on the Delta.  
Voting No for the CA WaterFix complies with reducing California's reliance on the Delta.

Putting more attention into the "No Regrets" package complies with reducing California's reliance on the Delta. The ratepayers of the Santa Clara Valley Water District request the Board to place emphasis on developing the elements of the No Regrets Package and revising the package periodically to take advantage of science and technology in order to find new ways of making more water available to the districts users.

The SCVWD Board is morally and legally bound to adhere to the Delta Reform Act of 2009. We request that you do not engage in any activities which violate this act.

Twenty years from now, do you want your children or grandchildren to remember you as one of the people who were responsible for destroying a valuable, beautiful, and important resource of California? Or do you want you children or grandchildren to remember you as one of the people who stood up for what was right and protected the Delta?

Regards,

Rod Kirk

**Michele King**

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**From:** Virginia Smedberg <virgviolin@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 1:34 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Opposition to Delta Tunnels

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Delta Tunnels.

The Delta Tunnels will take water from the Sacramento River, depriving the San Francisco Bay Delta of needed freshwater flows, harming water quality in the Delta and the Bay.

The project will cost at least \$17 billion dollars, and independent estimates run as high as \$64 billion, but even the Water District Board admits that it will not increase local water supply.

I understand that the Santa Clara Valley Water District is now looking to support the project by committing \$650 million of ratepayer dollars. That is NOT a good use for that money (some of which is MY money I am sure). That money should instead be used for local projects, providing local jobs, developing local sustainable water supplies. That is OUR water, and OUR money, and we need it here. If other people in other places think they need more water, they need to find their own local sources, OR plan their developments around what water is in fact available to them there.

Please consider the fact that Ma Nature has spent eons designing ecosystems that WORK, by very GRADUAL experimentation w/ trial & error. We humans need to be really careful how we mess up her structures, all of which have multiple and intertwined purposes, especially with our "grand moves". Redirecting the flow of that much water is potentially catastrophic to many parts of that ecosystem - of which we here in the Bay Area are a part.

I oppose the project for the harms it will cause the Bay and Delta, to local water independence and conservation, and local jobs.

Sincerely,

Virginia Smedberg  
441 Washington Ave.  
Palo Alto CA 94301

**Michele King**

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**From:** Ann Duwe <ann.duwe@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:01 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Reject the Twin Tunnels

Dear Santa Clara County Valley Water District Board,

Please vote "No" on the Twin Tunnels, now labeled for marketing purposes as "Water Fix." Building the tunnels will only create greater havoc with the Bay/ Delta system. The tunnels move the water we have from one place to another but don't create more water. The price for building the tunnels, which is enormous and likely to rise, doesn't include the cost of repairs to the entire Bay/Delta watershed when it is rendered even drier than it is now.

More conservation throughout the state, more attention to growing food on small, physically dispersed farms, more attention to the prospects for desalination — these are some of the things we could be doing to stretch our water resources.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Duwe  
25900 Elena Road  
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022  
650.941.6381

Michele King

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**From:** Nai Hsueh  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 05, 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** Michele King  
**Subject:** Fwd: The Delta Tunnel Vote

For your record. You may have it already, but just in case I'm the only director received the comment letter.  
Nai

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jimmy Jenkins <[jimjenkins444@yahoo.com](mailto:jimjenkins444@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** May 4, 2018 at 4:33:36 PM PDT  
**To:** "[nhsueh@valleywater.org](mailto:nhsueh@valleywater.org)" <[nhsueh@valleywater.org](mailto:nhsueh@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** The Delta Tunnel Vote

I am writing you to express my opposition to the delta tunnels and your financial support of them. My family and I have lived here for over 25 years and have heard the varied and never ending discussions and arguments for many water 'fixes' that have been put forward. Some had merit and some did not.

Everything I can read tells me that the state as a whole does not have adequate water to support the existing and increasing population. If this is true, then dividing any of the existing water among North and South does not provide an adequate answer to the primary question, how do we increase the overall amount of water available to the state. If we ask ourselves this question then, to me, the tunnels provide no answer at all. All they do is eat up significant resources, pollute the Delta, threaten if not wipe out fish populations and reduce the use of the Delta for recreational purposes.

If we want answers to the question of adequate water for all, it seems we should start by completely understanding the variety of approaches that are available and their relative costs. This would mean that a group would be formed of both those with a special interest and those that do not have a significant stake in the outcome of such a study. I have read much of the supposed "background information" the studies already conducted but I believe that most of them were either conducted or financed by special interests.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District could provide a service to the membership and the state at large if you would call out the real issue here and vote "no" on the Tunnels. You would help the state as a whole and no special interests. The group could be formed and work to determine what and how we are to provide adequate and clean water both now and in the future. I urge you to vote "no" for the District and all of California.

Thank you for listening,

Jim Jenkins

Michele King

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Subject: FW: Dum ass tunnels

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** tim mccabe <[patronpole12@gmail.com](mailto:patronpole12@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 6, 2018 at 4:26:34 PM PDT  
**To:** <[gkremen@valleywater.org](mailto:gkremen@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Dum ass tunnels

You and the MWD are raping the delta. MWD lives 600 miles away and are trying to control, Rape, and destroy our delta. We live here and we give 1/2 of our water now. the San Joaquin river flows backwards now because of the pumps. The delta is in pearl and now they and you want to turn the Sacramento river into the Sacramento creek.  
Stop this insane ides of gov Brown. If you think this will cost 17billion. you are a fool. some estimates are over 100, billion.

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Tomorrow's vote on the Twin Tunnels

**From:** Gary Kremen  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:56 AM  
**To:** Candice Kwok-Smith <[ckwok-smith@valleywater.org](mailto:ckwok-smith@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tomorrow's vote on the Twin Tunnels

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Anne Harrington - earthlink <[anneharrington@earthlink.net](mailto:anneharrington@earthlink.net)>  
**Subject:** Tomorrow's vote on the Twin Tunnels  
**Date:** May 7, 2018 at 8:52:45 AM PDT  
**To:** <[gkremen@valleywater.org](mailto:gkremen@valleywater.org)>

Dear Mr. Kremen,

As a resident of your district, I strongly urge you to vote "no" on the so-called "Water Fix" project. I value the health of the Delta and the entire Bay Area eco-system, which would be placed at risk by the proposed project with little benefit to the state either economically or environmentally.

Again, please vote "No."

Anne Harrington  
4343 Cesano Ct.  
Palo Alto, Ca

**Michele King**

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**From:** Anne Harrington - earthlink <anneharrington@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:53 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Please vote No on the "Water fix"

Dear Board Members,

Building the Twin Tunnels to funnel water south would imperil the health of the Delta and all of the creatures and communities that depend on it. The project wouldn't be a "water fix" - it would primarily benefit a segment of agriculture that contributes little to the state's economy while threatening an entire San Francisco Bay ecosystem.

I was pleased by your "No" vote on the project last year. Don't change your minds now with a "yes" vote.

Anne Harrington  
4343 Cesano Ct  
Palo Alto, Ca

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Water Fix

**From:** Gary Kremen  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 9:41 AM  
**To:** Candice Kwok-Smith <[ckwok-smith@valleywater.org](mailto:ckwok-smith@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Water Fix

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dale Breen <[dalerbreen@comcast.net](mailto:dalerbreen@comcast.net)>  
**Subject:** Water Fix  
**Date:** May 7, 2018 at 9:19:12 AM PDT  
**To:** <[gkremen@valleywater.org](mailto:gkremen@valleywater.org)>

Dear Honorable Mr. Kremen:

I know you are considering the Water Fix issue. I understand how important the water issue is to all of us. I know there are alternatives out there that have been shared to avoid the destruction and irreparable damage this will do to this treasure we have here in the bay area.

This plan will cause the collapse of our way of life on the Delta. We will not only loose much of the fish and wildlife but the recreation and communities will be devastated. The noise of the pile driving will be 91 decibels 24 hours a day. Noise travels long distances over the water. Also the millions of dump trucks traveling our already dangerous two land roads will cause massive traffic delays. The barges going back and forth will caused traffic as well as the draw bridges will have to be raised eight times a day. This plan allows the dumping of muck on the islands out here. This will cause a terrible stench and other damage. Our home values will plummet and businesses will fail. They expect a substantial number of the marinas to fold if this goes forward. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

Should the Delta and all the residents sacrifice their lives and livelihoods for this water grab? We want to share the water but please, I beg you, not this way.

Please stand up and do the right thing for the entire state and say no to water fix but yes to alternatives.

Sincerely,  
Tami Breen  
1947 Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Michele King

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Subject: FW: Delta Tunnel Vote

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jimmy Jenkins <[jimjenkins444@yahoo.com](mailto:jimjenkins444@yahoo.com)>  
**Date:** May 4, 2018 at 4:29:57 PM PDT  
**To:** "[gkremen@valleywater.org](mailto:gkremen@valleywater.org)" <[gkremen@valleywater.org](mailto:gkremen@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnel Vote

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**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Delta tunnels

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**From:** Lyn Hall <[mrscoldduck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrscoldduck@sbcglobal.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, May 7, 2018 11:02 AM

**To:** [bkeegan@valleywater.org](mailto:bkeegan@valleywater.org); [gkremen@valleywater.org](mailto:gkremen@valleywater.org); [jvarela@valleywater.org](mailto:jvarela@valleywater.org); [llezotte@valleywater.org](mailto:llezotte@valleywater.org); [nhsueh@valleywater.org](mailto:nhsueh@valleywater.org); [rsantos@valleywater.org](mailto:rsantos@valleywater.org); [testremera@valleywater.org](mailto:testremera@valleywater.org)

**Subject:** Delta tunnels

Please vote no against the tunnels.

The tunnels will be an ecological and economic disaster for the state of California. The building of the tunnels will effect your constituents as well as the east bay residents. Marine fisheries, boating and recreation will be greatly damaged during the construction and afterwards. Local farmland will be damaged.

Taxpayers will be paying for these tunnels before they are even finished through increased water rates.

Please vote no. Thank you for your consideration. Linda hall 4657 discover pt. Discovery bay, Ca 94505

Sent from Mrs Cold Duck

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Your twin tunnel vote this week

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**From:** james rogers <[jrogers@garlic.com](mailto:jrogers@garlic.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:53 PM  
**To:** [LLeZotte@valleywater.org](mailto:LLeZotte@valleywater.org)  
**Subject:** Your twin tunnel vote this week

Dear Linda,

As a former Gilroy Council Member, environmentalist and Sierra Club member, I am very concerned about the Delta twin tunnels project and its many impacts, both environmental and financial. I know your vote last fall had several conditions on your tentative approval at that time. It is hard to understand why the board is considering reversing this position now. Please ask your staff to give you an analysis of the cost/benefits of the 2.5%, 5% and 7.5% participation before you re-vote.

I hope you will consider the financial position this will place SCVWD in relation to your other financial obligations. I would hate to think that the rate-payers will suffer in the future because a decision made in 2018 did not consider the alternatives and the big picture.

Connie Rogers, former Gilroy Council Member  
7690 Santa Theresa Drive  
Gilroy, CA 95020  
408-842-8494

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Two tunnels.

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**From:** tim mccabe <[patronpole12@gmail.com](mailto:patronpole12@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, May 6, 2018 4:52 PM

**To:** [llezotte@valleywater.org](mailto:llezotte@valleywater.org)

**Subject:** Two tunnels.

We the CA voters have voted against the Peripheral canal twice, A 2 to 1 vote. The MWD just changed the name. How nice to vote for CA. water fix. This is not a water fix, it is water grab. It is against the law to take our resources destroy our delta and leave us with all the carnage. Our delta is in pereal now because we give them 1/2 of the water now. Now the want all.

Why they will not install desalination plants is because they are ugly. So is L.A this is the armpit of C.A.

We here in the delta think the MWD should install desalination plants on San Monica beach.

We the people of CA. need a say what happens here in the delta, not the MWD. Let Us Vote Tim McCabe

**Michele King**

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**Subject:** FW: Delta twin tunnels vote

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**From:** R Solomon <[risolom@gmail.com](mailto:risolom@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, May 5, 2018 7:28 AM

**To:** [bkeegan@valleywater.org](mailto:bkeegan@valleywater.org); [gkremen@valleywater.org](mailto:gkremen@valleywater.org); [jvarela@valleywater.org](mailto:jvarela@valleywater.org); [llezotte@valleywater.org](mailto:llezotte@valleywater.org); [nhsueh@valleywater.org](mailto:nhsueh@valleywater.org); [rsantos@valleywater.org](mailto:rsantos@valleywater.org); [testremera@valleywater.org](mailto:testremera@valleywater.org)

**Subject:** Delta twin tunnels vote

We are not residents of SC County but we are writing anyway to voice our opposition to this project.

Do you realize the extent of the permanent damage that this project will do to the Delta and its nearby communities? The claims being made by its designers, the DWR, agribusinesses down south, and other water districts like MWD are erroneous. Wildlife and residents will be devastated by it. People who like to go to the Delta for recreational activities will not be able to any longer. How many residents of SC County fit that description?

Finally, the Twin Tunnels is flawed in one other important, even more essential, way: it is based on the false notion that water is an unlimited resource in California. With 38 MILLION people living in our state it is time that we stopped looking at and using water like we did in the 1950's.

For all these reasons please vote NO on this project.

Chihoko and Richard Solomon

Michele King

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**Subject:** FW: my family are Santa Clara county residence (San Jose) & upset over what is about to happen with Delta

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**From:** Colin <[cbrodie@comcast.net](mailto:cbrodie@comcast.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, May 7, 2018 12:52 PM

**Subject:** my family are Santa Clara county residence (San Jose) & upset over what is about to happen with Delta

**Dear Santa Clara Valley water board:**

I live in Discovery Bay, but mine and my wife's family and friends live in San Jose and the immediate area. They visit us most weekends to enjoy the water and are very upset over what is about to happen with Delta. If the water bill is passed by Santa Clara County, they plan on sharing their displeasure by email, to all their friends and will ask that those friends pass the information on.

On a personal note, there is so much to lose with the Delta and its environment and so little to gain, especially for northern California. The water "package" will definitely have a short term benefit for few "large central valley farming interests" (especially those who are politically connected) and the L.A. area. But, past history has taught us that it has a very good chance of ending up like so many past southern California water "projects" that simply ruined the origin water source -- dried it up or set its environment back ages.

Thank you for your consideration in voting no.

Regards,

Colin Brodie

5631 Starboard Drive

Discovery Bay

**From:** Gary Kremen  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 1:59 PM  
**To:** Candice Kwok-Smith  
**Subject:** Fwd: Vote No on the tunnels

Sent from iPhone 12 Pro v3.21

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mark Simpson <[simpson-mark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:simpson-mark@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Date:** May 6, 2018 at 10:43:32 AM PDT  
**To:** <[gkremen@valleywater.org](mailto:gkremen@valleywater.org)>  
**Subject:** **Vote No on the tunnels**

We live in Cupertino, vote in Santa Clara and have a weekend home on the Delta in Discovery Bay. I urge you to vote against the tunnels. A yes vote will result in raise higher water rates and destruction of our home and recreation area along with the severe environmental impact. You are being fed lies by Jerry Brown's cronies.

Mark Simpson  
10491 Stokes Avenue  
Cupertino CA 95014

5652 Drakes Drive  
Discovery Bay CA 94505

**Michele King**

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**From:** Shawn Usha <shawnusha@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 9:54 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** stop delta tunnels

Hello;

I am not a resident of your water district. I live in an area served by EBMUD. As a resident of the Bay area the Delta tunnel plans are disastrous for the long term viability and health of the Delta. Building infrastructure to move vast quantities of water from one geographic region will do longer work. Other methods like conservation, gray water usage, etc. are the only way forward. Please do not participate in a scheme that will present your users endless bills and litigation.

Shawn Usha

**Michele King**

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**From:** Florence LaRiviere <florence@refuge.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 10:13 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Twin tunnels

Dear Board Members,

Thank you for your decision to further consider the impact of the twin tunnels.

As a member of the public, I have not received assurance that this project will not severely harm the wildlife, the waters and the shoreline of the Bay and Delta. One obvious impact will be the shifting of the extent the fresh water will invade the Delta.

This seems an especially inopportune time to alter the ecology of the Bay, for significant amounts of money are being invested in the restoration of hundreds and hundreds of acres of salt ponds to tidal marsh.

Please do not throw your support to this ill considered project.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Sincerely,

Florence M. LaRiviere  
453 Tennessee Lane  
Palo Alto, CA 94306

**Michele King**

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**From:** Mary Helen Doherty <maryhelendoherty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Request Opposition to Funding the Delta Tunnels

Dear Members of the Board,

It's my sincere hope that your vote at the Water District meeting tomorrow will be in opposition to the Delta Tunnels "Water Fix" project.

The unknown & anticipated damaging impacts on the environment and livelihood of the farm families in the Delta community, as well as the cost to taxpayers that are unknown & yet to be defined of this project, call out for your NO vote.

Please listen to those who live and work in the Delta and who know best the place they cherish, who are committed to protecting this place they call home for generations to come. They need to be heard. They are asking for your NO vote.

Santa Clara County can be a climate leader by creating a sustainable, self-sufficient water supply with alternative projects that create local jobs and protect the integrity of the Bay-Delta ecosystem. We need your leadership!

Thank you for your serious consideration of my request. Please add my comments into the record.

Mary Helen Doherty  
456 S. 12th St.  
San Jose 95112  
District 2- District Board Member Keegan

**Michele King**

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**From:** Karen Harrison <karen.harrison26@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 12:21 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

Dear Sir/Madam -

My name is Karen Harrison and I live in San Jose, CA 95125 and Barbara Keegan is my representative. i would like to voice my concern about the Delta twin tunnels. I am against the building of these twin tunnels for the following reasons:

- Our water bill is one of the highest, if not the highest, in the bay area. I have lived in other districts and, even in drought situations, have not had such high bills. We conserve our water - invested in a low water yard including synthetic grass, limit showers to a minimum, etc. Why would the district agree to fund water for Southern California with my money???
- If Southern California does not have enough water despite it's already large water grab, then it should limit access and reduce additional housing expansion, etc.
- Our Delta is a fragile and beautiful system - why would we disregard the wildlife and water quality that it currently maintains?

Thank you for listening. Please do the right thing for San Jose.

- Karen Harrison

**Michele King**

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**From:** Rosenblums(pol1) <pol1@rosenblums.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** No to Delta Tunnels

I am writing to day to oppose the approval of the Delta tunnels to bypass water around the Sacramento delta. This is an attempt to hijack freshwater needed to keep the delta healthy in order to serve the irrigation needs of agribusiness and some southern California communities. We should not be sacrificing our natural environment for fish, birds, and other wildlife before all conceivable efforts are made by these outside users to conserve and re-use the supplies they already have. Agricultural users must particularly be forced to pay a price closer to the price that cities pay for their water so that they will be encouraged to use water more wisely.

Dr. Stephen Rosenblum  
Palo Alto

**Michele King**

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**From:** Kathryn Mathewson <kmathewson@secretgardens.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 12:44 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Stop your support of Delta Tunnels Project: 7 reasons why

TO: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board

Please stop your support of supporting Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels Project and do not give the state \$650 million for only "being at the table". Following are some of the reasons why this project will not help our community.

1. Unknown cost over-runs and, therefore, unknown increases to our local water bills.
2. Those who do not support the 2 tunnel Delta Project are: all environmental organizations, local state legislators, and all candidates running for governor.
3. Environmental destruction of the largest estuary on the coast of the Americas, our Delta. It is here where our state's two largest rivers, the Sacramento and San Joaquin, converge.
4. The only northern California water district which is being asked to contribute money to the state's Delta Project is our SCV Water District.
5. State is playing politics by putting off the SCV Water District's \$485 million application to expand the Tachero Reservoirs project which will increase our local water supply. They may or may not support this project even if the Water Board supports the Delta Tunnels Project;
6. Inability of the State to select a one tunnel approach which will reduce the cost by as much as half;
7. The project is so expensive that there will be no money to support local water projects which would could increase our local water supplies. Some ideas could be: repair our existing dams so they can become full with winter rains, rain water harvesting from local roofs, supporting self-sustainable new high rises and business complexes keeping water/sewage/electric systems on site, perforated concrete which filters water and sends clean water into our ground water, irrigation with no chemicals to protect soil biology and thus reduce garden and park water by 40 percent (see information on perforated concrete and healthy soil biology below). "A nation that destroys its soil destroys itself" from President Franklin Roosevelt.

Gratefully for your service,

Kathryn Mathewson  
Resident of Shasta Hanchett neighborhood since 1950s

1698 Hanchett Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95128  
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**From:** Judith Smith <[axisdance@comcast.net](mailto:axisdance@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** I Oppose the Delta Tunnels

I am writing as a Bay Area resident to voice my opposition to the Delta Tunnels. The project will have a devastating impact on the delta ecosystem. Our communities are tied together by the Delta watershed and it must be protected!

Thank you.

Judith Smith  
2712 Grande Vista Ave  
Oakland, CA 94601  
[axisdance@comcast.net](mailto:axisdance@comcast.net)  
510.914.0870

**Michele King**

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**From:** Dan@SCVE.us <Dan\_SCVElectric@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 1:41 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Against Delta Tunnels Project

As a Santa Clara resident, My family is against the Delta Tunnels Project....due to environmental concerns.

PLEASE stop the project!

Thank You,

Dan Salas  
408.639.2727  
Dan@SCVE.us  
CA CLB #C-10.466687

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**From:** Chris Baumann <Chris88280@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 1:52 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Opposition to Delta Tunnels project for Directors Estremera, Kremen, Keegan & Varela

I am a delta resident that would like to comment for the record that I oppose the Delta Tunnels because they will be destructive to the Delta habitat, harm our local farmers and put Delta levees at risk.

Please reconsider supporting this inadequate and expensive option. Our communities are tied together by the Delta watershed and we need to review more viable options that will not cause damage.

Chris Baumann  
4840 Discovery Point Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Sent from my iPhone

**Michele King**

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**From:** Steve Scandalis <sscandalis@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 2:15 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Steve Scandalis  
**Subject:** Water District Board to take up California WaterFix May 8

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board:

I am familiar with the Sacramento River Delta region and the many effects of the Central Valley Project, State Water Project and water draw rate on the flow of the rivers, the ingress of salt water far inland into the delta and effects to the delta ecosystem.

Regarding the question of Governor Brown's Single / Twin Tunnel WaterFix project to be taken up by the Board's May 8, 2018 meeting, and at other times, I ask that the water board consider three actions and positions related to the WaterFix project:

- 1) The decision whether or not the Santa Clara Valley Water District participates for either a SINGLE or TWIN tunnel(s) project should be left to the voters of the district.
- 2) Request that the Santa Clara Water District Board adopt a position of NO SUPPORT of a Peripheral Canal or Tunnel project in any form which would draw additional fresh water from the Sacramento Delta rivers to send south.
- 3) Request that the Santa Clara Water District Board adopt a position that the water draw delivery rate from the Sacramento River Delta to the Central Valley Project, State Water Project and Southern California must be reduced substantially to protect the delta estuary, San Francisco Bay and the availability and quality of the water supply for Northern California and the Bay Area, and to support the health of the San Francisco Bay.

Best regards,  
Steve Scandalis  
Sunnyvale

**Michele King**

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**From:** Marcus Smith <almadenmarcus@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 2:16 PM  
**To:** Gary Kremen  
**Cc:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels Vote

Dear Director Kremen and Members of the Board:

I was pleased with your earlier vote on this matter and am surprised it is coming back up for vote. There is no compelling reason to change your position and fund this project. I don't want to pay for an ineffective approach to securing water for Southern California. Please vote NO.

Sincerely  
Marcus Smith (current Silicon Valley CFO and concerned ratepayer)

Michele King

**From:** Jan McCleery <jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 2:32 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** A heartfelt plea to save our communities

Please add my comment to the record. I want to make one, very clear comment: **A yes vote on the tunnels is a vote to deprive me of the retirement home I worked for 35 years in Silicon Valley to save money for and enjoy. It's personal. If you don't understand that, vote "No" until you do understand the many issues this tunnels project will cause. A yes vote will do the same for every home owner in Discovery Bay, in Hood, in Clarksburg, in Walnut Grove, and in Locke.**

Some people are moving out now in fear that this project won't be stopped.

**PLEASE - do not be part of this.** The DWR/MWD could avoid this terrible harm to Delta citizens by **moving their destructive project away from the Delta, to their Eastern route**, to minimize impact. They have chosen not to do so. I lie awake at nights weeping at the prospect of the construction destruction coming to our communities.

**The scenic Delta is a unique recreational area that should remain available for all Northern Californians to enjoy, including those now living in Santa Clara County, like my family did for 35 years.**

My Delta house will still be standing, but its value will plummet and what we worked in Silicon Valley all our lives for, will crash in value. The value of my home, which backs onto the Delta waterways, is that it is a freshwater boating location. The economics of our town which are mainly the marina, related businesses, and yacht club, are based on us being a boating location. When roadways throughout the Delta suffer from construction traffic congestion, making marinas almost inaccessible, and when boating pleasure is destroyed by pile drivers, construction pollution, 5 MPH zones, and barges, boaters will go elsewhere. My boats will sit in our docks. We will no longer be a boating destination. Surrounding marinas will go out of business.

It is even worse for the legacy towns in the North Delta whose small main streets have no sidewalk and almost no traffic now, making them quiet and safe for pedestrians. During the 11 years of construction those towns will have columns of construction trucks 24x7 going through them, risking the safety of the town's citizens and causing dust and noise. The pile driving noise will be such that school children will not be able to even hear their teachers. Huge pumping stations and tunnel muck piles will surround the towns, destroying their rural quaintness. Small communities will be devastated.

**The DWR/MWD needs to move the pumping stations away from the legacy towns and tunnel route East, away from the Delta waterways.**

I oppose the tunnels for the future damage they will cause to water quality, fish, farms, and wildlife and for the **horrible construction destruction** that will occur starting immediately and last **for 11 years**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jan McCleery  
5672 Drakes Drive  
Discovery Bay, CA 94505

**35 years worked and lived in Silicon Valley  
1163 Pulora Court  
Sunnyvale, CA 94505**

**Michele King**

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**From:** Roger Potash <rogerpotash@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 2:45 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Delta Tunnels

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors,

I am against the Delta Tunnels project, for the following reasons outlined by the Sierra Club.

"The Delta Tunnels will take water from the Sacramento River, depriving the San Francisco Bay Delta of needed freshwater flows, harming water quality in the Delta and the Bay.

The project will cost at least \$17 billion dollars, and independent estimates run as high as \$64 billion, but even the Water District Board admits that it will not increase local water supply.

It's no wonder that the project had been stalling, with agencies balking at the huge cost for little benefit, however Santa Clara Valley Water District is now looking to support the project by committing \$650 million of ratepayer dollars. That money should instead be use for local projects, providing local jobs, developing local sustainable water supplies."

Please vote against the Delta Water Tunnels project.

Thank you,  
**Roger**

Michele King

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**From:** L Sepulveda <lin94505@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Tunnels-IMPORTANT!

Please read this message regarding the Delta tunnel project. There are many reasons I am opposed to this project and you should be too. Here are some of them.

The construction of the tunnels will destroy the beauty of the Delta area for many years to come. Because of that, recreation seekers will find other places to spend their time. The delta, especially the Bethel Island and Discovery Bay areas are known around the world for its great fishing and perfect conditions for water-sports. I was actually in Como Italy and met an Italian gentleman who had heard of the Delta and dreamed of coming to California to waterski there. People also come from around the world to participate in the fishing tournaments.

Approval of the tunnels or even a single tunnel would turn the beauty of the best recreational areas of the delta into an ugly, smelly construction zone for many, many years. Trucks hauling muck, barges, construction docks and blocked waterways are just a few of the issues that would turn people away from enjoying use of the best recreational area of California's beautiful delta.

Changing the quality of the water in the delta is another reason to oppose the tunnels. There have been many studies done showing that salt intrusion would be a problem effecting

fish, wildlife and farmers. Speaking of farming, the most fertile soil in California is irrigated by the delta. These farmers would lose their crops and farms. Why would you want to have that happen? Why in God's name would you want to destroy a gift of this magnitude that California is so lucky to have?

Bogging down the small highways and roads surrounding the delta with construction vehicles is another reason to oppose the tunnels. The roads are small and there are enough accidents on them right now without adding more heavy construction on them.

A lot of historical towns would be turned into construction sites. We don't have that much history here and we should strive to save the little bit of history we have. The historical town of Locke would be totally destroyed among others. These are just some of the many reasons we should not allow this project to go through.

I understand Southern California would like to turn their area into what Northern California already has and there are ways to accomplish that goal such as retaining rain water, creating reservoirs, desalination, etc. Destroying Northern California to better Southern California is not the way to go about this. Please protect this wonderful, beautiful state.

Linda Sepulveda  
39527 Wilford Ct.  
Fremont, CA 94538  
510-432-2770

Michele King

**From:** Wrolley@charter.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 10:42 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** SCVWD Agenda Comment Form

## Agenda Comment Form

Current Date:	05-07-2018
Name:	Wesley Rolley
Address:	17211 Quail Court
City:	Morgan Hill
State:	CA
Zip Code:	95037
Telephone:	(408) 613-1835 Ext:
Email Address:	Wrolley@charter.net
Agency, Business or Group (if applicable):	
Contact:	Attention: Clerk of the Board
Board Meeting Date:	05/08/18
Board Item Number:	2
I would like to:	Express Opposition
Comments:	<p>While I appreciate that Directors Santos and Varela (mine) expressed concern for the ratepayers in the Water District, especially seniors, this feels like the Dept of Water Resources and Metropolitan Water District are trying to ram this through before all of the facts are known. I have heard for years that the State does not know how much flow is necessary to maintain the Delta. Now it seems as if they don't care to know and that is just for starters. Then there are the items that the ware district knows that have yet to be made public, such as the terms of the JPA. Opaque when the Water District needs public trust. I can assure you that any director voting for the items mentioned br Estremera, Keegan and Kremen will be staunchly opposed in their next election cycle.</p>

Michele King

**From:** ML Stefan <mlstefan2013@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 11:54 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board; Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Survey results on Twin Tunnels. Please put on public record

Honorable SCVWD Board:

This is a one-slide summary of a survey of district rate-payers made on May 5 & 6. One part was conducted in Sunnyvale by me, and another by a Mountain View resident.

Mei-Ling Stefan  
Surveys of district rate-payers, taken in Sunnyvale and Mountain View on May 5-6, 2018, in farmer's markets, at a public library, & a residential neighborhood

1. Do you know about Gov Brown's Twin Tunnels/Water Fix project?

Familiar	Know a little	No	Total
3	29	66	98

Most do not know about Twin Tunnels.

2. Do you wish to have more information & a chance to vote on whether SCVWD should participate?

Yes	Not sure	No	Total
60	7	9	76 voters
7	0	2	9 non-voters
67	7	11	85

79% wish to be better informed & to vote.

Mountain View survey by Eric Lemons: 51 respondents at Farmer's Market  
2 are familiar with Twin Tunnels.  
31 out of 42 voters wish to be better informed & vote. (74%)

Sunnyvale survey by Mei-Ling Stefan: 47 respondents (22 at Farmer's Market, 18 at Library, 7 door-to-door in my immediate neighborhood)  
1 is familiar  
29 out of 34 voters wish to be better informed & vote. (85%)  
I did not ask non-voting rate-payers in the Sunnyvale survey whether they wish to be better informed etc, as my friend Eric did.

Majority of respondents are rate-payers in these two cities, with a minority from other cities such as Los Altos, Cupertino, and San Jose.

Please let me know if you wish to have more information. Thank you.

Mei-Ling Stefan  
Sunnyvale resident

**Michele King**

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**From:** ML Stefan <mlstefan2013@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 10:58 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** pdf file for public comment on Agenda 2.1 on May 8 meeting  
**Attachments:** Agenda2.1\_18.0508\_MeiLingStefan\_MemberPublic.pdf

Dear Clerk of the Board:

I am attaching one slide of survey results for my public comment on agenda 2.1 for tomorrow's meeting. Please load it on your computer, as well as put it into the public record.

Would you kindly send me a confirmation email? This is my first time to try to present a slide, and the first time I am asking my inputs to be on public record, and I am not sure of the process.

Thank you for your help.

Mei-Ling Stefan

Sunnyvale resident

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**Michele King**

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**From:** Roma Dawson <romadawson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 12:20 PM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Voter NO on WaterFix Twin Tunnels

I strongly urge you to vote NO on the WaterFix twin tunnels. I agree with a number of organizations that oppose this very flawed proposed solution. Please have the courage to turn it down. WaterFix is not a solution that is good for the environment. I live in West San Jose.

Regards,  
Roma Dawson

**Michele King**

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**From:** Jan McCleery <jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** New research to consider

Interesting article in the SF Chronicle today.

"The Trump administration proposal to raise the Shasta Dam by 18½ feet, along with the recent vote by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to support the delta tunnels, illustrate our complete and outmoded dependence on built infrastructure to provide water. Both ignore the least expensive and most effective means of increasing water security: restoring the watersheds that supply the vast majority of utilized water in the state."

"We know watershed restoration and conservation can significantly increase water quality, quantity and storage, as well as improve flow regulation, reducing peak flooding and holding water later into the summer season when we need it most. A number of practical strategies have been identified as key to restoring watersheds"

"Watershed conservation is one of the least expensive solutions to ensure greater water quantity, quality and security, cheaper than building new infrastructure"

You may want to consider that before voting for the antiquated and cost ineffective tunnel project.

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Janet McCleery, President | STCDA  
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**From:** Martha Beattie <mcbeattie@jps.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 3:28 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors; Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Agenda Item: Delta tunnels

I am strongly opposed to the Delta tunnels project because its effect on Santa Clara County and environs will not be beneficial. You deliberated last fall and voted against it unanimously. I understand that some are now in favor because you want to have "a seat at the table." This would be a very expensive seat at the table as this will be costly for us taxpayers and it is very likely that there would be cost overruns in a project of this size.

The project will need more signers than it now has in order to get underway. If you and other districts decide that, while you don't think it is wise to have the project, you need to have that seat at the table, perhaps there will be enough to fund this widely unwanted project. Please vote no tomorrow!

Martha Beattie  
[MCBeattie@jps.net](mailto:MCBeattie@jps.net)  
144 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Unit 504  
San Jose, CA 95112

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**From:** Christina Berteà <singingwater@jps.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 3:23 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels vote tomorrow

Dear Board Members,

I am a plumbing contractor and educator teaching folks how to conserve water generally and to re-use greywater and to capture rainwater.

I have been following the Bay Tunnels issue carefully and have a great concern that if built they could negatively impact the health of the Delta.

We all live around the San Francisco Bay and must remember that large geographical areas CAN be devastated by unfortunate policy decisions.

Owens valley is a prime example. It was turned from a lush water-rich valley to virtually a desert.

Our own bay and delta eco-systems could collapse if inadequate flows of freshwater are allowed to pass through them.

The health of the bay and delta affects the health and well-being of everyone in the area (not to mention the beings who live IN those waters).

And incidentally, the health of the local environment affects property values.

The intent of the tunnels is clearly to export more water from the north to the south. And once built the cost of them will necessitate their actual use even if it means shortchanging the areas that would normally have been nourished by those waters..

ie less water flowing through the delta to the bay.

People talk as if that water is being “wasted” but Nature has her needs too—

Already the fish biologists are calling for more water, not less, flowing down rivers to the delta, bay and ocean.

I happen to be a great fan of those ancient pre-dinosaur beings known as sturgeon who used to grow to be 20’ long and weigh 2000 pounds.

I don’t think we have a right to drive them to extinction.

Please trust that people are resilient and creative and where there is a need they will come up with intelligent local solutions to water needs.

Simply capturing rainwater is one of them! Reconsidering the wisdom of the flush toilet is another that is never mentioned.

In teaching hands-on greywater system installations I see all the time the intention of people to do right and change their own behaviors to help solve our water issues.

It is the time for local community solutions, not huge enormously expensive infrastructure projects that line corporate pockets and rob from the natural world.

Thank you and please consider rejecting the Twin Tunnels.

Please include these comments in your record.

Christina Berteà

Oakland CA 94609

I am a concerned resident of the general bay area and teach frequently in your water district and hear people’s concerns.

**Michele King**

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**From:** Martha Beattie <mcbeattie@jps.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 3:28 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors; Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Agenda Item: Delta tunnels

I am strongly opposed to the Delta tunnels project because its effect on Santa Clara County and environs will not be beneficial. You deliberated last fall and voted against it unanimously. I understand that some are now in favor because you want to have "a seat at the table." This would be a very expensive seat at the table as this will be costly for us taxpayers and it is very likely that there would be cost overruns in a project of this size.

The project will need more signers than it now has in order to get underway. If you and other districts decide that, while you don't think it is wise to have the project, you need to have that seat at the table, perhaps there will be enough to fund this widely unwanted project. Please vote no tomorrow!

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**From:** Tim Brashear <roufiatim@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 3:30 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Fw: Oppose \$650M SC Tunnels Contribution by SCV Water District

Below is a message I sent to Mayor Licardo a short while ago. As a member of district 2, I strongly oppose the tunnels.

Tim Brashear

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----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Tim Brashear <roufiatim@att.net>  
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**Sent:** Monday, May 7, 2018 2:22 PM  
**Subject:** Oppose \$650M SC Tunnels Contribution by SCV Water District

Dear Mayor:

Like many in the Rosegarden, I recommend that you oppose the proposed \$650M SCS Water District contribution to the two-tunnel Delta project. My reasoning:

1. the rate payers in the SCS Water District will unfairly bear the cost; this should be a a state-wide burden (the fire tax recently stopped due to litigation and the obvious disproportionate share rural tax payers had to pay)
2. the state (particularly Brown) is working around voters on this project. If you support this contribution, you will be turning your head against us.
3. the SCS Water District did not peculate water last year until public pressure. Why? The answer is easy, though SCSWD won't fess up. It is less burdensome on the district to buy water from other water cos. than manage (our) water. They are incentivized internally to buy externally versus manage. Ask that they (SCSWD) open their books up to determine usage of funds (trended).
4. housing has been built directly below SC Valley dams. Who approved these subdivisions? If people choose to live below dams, that is their choice. The cost of real estate should factor risk such that the entire population of the county does not live will partially filled dams.
5. the state has been funded twice in the ballot for more storage, but has failed to generate any significant storage. There is a lot of focus on sustainability, but very little focus on incremental storage. Even if storage locations

are identified, the State put covenants in the bond covenants to favor environmentalism (seemingly 100% of the time) versus adding necessary storage. Handout H  
05/08/18

Don't give the state anymore money until they show some accountability.

6. stop all building permits until we add 1:1 storage.

7. stop feeding the LA and SCalf water lobbies until incremental storage is built/added.

8. do not give in to the industrial farm industry until incremental storage is built./added.

9. advocate for another San Luis reservoir south of the region (lots of options) before building tunnels. Advocate to fight environmentalists to add more storage, or "stop" building period.

10. i watched the San Joaquin filled to the brim last summer and into Fall. Why? I think you know why.

11. HSR is a disaster and we haven't hit the tunnel projects in the South. This was a true bait-in-switch by the Governor. The State wants to hook the bait, and worry about cost overruns later. I say no to the tunnels, but yes to some delta enhancements/deferred maintenance projects.

12. Stop supporting Brown who shows disdain for the common tax payer. Enough is enough.

Thanks,  
Tim Brashear

Michele King

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**From:** Jan McCleery <jmccleery@duckpondsoftware.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Barbara Keegan; Gary Kremen; John Varela; Linda LeZotte; Nai Hsueh; Richard Santos; Tony Estremera  
**Subject:** Please vote NO according to your Guiding Principals

After reviewing the slides from last week's meeting, it struck me how this project is against your guiding principals.  
**Please vote according to your "Guiding Principals" and vote "No":**

**Guiding Principal #1** - If one of the board's seven guiding principles are that Santa Clara County needs are primary, then the Board must notify it's users that the result of this project will be to remove access to the Delta for recreation and weekend use of Santa Clara County citizens. Many Discovery Bay home-owners are weekenders, from Santa Clara County. Many others (like me) were Santa Clara County residents for years and retired to our dream area - the Delta. A strong "selling point" for us to move to Santa Clara County originally was its proximity to the Delta for water-skiing and boating. Removing this benefit will affect not only home owners, but Silicon Valley businesses wanting to lure people to work in Santa Clara County.

And contrary to the presentation last Wednesday, this project does not protect your water in case of a seismic event. The tunnel construction is not being designed to meet seismic criteria!

**Guiding Principal #4** - If the other guiding principle is "Cost is affordable," then you need to go back to your October vote. The cost/benefit analysis by independent reviewers clearly shows this is not a good investment. And, as I said earlier, the design of the tunnels and many aspects of the project show it has been lowballed and poorly designed, similar to the Orville Dam. Plus it is going through a major gas field. SCVWD is likely to be tied up into liability if they go in on this project. The waterFix design costs are being low balled. The \$17 billion estimate does not include earthquake risk (the tunnels are not being designed to be earthquake proof) or the risk due to routing the tunnel through the Rio Vista gas fields - not a good place for tunnels, and other shortcuts MWD and the DWR have been taking to get this project approved.

**Guiding Principal #7** - Keep negotiating for the best deal. **If you want the best deal, make them move the construction out and away from the Delta waterways. Protect recreational opportunities for your citizens. Protect the beautiful homes your ex-residents built and retired to.**

Jan McCleery  
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**Michele King**

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**From:** SS <zaharo88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Opposition to SCVWD funding of Water Fix / Twin Tunnels Project

Dear members of the SCVWD,

I live in Los Altos. I am very opposed to the SCVWD providing ANY funding for the "Water Fix/ Twin Tunnels" project proposed by Governor Brown. Please do not commit ANY of our money to this project.

Thank you!

**Michele King**

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**From:** Nora Kovaleski <nora@kovaleskipr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 3:59 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Comments Re SWP Contract Amendment for California WaterFix  
**Attachments:** PCL et. al. Cmts SWP Contract Amendments 5-7-18.pdf

Dear Santa Clara Valley board directors,

On behalf of PCL and the other 13 NGOs, please find the attached public comments for the Delta Tunnels (CWF) Amendment Negotiations. We believe the board should review this letter before taking a vote on Tuesday May 8 at 9:30 AM.

Please provide an email response indicating you received these comments.

Thank you for your assistance,

Nora

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**Re: Comments Regarding the State Water Project (SWP) Contract Amendment for the California WaterFix (CWF): Flaws in the SWP Contract Amendment and Process**

Negotiations now underway on a SWP Contract Amendment for CWF do not comply with Water Code § 147.5 requirements for public disclosure and hearings, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for analysis of substantial environmental impacts, or Legislative oversight recommended by the Legislative Analyst Office. These concerns are expanded below, along with a summary of previous comments submitted for a related proposed SWP Contract extension that has not yet been completed.

### **Non-Compliance with Water Code § 147.5**

As part of the the current negotiations of the SWP Contract Amendment for the Delta Tunnels [CWF], there has been no mention of the requirement of Water Code §147.5 for a public hearing at least 60 days prior to the final approval of either the SWP Contract Extension Amendments or on-going SWP Contract Amendment for the Delta Tunnels (CWF). The current negotiations contemplate substantial changes, including relaxing water transfer, exchange and storage rules that would have significant impacts on the environment, downstream uses, groundwater aquifers and other water rights holders. The existing environmental analysis for the SWP Contract Extension Amendments and the proposed financial changes does not include these types of amendments in the stated goals or purpose of the State Water Project Contract Extension amendment project.

Twenty-three negotiating sessions during 2013-2014 resulted in a SWP contract extension amendment Agreement in Principle (AIP) that has yet to be approved by all contractors. The AIP does not mention or address these new proposed amendment changes that would enlarge the water selling market and are likely designed to fund Kern County and other agricultural users' participation in the Delta Tunnels (CWF). There are substantial impacts from transfers, exchanges and sales of water both to the environment and downstream users. As our verbal comments at the May 2, 2018 reflected this includes groundwater substitution, subsidence problems by pump-ins to various state and federal canals along with arsenic and selenium contamination of these conveyance facilities.<sup>1</sup> Even with limited monitoring, arsenic levels from these pump-ins have reached maximum contaminant levels in drinking water canals and the selenium-tainted farm runoff in the San Joaquin Valley that deformed wildlife in horrific ways has found the toxin is still showing up in bird eggs.<sup>2</sup>

An updated environmental impact analysis is legally required for the substantive changes contemplated under the present contract amendment negotiations because they would have a substantially greater impact on downstream users, endangered species and other water rights.

These new proposed SWP amendment changes are taking place after the close of public comment on the SWP Contract Extension amendments and for which: (1) the required Legislative hearing still has not occurred, (2) the final contract language has not been produced, (3) the analysis of the environmental impacts from the proposed contract changes have not been fully addressed, and (4) there has been insufficient disclosure of the financial impacts to ratepayers and property taxpayers. Once these omissions are corrected, a public hearing is required.,

### **Without Ample Oversight the Legislative Analyst Office has Warned of DWR's & the SWP Contractors' Overreach into the Legislature's Authority.**

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<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.restorethedelta.org/wp-content/uploads/Environmental-Advocate-Cmts-WWD-SLC-Pump-in-Monitoring-2018-Cal-Aqueduct....pdf> & <http://www.restorethedelta.org/wp-content/uploads/PCL-et-al-Cmts-Re-WWD-30-K-GW-Discharge-Aqueduct-Pumpin-Warren-Act-EA-March-2015.pdf> & <http://www.restorethedelta.org/wp-content/uploads/Final-Cmt-Ltr-Delta-Mendota-Canal-Groundwater-Pump-in-DEA-18-007-and-FON...-1.pdf> & <http://www.restorethedelta.org/wp-content/uploads/Att-A-SWC-Cmt-ltr-Re-USBR-WWD-Aqueduct-Pump-in-ltr-4-10-15-3.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> **Ibid.** & <https://www.newsdeeply.com/water/articles/2018/05/02/pressure-mounts-to-solve-californias-toxic-farmland-drainage-problem>

The Legislative Analyst Office has pointed out that, without oversight, *“DWR has been able to pursue development of SWP projects without expressed legislative consent, later retroactively billing the Legislature and the state's purse for its estimate of the state's share of the costs of those projects. This runs up against, and potentially conflicts with, the Legislature's exclusive constitutional authority to set its expenditure priorities by making appropriations.”*<sup>3</sup>

We urge the SWP Contractors and DWR to seek this Legislative oversight hearing to avoid costly mistakes while spending time and expending ratepayer resources on amendments. Here are some examples of DWR and SWP contractor overreach that need Legislative oversight and modification before proceeding:

1. Expenditures, both direct and indirect, that will rely on the General Fund as a result of the negotiated language in the proposed SWP contract extension amendments.
2. Expenditures that obligate general fund costs by extending the term of the State Water Project repayment contract. Adding another 50 years to the existing 75 years for repayment of debt. The water tunnel costs are estimated to more than triple the current total debt of the SWP, pledging ratepayer and property taxpayer funds as payment. Ratepayers originally agreed to fund a project that was estimated to cost \$1.75 Billion. Liabilities and long-term debt for the SWP has ballooned to roughly \$7 billion.<sup>4</sup> Now ratepayers and taxpayers who will use the tunnels will need to fund an additional \$17 billion.
3. Compliance with Water code section 85089(a) *...that requires mitigation, including mitigation required pursuant to Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000 of the Public Resources Code), required for the construction, operation, and maintenance of any new Delta water conveyance facility.*
4. Compliance with Water code § 12937 (b) and § 12934 (d). In response to the State Auditor's questions regarding DWR's use of a projected surplus of \$293 million in SWP revenue for the Delta Tunnels (CWF), DWR claimed that such surplus funds may be spent on new SWP facilities such as the Delta Tunnels (CWF).<sup>5</sup> The Delta Tunnels (CWF) are not listed in Water Code § 12934 (d) nor in the existing SWP Contracts. Further given the extensive maintenance costs ignored at the Oroville Dam for example, and other facilities, there are serious questions regarding the use of these funds for such purposes instead of facilities' operations and maintenance costs.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> [http://www.lao.ca.gov/analysis/2009/resources/res\\_anl09004003.aspx](http://www.lao.ca.gov/analysis/2009/resources/res_anl09004003.aspx)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/About/Financials/Files/SWRDS-CAFR-Final-FY-2017.pdf> Financials 2017

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2016-132.pdf> See pages 20-21

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/02/07/oroville-dam-feds-unsure-whether-they-will-pay-for-spillway-repairs/> See also <https://garamendi.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressmembers-garamendi-and-lamalfa-seeks-clarity-fema-authority-fund-repairs>

**Summary of original written comments submitted to DWR regarding the SWP Contract Extension amendment, for which the final environmental report and required compliance with Water Code § 147.5 has not occurred:**

**A. Failure to accurately identify and account for existing required maintenance and proposed future capital SWP costs necessary just to maintain existing facilities:**

1. Reconstructing the Oroville Spillway & the Thermalito pump-generating plant;
2. Reinforcing facilities against seismic failure;
3. Correcting subsidence damage;
4. Implementing a drainage solution on the Westside of the San Joaquin Valley and resulting pollution and downstream damages to existing users caused in part by groundwater substitution, exchanges, transfers and irrigation of toxic soils;
5. Implementing the Oroville hydroelectric FERC license project conditions; and
6. Obtaining a renewed Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for the SWP's southern hydroelectric plants.

**B. The costs in A, above, are substantial costs that the property taxpayers and ratepayers need to know before indenturing their communities with an additional \$17 billion in new project capital costs such as required for the Delta Tunnels (CWF).**

**C. The SWP contract extension amendment gives DWR and SWP contractors a 50 year blank check with ratepayers and property taxpayers on the hook for these unknown amounts and costly bills and also allows riskier financing tools even as the SWP faces the uncertainty of climate changes and deferred maintenance. The proposed SWP Contract Extension amendments from 2014 include new authorization for SWP revenue bonds to be issued to:**

1. "Finance repairs, additions, and betterments to most facilities of the SWP without regard to whether the facilities were in existence prior to January 1, 1987, which is the current Contract requirement in Article 1(hh)"(8); [The Delta tunnels (CWF) are not on the current list so this change appears to open the door to add the additional \$17 billion in debt needed to fund this tunnel conveyance addition, new water right and diversion. There is substantial public interest in the environmental impacts of this project and any hidden financing mechanisms. ]<sup>7</sup> and
2. "Finance other capital projects (not already in the list in the SWP Contract Article 1(hh) for which revenue bonds could be sold) when mutually agreed to by DWR and at least 80 percent of the affected Contractors." MWD and Kern County Water Agency control roughly 72% of the project so this reduced approval for debt issuance would require only a few additional contractors and concentrates even greater control of the State Water Project with a few contractors.
3. Debt reserves are reduced further despite unforeseen hydrological, geological and climate change events. The amendments allow for the purchase of riskier investments, including purchase letters of credit and surety bonds. The governing bond resolution was changed so the debt service reserve requirement is also weaker than for the typical municipal water enterprise at only 50% of maximum annual debt service.

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<sup>7</sup> There are twenty separate challenges to DWR's Delta Tunnels approvals under state law, including the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Endangered Species Act, the 2009 Delta Reform Act, among other claims, were filed in August 2017. This litigation includes 82 public agencies, nonprofit groups, and landowners, including water districts, reclamation districts, utilities, environmentalists, and farmers.

## Conclusion

We are hopeful the change in leadership at DWR can bring in a new era of transparency and accountability to the ratepayers and taxpayers who have contributed more than \$257 million dollars, including some \$84.8 million in public funding<sup>8</sup> towards the Delta Tunnels (CWF) and yet, still has not produced an economic or financial analysis to demonstrate the financial viability of the tunnels.<sup>9</sup> However, we note there is much left to do to achieve this goal of transparency and accountability.

1. Despite repeated promises there is no off-ramp for those contractors who do not want to pay any part of the Delta tunnels' estimated \$17 billion dollars in costs.
2. Skyrocketing costs and shaky legislative and administrative oversight plague this contentious conveyance project. It still lacks a proper system of governance. According to audits the project has failed to keep important documents and follow state required competitive bidding processes, thereby inflating costs through expensive consultants without proper credentials. Without strengthened oversight, California can look forward to more of the same, including project cost overruns.
3. It appears that abuses identified by the Legislative Analyst Office continue.<sup>10</sup> These include
  - An over-allocation of total SWP costs to recreation;
  - Recreation costs are incurred without Legislative review, thus obligating taxpayers without legislative approval.
  - Regulatory compliance costs are being allocated by DWR to Davis-Dolwig, thus obligating taxpayers and the general fund.

Despite the thousands of dollars represented by all the contractors, bond lawyers and consultants in the SWP contract amendment negotiations (whose annual salaries likely eclipse that of the Governor) the required financing plan for this tunneling project remains elusive.<sup>11</sup> Metropolitan Water District has voted to put up some \$10.8 billion dollars, provided they have more control over this state project and greater authority to make substantive political decisions concerning water supply and water rights. It appears from the limited public view of the proposed contract amendment negotiations that relaxing existing contract rules for buying and selling water is the likely vehicle for further subsidizing the water purchases of the agricultural water contractors and their financial participation in the tunnel project. However, the cost of relaxing rules on water trades to the environment, water quality, existing water rights and downstream uses do not appear at the forefront of these negotiations and by law must be considered and mitigated.<sup>12</sup> These include

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<sup>8</sup> Misuse of Taxpayer Funds found by Federal Audit see <https://apnews.com/3bd4ba28a69448cebff3dbdd15a8c5d1> & [https://www.doioig.gov/sites/doioig.gov/files/FinalAudit\\_BayDeltaPlan\\_Public.pdf](https://www.doioig.gov/sites/doioig.gov/files/FinalAudit_BayDeltaPlan_Public.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> See the State Auditor Report <http://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2016-132.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> [http://www.lao.ca.gov/analysis/2009/resources/res\\_anl09004003.aspx](http://www.lao.ca.gov/analysis/2009/resources/res_anl09004003.aspx)

<sup>11</sup> Water Code §85089 and Op.Cit. See the State Auditor Report.

<sup>12</sup> See Pub. Resources Code, § 21166; CEQA Guidelines, § 15162

discharges of arsenic laden groundwater into drinking water canals<sup>13</sup> and discharges of toxic selenium laden groundwater into canals that serve endangered species and livestock uses that likely would be impacted by the accumulation of this contaminant downstream.<sup>14</sup>

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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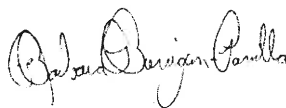
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<sup>14</sup> Ibid.



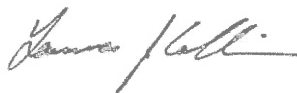
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**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 4:15 PM  
**To:** Gary Kremen  
**Cc:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Please vote against the Twin Tunnels

This is from Nicholas Filipp and Anna Wichansky, 4234 Suzanne Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

We are residents and home owners at this address for 34 years. We are rate payers in 7th district and we both vote in every election.

We are against the proposal for the Twin Tunnels, which will reroute water from the Delta to Southern California.

All water resources in the state should not be subject to the disposal of certain particularly egregious users as those in Southern California. During previous water shortages, people in Southern California continued to water lawns, wash cars, and did not conserve enough in proportion to their population. In the Bay Area, we did, and we should not be penalized this lovely area which supports recreation and many wildlife species.

We also should not have to pay additionally on our monthly bill to fund a project that provides water from our area to supplement the southern part of the state. What is the benefit to the rate payers of your district from doing this? This is not justifiable based on the greater good, since we have seen evidence of waste and low motivation to conserve in previous shortages.

We hope you will vote NOT TO FUND the Twin Tunnels and you will save the Delta.

thanks,  
Anna Wichansky  
Nicholas Filipp

**From:** Jim Liskovec <jsliskovec@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 4:30 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** No on the Two Tunnels

I strongly oppose the two tunnels.

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Attn Nai Hsueh

**Michele King**

**From:** María <mariamhennessy@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 4:44 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** mayormail.@sjanjose.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Reject the twin Tunnels proposal by MWD

May 7, 2018

To  
the members of SCVWD:

I  
am writing this letter to appeal to your common sense to reject the opportunity to participate in the Water Fix. I have included information to state my case from several sources. This slap dash proposal from MWD will cause terrible financial loss to the taxpayers of Santa Clara County and can not be relied upon to solve the growing need for water. I attended the five hour meeting last Wednesday, May 2nd and feel you are being bullied into accepting this proposal. Please be shrewd about protecting your constituents from financial liability on a project that will not solve the problems.

**Engineering problems immediately foreseeable-**

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- Each
- tunnel would be 150 feet (46 m) below ground, 40 feet (12 m) in diameter and 30 miles (48 km) in length. The tunnel project is as big or bigger than the English Channel Tunnel and Boston's Big Dig. This is an enormous project with no planning for cost overruns.
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- There
- is no provision for what would be done to repair these tunnels in event of a large earthquake.
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- No
- provisions have been made regarding the gas wells located in the North Delta. The probable explosions would cause death, injury and destruction to the proposed infrastructure of the tunnels.
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**Financial considerations not addressed-**

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- An
- audit by the U.S. Department of the Interior released in September 2017 revealed that \$50 million of the taxpayers' money was funneled into the project without taxpayer approval. This is a cause for a lawsuit and I'm sure many environmental organizations and taxpayer organizations are gearing up to begin this.
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- Metropolitan Water District has stated that the project will only cost each homeowner \$5 a month, but it hasn't provided any analysis to support the figure. This method of foggy financial information should make you immediately skeptical of the project.
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- In
- March 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission assessed a rare fine on Westlands in a settlement for misleading bond investors about the impact that the drought and water cuts had on its revenues. Their action raised concern about their ability to finance the WaterFix project.
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- The
- WaterFix plan does not provide any guarantee how much water the project would produce each year. When the Bay Conservation Development Plan was dropped, so was the 50-year plan. The current plan relies on a year-to-year environmental permits, which causes uncertainty about the plan's ability to fulfill its purpose.
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### **Political issues creating more chaos-**

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- Another
- bill that may change the fate of the California Water Fix and Eco Restore is Assembly Bill 1713[29] If passed, it would require California voters to approve the Water Fix and Eco Restore. Previous projects were shot down when they came to California voters.
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- Opponents
- note that some of the water that would normally flow into the delta is obligated under senior water rights to farmers in the delta. Farmers in the delta are among the most opposed to the project because it would decrease the amount of water available to them for irrigation. This will prompt a long court battle over whether the tunnels can be constructed.
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- Another
- crucial problem: Because of historic water rights that predate the construction of the Central Valley Project in the 1930s, some farmers are exempt from paying for water they get from the Delta. As a result, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation decided they shouldn't have to pay for the tunnels either, putting more of the burden on the remaining growers. This also puts more of a burden on urban taxpayers who participate in this project.
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### **Rejection of the Twin tunnels project by other Water Districts and within the ranks of the MWD-**

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- The

- sticking point for Metropolitan's funding plan stemmed from the San Joaquin Valley agricultural districts that belong to the federal Central Valley Project, a network of reservoirs and canals that supply water to different parts of the state. So far, key agricultural
- districts have refused to participate in WaterFix. They say the project's costs are too high, in large part because of a funding formula developed by the CVP's operator, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
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- The
- plan ran into internal resistance. Some members of Metropolitan's board were wary about using urban residents' water bills to finance a project that would require eventual reimbursement from agricultural agencies. "It would have been a huge risk for ratepayers,"
- said Mark Gold, one of the city of Los Angeles' representatives on the Metropolitan board. Gold had voted against Metropolitan's initial decision to spend \$4 billion on the tunnels.
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- Many
- districts in Southern California have rejected this plan as too expensive and not properly written as a solid contract, i.e. Santa Monica, San Diego, Los Angeles.
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### **Environmental considerations that will prompt expensive court cases that will drag on for years.**

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- The
- freshwater/saltwater gradient has moved inland because of the 5 to 7 million acre feet (6.2 to 8.6 km<sup>3</sup>) of water being removed from the delta each year for delivery to the Central Valley and Southern California. The project will reduce the amount of freshwater
- flowing through the delta and cause worsening saltwater intrusion. The current federal and state delta water projects that fill the big aqueducts with water for southern California have altered natural water flow, causing the water in the estuary to run backward.
- They have disturbed the natural salinity patterns.
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- Even
- though environmental regulations bar pumping under certain conditions, the pumping has pulled migrating fish away from their intended destinations. The formerly large populations of Delta smelt, Chinook salmon and other native fish have dropped to historically
- low levels. At least 35 native fish, plants and animal species have been added to federal and state endangered-species lists. The Delta smelt may be near extinction. State biologists conducted a study of Delta smelt in 2015, and found only six in the study
- area, where prior surveys netted hundreds.
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### **Political backlash-**

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- None
- of the present candidates for governor support this project and will probably stall and then reject it.
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- Many
- of your seats on the board are up for re-election this year.. It will look very bad if you support this hare-brained scheme without finding answers for these questions. However, by publicly bringing forth these concerns and seeking answers, you will show your
- constituents that you do represent their best interests and will repair the reputation that SCVWD has earned over their misuse of funds earmarked for Coyote Creek Flood Protection.
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- Anderson
- Reservoir can not be filled more than 67% because of faults in the debris construction, and that the Pacheco Dam is not yet built. Where will we store this water?
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Reject  
this proposal. The financial analysis is incomplete.

Sincerely,

Maria  
Hennessy

Michele King

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**From:** daniel witte <boatboy@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 12:26 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** opposition to twin tunnels or Claifornia WaterFix ofplease enterer my comment into the record)

(Please enter my comments into the record) Dear Santa Clara Valley Water Board Members,  
My name is Daniel Witte, and I strongly oppose the twin tunnels, or California WaterFix for many reasons.

The Delta Tunnels don't generate additional water for California. Instead, they take existing water and move it to another location, while harming the environment in the process.

There are many better solutions to California's water problems such as desalination, which would generate more water for the state, and water conservation.

The twin tunnels will severely decrease the quality of Northern California's water. As of now, Northern California receives its water from both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers simultaneously. If the tunnels are in place, Northern California will only receive water from the San Joaquin River, which is much smaller and more polluted. The California Water Act requires people to receive high quality water, which the San Joaquin River cannot meet.

The Delta Tunnels will devastate the commercial salmon industry, which generates \$250000000000 per year. The largest salmon run on the West Coast, passes through the California Delta to reach their spawning grounds. If the tunnels are built, there will be inadequate fresh water in the Delta for the salmon. If the salmon can't reach their spawning grounds and reproduce, there will be no fish for the commercial fishermen to catch. If there are no fish, then the commercial fishermen won't make any money.

The tunnels will cost at least 17,000,000,000 taxpayer dollars.

Repairing and maintain the Delta levees to prevent dangerous flooding in Delta communities as the result of earthquakes, would be much cheaper. In fact, the Delta Tunnels don't meet earthquake standards, and would be much harder and more expensive to repair if they collapsed.

Lastly, the Delta Tunnels will negatively impact Delta farmers.

If the tunnels are built, salt water from the Bay will intrude farther up into the Delta, because there will be less fresh water flowing down to keep it out. The Delta farmers cannot irrigate with salt water because it would kill their crops. If the farmers can't grow their crops, they won't make any money. Most of California's vegetable come from Delta farms.

Over all, please take my comments and concerns seriously, and vote against the twin tunnels.

Sincerely,

Daniel

6727 Sunnyslope Avenue Castro Valley California 94552

Michele King

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**From:** Eleanor Yick <[egyick@icloud.com](mailto:egyick@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 3:08 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Fwd: Vote No on Waterfix!!

Resending!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Eleanor Yick <[egyick@icloud.com](mailto:egyick@icloud.com)>  
**Date:** May 8, 2018 at 3:06:39 AM PDT  
**To:** [Clerkiftheboard@valleywater.org](mailto:Clerkiftheboard@valleywater.org)  
**Subject:** Vote No on Waterfix!!

Vote NO on the Waterfix!!! It won't fix anything and is environmentally damaging!!

Eleanor Yick  
Local customer &  
Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

**Michele King**

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**From:** D. Olson <dolson5@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 5:49 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Oppose Water Fix

SCVWD Directors:

You don't need to have a seat at the table. In fact, I suspect you won't want to have a seat at the table - because the Water Fix is not likely to progress smoothly. It's likely to be very difficult. And that seat will be a very painful one to sit at. Why do you think you'll want to have a seat at the table?

If the water fix is ever actually built, SCVWD is likely to be able to buy water from it at market rates. That will be a victory!

If the SCVWD spends its money wisely, it will be able to provide plenty of water to the district's customers. The Water Fix is a distraction we don't need.

David Olson  
resident who likes to follow water issues

Michele King

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**From:** Angela Daly <angeladaly10@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 7:15 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** California's Controversial Water Bill  
**Attachments:** California's Controversial Water Bill.docx

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District board of directors,

My name is Angela Daly and I'm currently living in Marina, zip code 93933; previously lived in Clarksburg, zip code 95612.

I understand you have a big decision ahead of you in a matter of hours, but I sincerely implore you to consider how much your vote will affect future generations to come. I'm currently attending CSU Monterey Bay and wrote a brief five hundred word article for the school newspaper, The Lutrinae, about this very issue. I'm including the link and attaching the article for your convenience and quick reference.

My hope is that you will consider that there are better options out there, and vote against the tunnels.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ang

<https://thelutrinae.com/2018/05/californias-controversial-water-bill/>

Angela Daly

Spring 2018

### California's Controversial Water Bill

How far would you go to establish a legacy? Perhaps establishing something that will be around for future generations, and every time it's seen or referenced it's deeply entrenched with your name. Yet, this legacy is more to immortalize your name, rather than benefit the people. Our current governor of the great state of California has been trying since 2009 to do just that, create his legacy that's going to devastate California, if not the rest of the nation, for generations to come while increasing your tax dollars and inevitably your water bills.

Commonly known as the Delta Tunnels project, and disguised as the California Water Fix and Eco Restore Project, Jerry Brown has been desperately trying to grapple funding and support for this highly controversial project. The Delta Tunnels plan would dredge two massive four story high tunnels "underneath" the Sacramento River beginning near I5 and Elk Grove, and routed to intersect with the San Joaquin River, to ultimately push more water to Southern California. To give some perspective, each tunnel would exceed the height of the Tanimura and Antle Family Memorial Library on campus.

Southern California has already seen a decrease in water consumption over the years, even as its population has increased, making the supporters of this bill all the more questionable. The environmental consequences of building these tunnels so the water can be privatized and controlled doesn't even compare to any possible minimal benefits. California water bills will explode over the cost of building these tunnels, and then the cost of supplier greed. California doesn't need another bullet train fail; which

has yet to be completed and is already seventy-seven percent over spent. We should be investing money into repairing and updating current crumbling water structures across the state, not trying to find the funding and support for a destructive legacy.

If you're still unsure, you can glimpse into our future by referencing the governmental injustices and lack of drinkable water currently still happening in Flint, Michigan to correlate to the results of the Delta Twin Tunnels. Flint has been struggling with their water crisis since 2014, with little hope of having it resolved until the year 2020; it's absolutely imperative that we do not allow it to happen here.

Brown is shaming the great state of California in pursuit of his legacy, not ours. If Southern California really does need more water, we need adequate, environmentally sound, long term solution(s) that work for everyone and prevents further destruction to an already mutated planet. We need to remain cognitive and construct better solutions to the environment, not perpetuate and fester more problems. We need to prevent these tunnels from being built and further exploiting our earth.

While there's multiple positions to every political venture, I sincerely implore you to do your own research and become informed on the decisions being created for you so that you can voice your own opinions and make sure that they're positive changes that you'd want to see for yourself, and the future.

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**Michele King**

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**From:** John Altstatt <jea@altstatt.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 7:20 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** twin tunnels

As a long term resident of your district, I am opposed to this plan, which does not benefit us in the least.

-John Altstatt, Los Altos Hills

Michele King

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**From:** Jacqueline Turney <jqturney@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 7:34 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Assemblymember.Frazier@outreach.assembly.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Please Vote No for the tunnels

Dear Santa Clara County Board,

Please vote No on the tunnels. Selling our precious commodity, Water, should not be a profitable item. It should be protected. LA and the world need to create a sustainable, self-sufficient water supply with alternative projects. Taking the water from one location to another is not a solution. It's only creating another problem somewhere else. Until you can come up with a viable solution, Quit spending money wastefully. Central Valley almond farmers need to stop expanding their acres for almonds which are mostly exported. No one wants to support higher water bills for only a few profitable people.

I live in my dream location, Discovery Bay on the water and paid a premium for it. We enjoy water skiing and fishing in the Delta everyday. It is very inconsiderate to put massive construction project through sensitive and beautiful Delta waterways causing massive traffic and waterway congestion and stopping Northern Californians from enjoying the Delta for years! What about us? Don't you care?

While many object to the tunnels and hope we can appeal to your kinder intelligent side. If you build them anyway, please **build the tunnels further east**, away from the waterways, away from water fowl, away from quaint historical Delta towns.

Tony Estremera please at least talk to our Assemblymember, Jim Frazier, District 11, he understands..."I believe we must protect our ecosystem and the people who live in the Delta, as well as those who are threatened by high water or potential reservoir failures in other parts of the state. Rather than waste resources on Delta tunnels, we should ensure that our existing infrastructure is maintained and upgraded."

Kind Regards,  
Jacqueline Turney  
**1424 Discovery Bay Blvd**  
**Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

**Michele King**

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**From:** Tom Picraux <stpicaux@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 7:52 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** WaterFix project voter opinion

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board,  
Attention: Gary Kremen

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the Twin Tunnels/ WaterFix project. We oppose the use of SCVWD funds to support this project.

As has been stated in the League of Women Voters study this is not a long term solution to water issues for California. It is not a wise expenditure of our citizens money. Much more effort needs to be put in water recycling, groundwater recharging, conservation, etc.

Thank you for your consideration and for representing us,

Tom and Danice Picraux  
108 Panorama Way  
Los Gatos, CA 95032  
[dpicaux@gmail.com](mailto:dpicaux@gmail.com)

**Michele King**

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**From:** stefan.sleigh <stefan.sleigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Stop the tunnels

To whom it may concern,

I'm a home owner in Discovery Bay and the reason I oppose the tunnels has nothing to with the fact that this ego move by the Governor is a bad idea and will devastate my property values.

The problem with this proposal is it doesn't make any sense financially and the fact that there is no credible financial analysis to support it should worry everyone.

#1 the water district will pay for this by raising water rates, you have no right to do this, by the way the farmers in the central valley will never keep their end of the bargain.

#2 the water rete payers in Socal need to know they are going to get hosed to pay for this sham.

#3 You could invest 1/4 of the sum proposed here on storage & retention but of course that wouldn't satisfy Mr. Obama Brown's ego needs and he calls Trump an egomaniac.

You need to do the right thing for us not you.

Stefan & Karen Sleigh

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S@6 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Michele King

**From:** larimarpugs@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Fwd: Your Waterfix letters are being ignored

ATTN John Varela

OK John - why cannot the \$120 per parcel per year be applied to fixing the flooding problem in San Martin????

You never answered my previous e mail to you last week.....why? I had more faith in you to at least do that much for me.

So why would SCVWD give so much money to this tunnel project when we cannot keep the water in control in our own back yard -- or my back yard. Do you realize with the change in the flow of the water in 2017, the water came into my house (never did in 43 years I have lived with the flooding problem), and flood water ripped my deck from my house - no FEMA compensation for me -- I do not live where Coyote Creek historically floods! I could have told you that once Anderson goes over the spill way the Rock Springs neighborhood in SJ has 3 days before it floods (as a child my horses were boarded at the stable that flooded last year). So why did not the water district advise the Rock Springs neighborhood? Why has the flooding issue not been fixed in my neighborhood? Why were we not given FEMA access for loans to fix our damages? And now yu vote to send my tax money to build a tunnel to send our water to southern CA? Not to mention the damage to the delta environment.....

I am disappointed in you as my representative on the board.

By the way, I thought construction on the PL566 was to start this spring....I have seen nothing but the City of MH develop a large parcel on the corner of Watsonville Rd and Monterey Rd --- where the flood water normally gathers before inundating me. Why did the Water District allow that? I notice that the developers had to raise the elevation of the parcel by several feet. Why if there is a negative EIR? Why not build these houses at current ground elevation? Oh yes...they would flood in a flood incident....gee whiz.

Sue McElwaine  
San Martin CA

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

From: Guber the Candidate <guberthecandidate@gmail.com>  
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Good Evening from Berkeley, CA.

I am writing you today because your email was included in a briefing obtained in person at last week's Waterfix vote at Santa Clara Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway. This 650 million figure is 120 million more than the council was initially approached for in 2017 (345-535 million, give or take all the millions in between because who really knows?). The cost of Waterfix to the Santa Clara Ratepayer would be \$120 annually. The only letters of support come from small boards of Silicon Valley businessowners affiliated to Gary Kremen.

Despite your efforts, Representative Estremera fatefully dismisses all of these and our nearly 40 personal comments at last week's meeting; pushing for a vote from one of two fellows on this issue, being Nai Hsueh and John Varela. Varela despondently quotes Malthus and claims to represent people who "are not speaking here." Despite evidence written and oral that the majority of complaints are coming from taxpaying citizens and homeowners of Santa Clara County, Varela condemned those of us present for "not being representative of Santa Clara County."

And with that, the consensus of the State Auditor, national environmental organizations, members of Congress, the unanimous opposition from all gubernatorial candidates (myself included) and YOU have been waived off to a new vote TOMORROW MORNING at 9:30 AM (tuesday, may 8th) at 5700 Almaden Expressway.

Two things to remember:

1. This is a shortcut solution to a water need of Santa Clara's that will not be addressed, and the "cost effectiveness" of this water tithe does not generate any new water for Santa Clara. Investing in this tunnel project will leave no money leftover for better, more quality, more sustainable alternatives available to benefit Santa Clara Ratepayers. 650 million for no new water is not cost effective. Contrary to the report offered by staff, it is the 4th costliest option out of 12 water supply options compared.
2. This is the 55th meeting called by Gary Kremen, founder of Match and [sex.com](http://sex.com), Barbara Keegan (who cites mistrust of LA in her support for this Metropolitan Water Authority coup) and Tony Estremera. If they get a single vote in this early bird meeting, the board flips and send \$10 million dollars immediately to the project, as a down payment or signing bonus, whichever you prefer.

I have made arrangements to attend this meeting. If you cannot make it to the district headquarters in person, please make a strongly worded message to the District a priority, and forward this email to whomever you'd like.

And, for the record, the Board previously had only promised approval for a downsized single tunnel project. The approval before them stands the exact twin tunnel pitch they rejected before. Without Santos or Lezotte, this would have already passed. Please send them a note of thanks, they fought hard to keep this delayed. Hsueh also acknowledges the rush of this decision, and Varela acknowledges they needed more time to digest the information.

This is the board's current course of action the project:

- They determine the "new plan" is adequate, and the environmental impacts tolerable.
- Authorisation of the Chief Executive officer to execute the resolution and sign all the documents.

Consequences are being threatened by the Joint Powers Authority being formed between contractors and the other agencies involved. Instead of "minimizing risk" let's have NO RISK AT ALL. Tell Gary Kremen to stop assigning YOUR staff to his windmill and make this the final, definitive meeting, where Santa Clara REJECTS the twin tunnel project, or at the very least opposes it with a protest vote.

With hope for the Delta, and thank you for bringing the fight.  
Chris Carlson  
a Green Party Candidate for Governor, State of California.  
916.704.0058

For John Muir.

**Michele King**

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**From:** Pat Blevins <seaglass103@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** VOTE "NO" on the "WaterFix"

Dear Board Members of SCVWD,

You have an obligation to the ratepayer/residents of SCVWD to vote "no" on the WaterFix.

The Board previously had only promised approval for a downsized single tunnel project. The approval before the Board on May 8th. is the exact twin tunnel pitch the Board voted to reject in 2017 for very solid and sensible reasons. Nothing has changed. Instead of "minimizing risk" let's have NO RISK AT ALL. Investing in this tunnel project will leave no money for better, more reasonable and more sustainable alternatives available to benefit the SCVWD ratepayers. Voting to spend \$650 million for not a drop of additional water is completely ignoring your responsibility to the ratepayers. And you have no idea what the actual costs of this boondoggle will ultimately be. Additionally, and contrary to the report offered by staff, it is the 4th costliest option out of 12 water supply options compared. Additionally it will devastate the Delta's environment.

The Board **MUST** vote to reject the WaterFix once and for all!  
You owe nothing less to the ratepayers of SCVWD.  
Patricia Blevins  
District 4  
San Jose

**Michele King**

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**From:** Patrick Pierce <pp95124@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Two tunnel Delta water project

Once again, I urge you to vote no on any support for the proposed two tunnel water project in the Delta. This project is not in the best interest of the rate payers of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. I am alarmed that special interests may attempt to force a yes vote for this project to the detriment of the public served by the water district.

Patrick Pierce  
San Jose

Sent from my iPad

**Michele King**

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**From:** bdalymn@citlink.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 11:59 PM  
**To:** Barbara Keegan; Gary Kremen; John Varela; liezotte@valleywater.org; Nai Hsueh; Richard Santos; Tony Estremera; Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Nottoli. Don; andrew.bird@asm.ca.gov; Erik Vink  
**Subject:** WaterFix Vote Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
**Attachments:** SCVWD Letter Against WaterFix 5-7-18.docx

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water Board,

Please find a letter attached and place it in the record for your vote on the California WaterFix on May 8, 2018. There are many reasons the California WaterFix should not receive your vote, but one of the main reasons is that It Is The Wrong Plan and It Is In The Wrong Place.

There are many other ways to create a sustainable water supply for all Californians without this losing plan for the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary.

Please read this letter before you vote, and we thank you for voting "No" on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Thank you,  
Barbara Daly and Anna Swenson (for)  
North Delta CARES Action Committee



## North Delta CARES Action Committee

P.O. Box 223, Clarksburg, CA 95612 Phone: (530) 570-9641 Email: [deltaactioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:deltaactioncommittee@gmail.com)

May 7, 2018

Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5700 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 95118

Sent by Email to all Board Members

Dear Board Members,

North Delta CARES is a volunteer community organization in the North Delta. Our members will be at ground zero for the construction impacts of the new North Delta diversions.

We are writing you to request that the Santa Clara Valley Water District delay certification of the Final EIR/EIS and request that the WaterFix Supplemental EIR/EIS address the legacy towns in the North Delta from being destroyed by construction traffic for the WaterFix facilities. The Department of Water Resources has made no effort to evaluate the effects of the project construction on the National Landmark District of Locke, and National Register Historic Districts in Walnut Grove.

According to the National Park District, the National Landmark District of Locke is “the largest, most complete example of a rural, agricultural Chinese American community in the United States.”<sup>1</sup>

As Locke historian James Motlow has stated,

In 1882 the U.S. Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, the only law in American history that specifically forbade the immigration of people based exclusively on race. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta was one of the few western sites where Chinese escaped violence, though not the impact of this law. Many came to the town of Locke. Locke was established in 1915 on land rented from the estate of Sacramento furniture dealer George Locke. Almost one hundred years later, after fighting for it for decades, the residents of Locke were finally able to own the land beneath their homes. Today, Locke is a place where the past is actively remembered. It is a kind of living museum, where thousands come every year to experience a vital history that is as relevant today as it was a century ago. Groups from a variety of historical and cultural organizations sponsor tours of Locke almost every week of the year.

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/Asian\\_American\\_and\\_Pacific\\_Islander\\_Heritage/Locke-HistoricDistrict.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/Asian_American_and_Pacific_Islander_Heritage/Locke-HistoricDistrict.htm)

Routing 24 hour a day construction traffic through Highway 160 will make it impossible for people to enjoy cultural tours of Locke and will ultimately destroy the town by closing down the local businesses. The traffic impacts on the legacy town of Walnut Grove and the Walnut Grove Japanese-American Historic District are equally bad. According to Wikipedia:

The local Japanese immigrants called the area around Walnut Grove Kawashimo ("downriver"), in reference to travel through the Sacramento Delta area. The earliest Japantown in Walnut Grove was established in the northern section of the existing Walnut Grove Chinatown. On October 7, 1915, fire swept through the Chinatown district in Walnut Grove, including Japantown.

Local residents of Japanese ancestry rebuilt Kawashimo one block north in 1916, on land owned by Alex Brown, a prominent local landowner and banker.[1][2] ... During the 1920s, Kawashimo developed into a local hub for Japanese residents in the Sacramento River Delta area, with its commercial district serving over 100 local families by the 1930s... The historic district remains architecturally accurate to period photographs dating from the 1920s.

The National Historic Preservation Act required analysis of traffic impacts on Locke and Walnut Grove. As explained in the Final EIR/EIS, the NHPA requires that the lead agencies:

- Identify an area of potential effects, and within these limits, identify historic properties.
- Assess adverse effects.
- Resolve adverse effects (typically through treatment, avoidance, preservation, or other mechanisms identified by the lead agency in consultation with SHPO and interested parties).

But as documented in 2015 comments by the County of Sacramento on the WaterFix Partially Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS, DWR did not follow the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board is not required to sign off on the destruction of Locke and Walnut Grove. The SCVWD Board can and should delay adoption of the CEQA findings for the WaterFix project as a responsible agency, and the CEQA mitigation measures until the WaterFix Supplemental EIR is certified.

CEQA guidelines section 15162, subdivision (c) provides in part:

If after the project is approved, any of the conditions described in subdivision (a) occurs, a subsequent EIR or negative declaration shall only be prepared by the public agency which grants the next discretionary approval for the project, if any.

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In this situation no other responsible agency shall grant an approval for the project until the subsequent EIR has been certified or subsequent negative declaration adopted.

The Department of Water Resources has announced that they are preparing a Supplemental EIR for the WaterFix project. CEQA guidelines section 15163, subdivision (a) provides that the Lead Agency may choose to prepare a supplement to an EIR rather than a subsequent EIR if:

- (1) Any of the conditions described in Section 15162 would require the preparation of a subsequent EIR, and
- (2) Only minor additions or changes would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project in the changed situation.

As a Responsible Agency, the Santa Clara Valley Water District can and should wait to approve the WaterFix project until the WaterFix Supplemental EIR is certified, and should request that the impacts to North Delta historic districts be addressed.

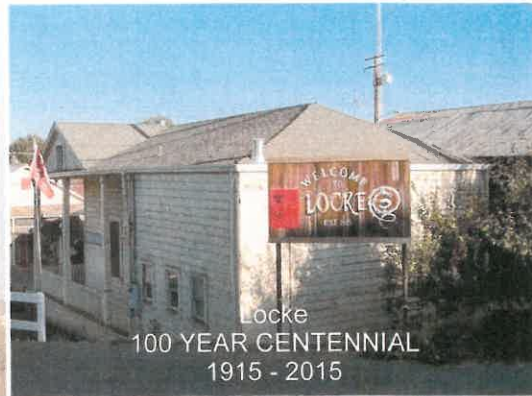
Sincerely,

Original signed/ *Barbara Daly/ Anna Swenson*

Barbara Daly and Anna Swenson, Chairs  
North Delta Cares Action Committee

Attachments: Pictures of Locke and Walnut Grove

Cc: Assemblymember Jim Frazier  
Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli  
Delta Protection Commission



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**Michele King**

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**From:** Maureen Jones <maureenj@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 12:05 AM  
**To:** mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov  
**Cc:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Opposed to Delta Tunnels Project

Dear Mayor Liccardo and District Directors, Please include this position statement for the record.

Kathryn Mathewson's "7 Reasons to oppose the Delta Tunnels Project" thoughtfully expresses my opposition to the Delta Project.

I read the May 3, AP article in the Mercury and was struck by the haste at which this is being sold. Clearly, staff, staff, and more staff is rushing approval through the SCV Water District.

Also, I would like to know more about:

"The Water Commission consists of Brown appointees who can distribute \$2.6 billion from a water bond approved by voters in 2014." I may have voted for the bond in 2014 but I certainly would NOT have voted for it had I known then that the money would enable the Tunnels Project.

Nor should the District copycat, yet again, the actions of the Metropolitan District.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Jones  
1205 Sierra Ave.  
San Jose, CA 95126

**Michele King**

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**From:** Eleanor Yick <egyick@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 3:03 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Vote No!

Please Vote No on the twin tunnel Waterfix!!! It won't fix our water problems!!!

Eleanor Yick

Local customer

Sent from my iPhone

**Michele King**

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**From:** Noel St. John <np@thestjohns.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 7:17 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** No to 2 Delta tunnels

I encourage the board to vote no to the 2 delta tunnels project, "WaterFix". Although I see the importance of repairing the delta water supply, I see this a water grab by Southern California interests at the expense and peril of the rest of the state. I believe a more effective plan would for Southern California to take water conservation more seriously — especially during drought years. Also focusing on less water thirsty crops. I know if the tunnels are built, at some point they will mostly run at full capacity despite claims otherwise.

Cost overruns are predictable and Santa Clara Valley Water District customers will be on the hook to shoulder the burden with little benefit.

Vote no to the WaterFix project.

Noel St. John  
Downtown San Jose (District 6?)  
95126

Please add my comment to the public record

**Michele King**

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**From:** Ken Colson <waterwalla@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 7:22 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** To: Barbara Keegan, Gary Kremen, Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh

Today's Mercury News editorial is right on. A vote to join in a joint powers agreement having questionable and uncertain outcomes would be a breach of your responsibility to us rate payers.

And you will be , as the Editorial says, held accountable if you vote yes to give away millions of dollars to Southern California interest. Don't pander to Jerry Brown's friends in Southern California.

Ken Colson  
2232 Bailey Ave  
San Jose, CA 95128

Sent from my iPad

**Michele King**

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**From:** Evan Idemoto <evanidemoto@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 7:37 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

Dear SCVWD Board,

Please vote no on the Delta Tunnels Project,

This vote shouldn't be about politics, it should be about the best future for the residents of the Santa Clara Valley. This project has a long list of cons including potential cost overruns, increased water costs for Santa Clara Valley resident, environmental damage to the Delta, Metropolitan's strong arm push for this Board to vote on two tunnels, the apparent conflict of interest that appears after the State granted funding for the Pacheco Pass Dam project and then called for this vote on twin tunnels, and potential lawsuits to name just a few. There is also a potential risk of fresh water contamination if there is an earthquake and levees in the Delta fail. Salt water may reach the fresh water intakes which would contaminate the fresh water supply. Yes advocates of this project tout the jobs it will create, but it may also cost agriculture jobs in the Central Valley. Why create a few short term jobs at the expense of California's agriculture? There is little if any guaranteed water for the residents of this valley.

The residents of Santa Clara Valley don't need to pay for Southern California's water. During the past drought, Northern California banded together and conserved water as our South California counterparts continued their wasteful ways. They need to learn to conserve water and make do with what they have. Why do we need to support them and their wasteful ways? If they determine they need more water they should look closer to home and not expect us to pay for a project that will have little benefit to the residents of Santa Clara Valley. Metropolitan should look to the coast and build their own desalinization plants not take fresh water from the Delta. We shouldn't be strong armed into voting yes because we "want a seat at the bargaining table". Our governor want this project to be his legacy but it will only be another version of high speed rail 2.0. Cost overruns, lawsuits, delays, an unmitigated disaster. We don't need that.

The Board should vote no on the Delta Tunnels, the cons far exceed the pros.

Evan Idemoto

San Jose, District 2

**Michele King**

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**From:** Leslie Foster <leslie.foster@sjsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 7:40 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Leslie Foster  
**Subject:** Vote no on twin tunnels

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> I am a San Jose resident. I ask you to vote no on the twin towers water project.  
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> If you vote yes on the project, at the next election opportunity I will vote against Barbara Keegan, Gary Keenan, Tony Estremera, and Nai Hsueh.  
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> I will also ask that friends and family vote against these water board members and I will campaign against these water board members.  
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> Leslie Foster  
> 3351 Nestor Dr.  
> San Jose, CA, 95118  
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## Michele King

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**From:** daniel witte <boatboy@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 12:26 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** opposition to twin tunnels or Claifornia WaterFix ofplease enterer my comment into the record)

(Please enter my comments into the record) Dear Santa Clara Valley Water Board Members,

My name is Daniel Witte, and I strongly oppose the twin tunnels, or California WaterFix for many reasons.

The Delta Tunnels don't generate additional water for California. Instead, they take existing water and move it to another location, while harming the environment in the process.

There are many better solutions to California's water problems such as desalination, which would generate more water for the state, and water conservation.

The twin tunnels will severely decrease the quality of Northern California's water. As of now, Northern California receives its water from both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers simultaneously. If the tunnels are in place, Northern California will only receive water from the San Joaquin River, which is much smaller and more polluted. The California Water Act requires people to receive high quality water, which the San Joaquin River cannot meet.

The Delta Tunnels will devastate the commercial salmon industry, which generates \$250000000000 per year. The largest salmon run on the West Coast, passes through the California Delta to reach their spawning grounds. If the tunnels are built, there will be inadequate fresh water in the Delta for the salmon. If the salmon can't reach their spawning grounds and reproduce, there will be no fish for the commercial fishermen to catch. If there are no fish, then the commercial fishermen won't make any money.

The tunnels will cost at least 17,000,000,000 taxpayer dollars.

Repairing and maintain the Delta levees to prevent dangerous flooding in Delta communities as the result of earthquakes, would be much cheaper. In fact, the Delta Tunnels don't meet earthquake standards, and would be much harder and more expensive to repair if they collapsed.

Lastly, the Delta Tunnels will negatively impact Delta farmers.

If the tunnels are built, salt water from the Bay will intrude farther up into the Delta, because there will be less fresh water flowing down to keep it out. The Delta farmers cannot irrigate with salt water because it would kill their crops. If the farmers can't grow their crops, they won't make any money. Most of California's vegetable come from Delta farms.

Over all, please take my comments and concerns seriously, and vote against the twin tunnels.

Sincerely,

Daniel

6727 Sunnyslope Avenue Castro Valley California 94552

**Michele King**

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**From:** Eleanor Yick <[egyick@icloud.com](mailto:egyick@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 3:08 AM  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** Fwd: Vote No on Waterfix!!

Resending!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Eleanor Yick <[egyick@icloud.com](mailto:egyick@icloud.com)>  
**Date:** May 8, 2018 at 3:06:39 AM PDT  
**To:** [Clerkiftheboard@valleywater.org](mailto:Clerkiftheboard@valleywater.org)  
**Subject:** **Vote No on Waterfix!!**

Vote NO on the Waterfix!!! It won't fix anything and is environmentally damaging!!

Eleanor Yick  
Local customer &  
Concerned Citizen

Sent from my iPhone

**Michele King**

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**From:** D. Olson <dolson5@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 5:49 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Oppose Water Fix

SCVWD Directors:

You don't need to have a seat at the table. In fact, I suspect you won't want to have a seat at the table - because the Water Fix is not likely to progress smoothly. It's likely to be very difficult. And that seat will be a very painful one to sit at. Why do you think you'll want to have a seat at the table?

If the water fix is ever actually built, SCVWD is likely to be able to buy water from it at market rates. That will be a victory!

If the SCVWD spends its money wisely, it will be able to provide plenty of water to the district's customers. The Water Fix is a distraction we don't need.

David Olson  
resident who likes to follow water issues

## Michele King

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**From:** Angela Daly <angeladaly10@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 7:15 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** California's Controversial Water Bill  
**Attachments:** California's Controversial Water Bill.docx

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District board of directors,

My name is Angela Daly and I'm currently living in Marina, zip code 93933; previously lived in Clarksburg, zip code 95612.

I understand you have a big decision ahead of you in a matter of hours, but I sincerely implore you to consider how much your vote will affect future generations to come. I'm currently attending CSU Monterey Bay and wrote a brief five hundred word article for the school newspaper, The Lutrinae, about this very issue. I'm including the link and attaching the article for your convenience and quick reference.

My hope is that you will consider that there are better options out there, and vote against the tunnels.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ang

<https://thelutrinae.com/2018/05/californias-controversial-water-bill/>

Angela Daly

Spring 2018

### California's Controversial Water Bill

How far would you go to establish a legacy? Perhaps establishing something that will be around for future generations, and every time it's seen or referenced it's deeply entrenched with your name. Yet, this legacy is more to immortalize your name, rather than benefit the people. Our current governor of the great state of California has been trying since 2009 to do just that, create his legacy that's going to devastate California, if not the rest of the nation, for generations to come while increasing your tax dollars and inevitably your water bills.

Commonly known as the Delta Tunnels project, and disguised as the California Water Fix and Eco Restore Project, Jerry Brown has been desperately trying to grapple funding and support for this highly controversial project. The Delta Tunnels plan would dredge two massive four story high tunnels "underneath" the Sacramento River beginning near I5 and Elk Grove, and routed to intersect with the San Joaquin River, to ultimately push more water to Southern California. To give some perspective, each tunnel would exceed the height of the Tanimura and Antle Family Memorial Library on campus.

Southern California has already seen a decrease in water consumption over the years, even as its population has increased, making the supporters of this bill all the more questionable. The environmental consequences of building these tunnels so the water can be privatized and controlled doesn't even compare to any possible minimal benefits. California water bills will explode over the cost of building these tunnels, and then the cost of supplier greed. California doesn't need another bullet train fail; which

has yet to be completed and is already seventy-seven percent over spent. We should be investing money into repairing and updating current crumbling water structures across the state, not trying to find the funding and support for a destructive legacy.

If you're still unsure, you can glimpse into our future by referencing the governmental injustices and lack of drinkable water currently still happening in Flint, Michigan to correlate to the results of the Delta Twin Tunnels. Flint has been struggling with their water crisis since 2014, with little hope of having it resolved until the year 2020; it's absolutely imperative that we do not allow it to happen here.

Brown is shaming the great state of California in pursuit of his legacy, not ours. If Southern California really does need more water, we need adequate, environmentally sound, long term solution(s) that work for everyone and prevents further destruction to an already mutated planet. We need to remain cognitive and construct better solutions to the environment, not perpetuate and fester more problems. We need to prevent these tunnels from being built and further exploiting our earth.

While there's multiple positions to every political venture, I sincerely implore you to do your own research and become informed on the decisions being created for you so that you can voice your own opinions and make sure that they're positive changes that you'd want to see for yourself, and the future.

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## Michele King

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**From:** John Altstatt <jea@altstatt.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 7:20 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** twin tunnels

As a long term resident of your district, I am opposed to this plan, which does not benefit us in the least.

-John Altstatt, Los Altos Hills

**Michele King**

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**From:** Jacqueline Turney <jqturney@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 7:34 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Assemblymember.Frazier@outreach.assembly.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Please Vote No for the tunnels

Dear Santa Clara County Board,

Please vote No on the tunnels. Selling our precious commodity, Water, should not be a profitable item. It should be protected. LA and the world need to create a sustainable, self-sufficient water supply with alternative projects. Taking the water from one location to another is not a solution. It's only creating another problem somewhere else. Until you can come up with a viable solution, Quit spending money wastefully. Central Valley almond farmers need to stop expanding their acres for almonds which are mostly exported. No one wants to support higher water bills for only a few profitable people.

I live in my dream location, Discovery Bay on the water and paid a premium for it. We enjoy water skiing and fishing in the Delta everyday. It is very inconsiderate to put massive construction project through sensitive and beautiful Delta waterways causing massive traffic and waterway congestion and stopping Northern Californians from enjoying the Delta for years! What about us? Don't you care?

While many object to the tunnels and hope we can appeal to your kinder intelligent side. If you build them anyway, please **build the tunnels further east**, away from the waterways, away from water fowl, away from quaint historical Delta towns.

Tony Estremera please at least talk to our Assemblymember, Jim Frazier, District 11, he understands..."I believe we must protect our ecosystem and the people who live in the Delta, as well as those who are threatened by high water or potential reservoir failures in other parts of the state. Rather than waste resources on Delta tunnels, we should ensure that our existing infrastructure is maintained and upgraded."

Kind Regards,  
Jacqueline Turney  
**1424 Discovery Bay Blvd**  
**Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

**Michele King**

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**From:** Tom Picraux <stpicaux@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 7:52 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** WaterFix project voter opinion

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water District Board,  
Attention: Gary Kremen

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the Twin Tunnels/ WaterFix project. We oppose the use of SCVWD funds to support this project.

As has been stated in the League of Women Voters study this is not a long term solution to water issues for California. It is not a wise expenditure of our citizens money. Much more effort needs to be put in water recycling, groundwater recharging, conservation, etc.

Thank you for your consideration and for representing us,

Tom and Danice Picraux  
108 Panorama Way  
Los Gatos, CA 95032  
[dpicaux@gmail.com](mailto:dpicaux@gmail.com)

## Michele King

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**From:** stefan.sleigh <stefan.sleigh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Stop the tunnels

To whom it may concern,

I'm a home owner in Discovery Bay and the reason I oppose the tunnels has nothing to with the fact that this ego move by the Governor is a bad idea and will devastate my property values.

The problem with this proposal is it doesn't make any sense financially and the fact that there is no credible financial analysis to support it should worry everyone.

#1 the water district will pay for this by raising water rates, you have no right to do this, by the way the farmers in the central valley will never keep their end of the bargain.

#2 the water rate payers in Socal need to know they are going to get hosed to pay for this sham.

#3 You could invest 1/4 of the sum proposed here on storage & retention but of course that wouldn't satisfy Mr. Obama Brown's ego needs and he calls Trump an egomaniac.

You need to do the right thing for us not you.

Stefan & Karen Sleigh

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S@6 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

## Michele King

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**From:** larimarpugs@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Fwd: Your Waterfix letters are being ignored

ATTN John Varela

OK John - why cannot the \$120 per parcel per year be applied to fixing the flooding problem in San Martin????

You never answered my previous e mail to you last week.....why? I had more faith in you to at least do that much for me.

So why would SCVWD give so much money to this tunnel project when we cannot keep the water in control in our own back yard -- or my back yard. Do you realize with the change in the flow of the water in 2017, the water came into my house (never did in 43 years I have lived with the flooding problem), and flood water ripped my deck from my house - no FEMA compensation for me -- I do not live where Coyote Creek historically floods! I could have told you that once Anderson goes over the spill way the Rock Springs neighborhood in SJ has 3 days before it floods (as a child my horses were boarded at the stable that flooded last year). So why did not the water district advise the Rock Springs neighborhood? Why has the flooding issue not been fixed in my neighborhood? Why were we not given FEMA access for loans to fix our damages? And now yu vote to send my tax money to build a tunnel to send our water to southern CA? Not to mention the damage to the delta environment.....

I am disappointed in you as my representative on the board.

By the way, I thought construction on the PL566 was to start this spring....I have seen nothing but the City of MH develop a large parcel on the corner of Watsonville Rd and Monterey Rd --- where the flood water normally gathers before inundating me. Why did the Water District allow that? I notice that the developers had to raise the elevation of the parcel by several feet. Why if there is a negative EIR? Why not build these houses at current ground elevation? Oh yes...they would flood in a flood incident....gee whiz.

Sue McElwaine  
San Martin CA

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

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Sent: Mon, May 7, 2018 7:08 pm  
Subject: Your Waterfix letters are being ignored

Good Evening from Berkeley, CA.

I am writing you today because your email was included in a briefing obtained in person at last week's Waterfix vote at Santa Clara Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway. This 650 million figure is 120 million more than the council was initially approached for in 2017 (345-535 million, give or take all the millions in between because who really knows?). The cost of Waterfix to the Santa Clara Ratepayer would be \$120 annually. The only letters of support come from small boards of Silicon Valley businessowners affiliated to Gary Kremen.

Despite your efforts, Representative Estremera fatefully dismisses all of these and our nearly 40 personal comments at last week's meeting; pushing for a vote from one of two fellows on this issue, being Nai Hsueh and John Varela. Varela despondently quotes Malthus and claims to represent people who "are not speaking here." Despite evidence written and oral that the majority of complaints are coming from taxpaying citizens and homeowners of Santa Clara County, Varela condemned those of us present for "not being representative of Santa Clara County."

And with that, the consensus of the State Auditor, national environmental organizations, members of Congress, the unanimous opposition from all gubernatorial candidates (myself included) and YOU have been waived off to a new vote TOMORROW MORNING at 9:30 AM (tuesday, may 8th) at 5700 Almaden Expressway.

Two things to remember:

1. This is a shortcut solution to a water need of Santa Clara's that will not be addressed, and the "cost effectiveness" of this water tithe does not generate any new water for Santa Clara. Investing in this tunnel project will leave no money leftover for better, more quality, more sustainable alternatives available to benefit Santa Clara Ratepayers. 650 million for no new water is not cost effective. Contrary to the report offered by staff, it is the 4th costliest option out of 12 water supply options compared.
2. This is the 55th meeting called by Gary Kremen, founder of Match and [sex.com](http://sex.com), Barbara Keegan (who cites mistrust of LA in her support for this Metropolitan Water Authority coup) and Tony Estremera. If they get a single vote in this early bird meeting, the board flips and send \$10 million dollars immediately to the project, as a down payment or signing bonus, whichever you prefer.

I have made arrangements to attend this meeting. If you cannot make it to the district headquarters in person, please make a strongly worded message to the District a priority, and forward this email to whomever you'd like.

And, for the record, the Board previously had only promised approval for a downsized single tunnel project. The approval before them stands the exact twin tunnel pitch they rejected before. Without Santos or Lezotte, this would have already passed. Please send them a note of thanks, they fought hard to keep this delayed. Hsueh also acknowledges the rush of this decision, and Varela acknowledges they needed more time to digest the information.

This is the board's current course of action the project:

- They determine the "new plan" is adequate, and the environmental impacts tolerable.
- Authorisation of the Chief Executive officer to execute the resolution and sign all the documents.

Consequences are being threatened by the Joint Powers Authority being formed between contractors and the other agencies involved. Instead of "minimizing risk" let's have NO RISK AT ALL. Tell Gary Kremen to stop assigning YOUR staff to his windmill and make this the final, definitive meeting, where Santa Clara REJECTS the twin tunnel project, or at the very least opposes it with a protest vote.

With hope for the Delta, and thank you for bringing the fight.  
Chris Carlson  
a Green Party Candidate for Governor, State of California.  
916.704.0058

For John Muir.

**Michele King**

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**From:** Pat Blevins <seaglass103@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:37 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** VOTE "NO" on the "WaterFix"

Dear Board Members of SCVWD,

You have an obligation to the ratepayer/residents of SCVWD to vote "no" on the WaterFix.

The Board previously had only promised approval for a downsized single tunnel project. The approval before the Board on May 8th. is the exact twin tunnel pitch the Board voted to reject in 2017 for very solid and sensible reasons. Nothing has changed. Instead of "minimizing risk" let's have NO RISK AT ALL. Investing in this tunnel project will leave no money for better, more reasonable and more sustainable alternatives available to benefit the SCVWD ratepayers. Voting to spend \$650 million for not a drop of additional water is completely ignoring your responsibility to the ratepayers. And you have no idea what the actual costs of this boondoggle will ultimately be. Additionally, and contrary to the report offered by staff, it is the 4th costliest option out of 12 water supply options compared. Additionally it will devastate the Delta's environment.

The Board **MUST** vote to reject the WaterFix once and for all!

You owe nothing less to the ratepayers of SCVWD.

Patricia Blevins

District 4

San Jose

**Michele King**

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**From:** Patrick Pierce <pp95124@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 9:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Two tunnel Delta water project

Once again, I urge you to vote no on any support for the proposed two tunnel water project in the Delta. This project is not in the best interest of the rate payers of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. I am alarmed that special interests may attempt to force a yes vote for this project to the detriment of the public served by the water district.

Patrick Pierce  
San Jose

Sent from my iPad

**Michele King**

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**From:** bdalymns@citlink.net  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 11:59 PM  
**To:** Barbara Keegan; Gary Kremen; John Varela; liezotte@valleywater.org; Nai Hsueh; Richard Santos; Tony Estremera; Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Nottoli. Don; andrew.bird@asm.ca.gov; Erik Vink  
**Subject:** WaterFix Vote Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
**Attachments:** SCVWD Letter Against WaterFix 5-7-18.docx

Dear Santa Clara Valley Water Board,

Please find a letter attached and place it in the record for your vote on the California WaterFix on May 8, 2018. There are many reasons the California WaterFix should not receive your vote, but one of the main reasons is that It Is The Wrong Plan and It Is In The Wrong Place.

There are many other ways to create a sustainable water supply for all Californians without this losing plan for the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary.

Please read this letter before you vote, and we thank you for voting "No" on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Thank you,  
Barbara Daly and Anna Swenson (for)  
North Delta CARES Action Committee



## North Delta CARES Action Committee

P.O. Box 223, Clarksburg, CA 95612 Phone: (530) 570-9641 Email: [deltaactioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:deltaactioncommittee@gmail.com)

May 7, 2018

Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
5700 Almaden Expressway  
San Jose, CA 95118

Sent by Email to all Board Members

Dear Board Members,

North Delta CARES is a volunteer community organization in the North Delta. Our members will be at ground zero for the construction impacts of the new North Delta diversions.

We are writing you to request that the Santa Clara Valley Water District delay certification of the Final EIR/EIS and request that the WaterFix Supplemental EIR/EIS address the legacy towns in the North Delta from being destroyed by construction traffic for the WaterFix facilities. The Department of Water Resources has made no effort to evaluate the effects of the project construction on the National Landmark District of Locke, and National Register Historic Districts in Walnut Grove.

According to the National Park District, the National Landmark District of Locke is “the largest, most complete example of a rural, agricultural Chinese American community in the United States.”<sup>1</sup>

As Locke historian James Motlow has stated,

In 1882 the U.S. Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, the only law in American history that specifically forbade the immigration of people based exclusively on race. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta was one of the few western sites where Chinese escaped violence, though not the impact of this law. Many came to the town of Locke. Locke was established in 1915 on land rented from the estate of Sacramento furniture dealer George Locke. Almost one hundred years later, after fighting for it for decades, the residents of Locke were finally able to own the land beneath their homes. Today, Locke is a place where the past is actively remembered. It is a kind of living museum, where thousands come every year to experience a vital history that is as relevant today as it was a century ago. Groups from a variety of historical and cultural organizations sponsor tours of Locke almost every week of the year.

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/Asian\\_American\\_and\\_Pacific\\_Islander\\_Heritage/Locke-HistoricDistrict.htm](http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/Asian_American_and_Pacific_Islander_Heritage/Locke-HistoricDistrict.htm)

Routing 24 hour a day construction traffic through Highway 160 will make it impossible for people to enjoy cultural tours of Locke and will ultimately destroy the town by closing down the local businesses. The traffic impacts on the legacy town of Walnut Grove and the Walnut Grove Japanese-American Historic District are equally bad. According to Wikipedia:

The local Japanese immigrants called the area around Walnut Grove Kawashimo ("downriver"), in reference to travel through the Sacramento Delta area. The earliest Japantown in Walnut Grove was established in the northern section of the existing Walnut Grove Chinatown. On October 7, 1915, fire swept through the Chinatown district in Walnut Grove, including Japantown.

Local residents of Japanese ancestry rebuilt Kawashimo one block north in 1916, on land owned by Alex Brown, a prominent local landowner and banker.[1][2] ... During the 1920s, Kawashimo developed into a local hub for Japanese residents in the Sacramento River Delta area, with its commercial district serving over 100 local families by the 1930s... The historic district remains architecturally accurate to period photographs dating from the 1920s.

The National Historic Preservation Act required analysis of traffic impacts on Locke and Walnut Grove. As explained in the Final EIR/EIS, the NHPA requires that the lead agencies:

- Identify an area of potential effects, and within these limits, identify historic properties.
- Assess adverse effects.
- Resolve adverse effects (typically through treatment, avoidance, preservation, or other mechanisms identified by the lead agency in consultation with SHPO and interested parties).

But as documented in 2015 comments by the County of Sacramento on the WaterFix Partially Recirculated Draft EIR/EIS, DWR did not follow the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board is not required to sign off on the destruction of Locke and Walnut Grove. The SCVWD Board can and should delay adoption of the CEQA findings for the WaterFix project as a responsible agency, and the CEQA mitigation measures until the WaterFix Supplemental EIR is certified.

CEQA guidelines section 15162, subdivision (c) provides in part:

If after the project is approved, any of the conditions described in subdivision (a) occurs, a subsequent EIR or negative declaration shall only be prepared by the public agency which grants the next discretionary approval for the project, if any.

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In this situation no other responsible agency shall grant an approval for the project until the subsequent EIR has been certified or subsequent negative declaration adopted.

The Department of Water Resources has announced that they are preparing a Supplemental EIR for the WaterFix project. CEQA guidelines section 15163, subdivision (a) provides that the Lead Agency may choose to prepare a supplement to an EIR rather than a subsequent EIR if:

- (1) Any of the conditions described in Section 15162 would require the preparation of a subsequent EIR, and
- (2) Only minor additions or changes would be necessary to make the previous EIR adequately apply to the project in the changed situation.

As a Responsible Agency, the Santa Clara Valley Water District can and should wait to approve the WaterFix project until the WaterFix Supplemental EIR is certified, and should request that the impacts to North Delta historic districts be addressed.

Sincerely,

Original signed/ *Barbara Daly/ Anna Swenson*

Barbara Daly and Anna Swenson, Chairs  
North Delta Cares Action Committee

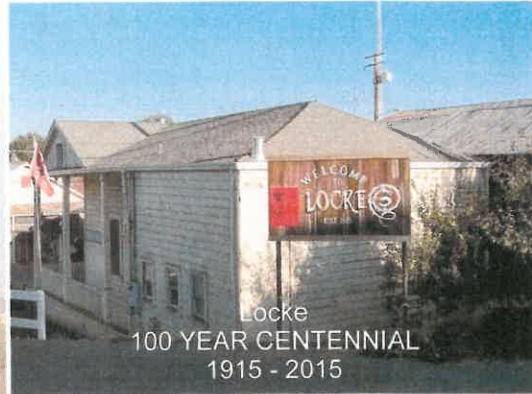
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Cc: Assemblymember Jim Frazier  
Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli  
Delta Protection Commission

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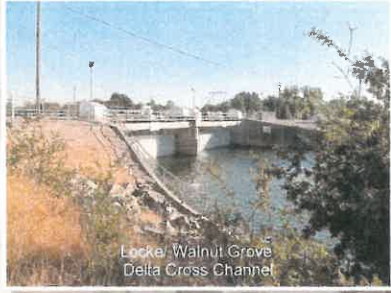
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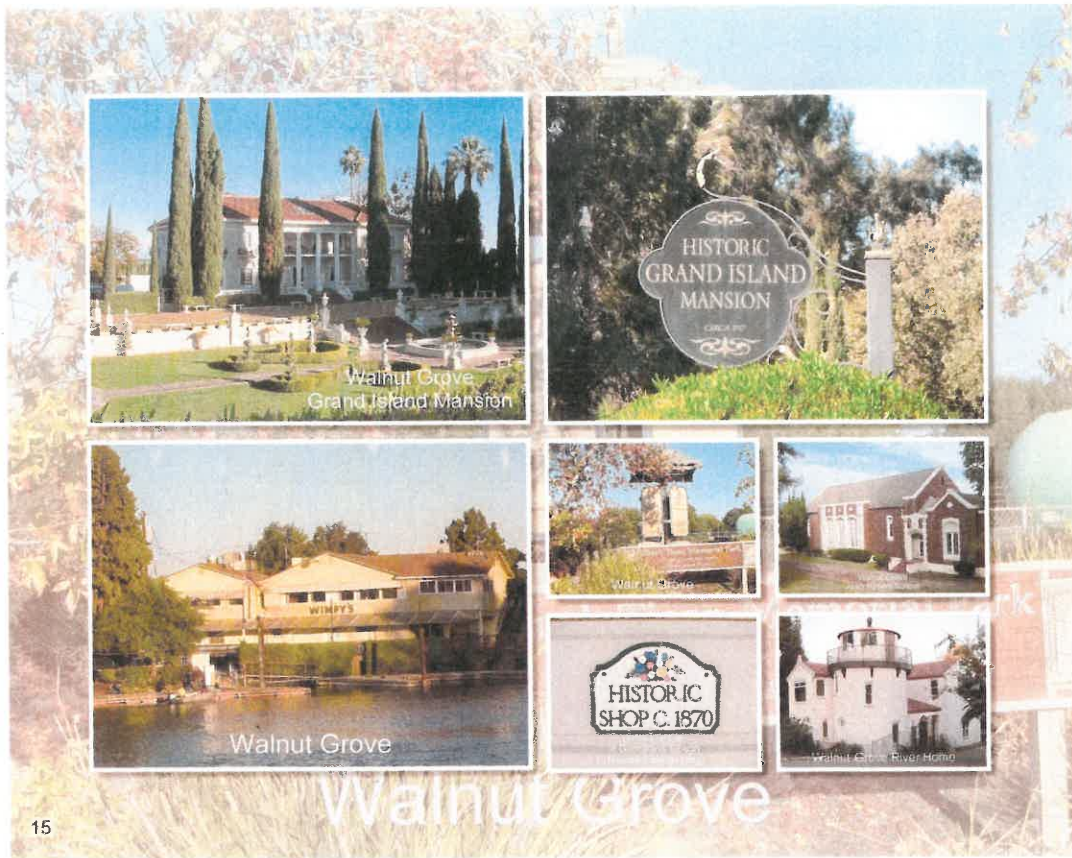


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**Michele King**

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**From:** Maureen Jones <maureenj@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 12:05 AM  
**To:** mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov  
**Cc:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Opposed to Delta Tunnels Project

Dear Mayor Liccardo and District Directors, Please include this position statement for the record.

Kathryn Mathewson's "7 Reasons to oppose the Delta Tunnels Project" thoughtfully expresses my opposition to the Delta Project.

I read the May 3, AP article in the Mercury and was struck by the haste at which this is being sold. Clearly, staff, staff, and more staff is rushing approval through the SCV Water District.

Also, I would like to know more about:

"The Water Commission consists of Brown appointees who can distribute \$2.6 billion from a water bond approved by voters in 2014." I may have voted for the bond in 2014 but I certainly would NOT have voted for it had I known then that the money would enable the Tunnels Project.

Nor should the District copycat, yet again, the actions of the Metropolitan District.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Jones  
1205 Sierra Ave.  
San Jose, CA 95126

**Michele King**

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**From:** Eleanor Yick <egyick@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 3:03 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Vote No!

Please Vote No on the twin tunnel Waterfix!!! It won't fix our water problems!!!

Eleanor Yick

Local customer

Sent from my iPhone

## Michele King

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**From:** Noel St. John <np@thestjohns.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 7:17 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** No to 2 Delta tunnels

I encourage the board to vote no to the 2 delta tunnels project, "WaterFix". Although I see the importance of repairing the delta water supply, I see this a water grab by Southern California interests at the expense and peril of the rest of the state. I believe a more effective plan would for Southern California to take water conservation more seriously — especially during drought years. Also focusing on less water thirsty crops. I know if the tunnels are built, at some point they will mostly run at full capacity despite claims otherwise.

Cost overruns are predictable and Santa Clara Valley Water District customers will be on the hook to shoulder the burden with little benefit.

Vote no to the WaterFix project.

Noel St. John  
Downtown San Jose (District 6?)  
95126

Please add my comment to the public record

## Michele King

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**From:** Ken Colson <waterwalla@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 7:22 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** To: Barbara Keegan, Gary Kremen, Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh

Today's Mercury News editorial is right on. A vote to join in a joint powers agreement having questionable and uncertain outcomes would be a breach of your responsibility to us rate payers.

And you will be , as the Editorial says, held accountable if you vote yes to give away millions of dollars to Southern California interest. Don't pander to Jerry Brown's friends in Southern California.

Ken Colson  
2232 Bailey Ave  
San Jose, CA 95128

Sent from my iPad

**Michele King**

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**From:** Evan Idemoto <evanidemoto@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 7:37 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Subject:** Delta Tunnels

Dear SCVWD Board,

Please vote no on the Delta Tunnels Project,

This vote shouldn't be about politics, it should be about the best future for the residents of the Santa Clara Valley. This project has a long list of cons including potential cost overruns, increased water costs for Santa Clara Valley resident, environmental damage to the Delta, Metropolitan's strong arm push for this Board to vote on two tunnels, the apparent conflict of interest that appears after the State granted funding for the Pacheco Pass Dam project and then called for this vote on twin tunnels, and potential lawsuits to name just a few. There is also a potential risk of fresh water contamination if there is an earthquake and levees in the Delta fail. Salt water may reach the fresh water intakes which would contaminate the fresh water supply. Yes advocates of this project tout the jobs it will create, but it may also cost agriculture jobs in the Central Valley. Why create a few short term jobs at the expense of California's agriculture? There is little if any guaranteed water for the residents of this valley.

The residents of Santa Clara Valley don't need to pay for Southern California's water. During the past drought, Northern California banded together and conserved water as our South California counterparts continued their wasteful ways. They need to learn to conserve water and make do with what they have. Why do we need to support them and their wasteful ways? If they determine they need more water they should look closer to home and not expect us to pay for a project that will have little benefit to the residents of Santa Clara Valley. Metropolitan should look to the coast and build their own desalinization plants not take fresh water from the Delta. We shouldn't be strong armed into voting yes because we "want a seat at the bargaining table". Our governor want this project to be his legacy but it will only be another version of high speed rail 2.0. Cost overruns, lawsuits, delays, an unmitigated disaster. We don't need that.

The Board should vote no on the Delta Tunnels, the cons far exceed the pros.

Evan Idemoto

San Jose, District 2

## Michele King

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**From:** Leslie Foster <leslie.foster@sjsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 7:40 AM  
**To:** Board of Directors  
**Cc:** Leslie Foster  
**Subject:** Vote no on twin tunnels

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> I am a San Jose resident. I ask you to vote no on the twin towers water project.  
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> If you vote yes on the project, at the next election opportunity I will vote against Barbara Keegan, Gary Keenan, Tony Estremera, and Nai Hsueh.  
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> I will also ask that friends and family vote against these water board members and I will campaign against these water board members.  
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> Leslie Foster  
> 3351 Nestor Dr.  
> San Jose, CA, 95118  
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## Melissa Stone

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**From:** Katja Irvin <katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 6:26 PM  
**To:** Richard Santos; Linda LeZotte; Nai Hsueh; John Varela  
**Cc:** Clerk of the Board  
**Subject:** For 5/8/18 Special Meeting: Early March email exchange with staff

Dear Chair Santos and Directors LeZotte, Hsueh and Varela,

See my request below to Cindy Kao and Garth Hall sent a few months ago. I was hoping they would analyze a few options for WaterFix participation. That approach would provide more information to the public and would give the Board more leeway on decision-making.

Option	Benefits	Cost	Risks
2.5% Participation	Water supply benefits	Rate and tax increases	
5% Participation			
7.5% Participation			\$10 million

Although I doubt this will change the likely decision to unanimously approve staff's recommendation, I hope you read this and think about how the District can improve public information and participation in the future. It's not just the ads on the radio – if people see that District decision-making is more open they will be more likely to really participate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katja Irvin, AICP  
San Jose Resident

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

**From:** Katja Irvin <katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 9:17 PM  
**To:** 'Cindy Kao' <CKao@valleywater.org>  
**Cc:** 'Garth Hall' <ghall@valleywater.org>  
**Subject:** RE: NEWS: MWD Looking to Get Control of 1st Delta Tunnel & State's Water Distribution

Thank you Cindy for your response.

I've been thinking about this and I'm hoping that when this is presented to the Board and the public you show the options you evaluated, the criteria used for the evaluation, and the "scores" on each criteria for each option.

I'm interested to see your analysis! Not so interested in seeing pass through of DWR and MWD materials.

This is a very important decision that will impact generations to come.

Best regards,

Katja Irvin, AICP

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

**From:** Cindy Kao [mailto:CKao@valleywater.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 9:36 PM  
**To:** Katja Irvin <katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net>  
**Cc:** Garth Hall <ghall@valleywater.org>

Subject: Re: NEWS: MWD Looking to Get Control of 1st Delta Tunnel & State's Water Distribution

No information is available on this yet as we are still evaluating options and next steps.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2018, at 8:02 PM, Katja Irvin <katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net<mailto:katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net>> wrote:

Hi Cindy,

In the press release below it says there will be an item coming to the SCVWD Board about the WaterFix (see highlighted text). Has the date been scheduled? If not, what timeframe do you expect to present this at a public hearing?

Thank you for any update you can provide.

Best regards,  
Katja Irvin  
San Jose Resident

From: Restore the Delta [mailto:barbara=restorethedelta.org@mail5.sea91.rsgsv.net] On Behalf Of Restore the Delta  
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:05 PM  
To: Katja <katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net<mailto:katja.irvin@sbcglobal.net>>  
Subject: NEWS: MWD Looking to Get Control of 1st Delta Tunnel & State's Water Distribution

Press Release:

MWD Looking to Get Control of First Delta Tunnel and State's Water Distribution

Today at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Bay-Delta Committee meeting, General Manager Jeff Kightlinger and Assistant General Manager Roger Patterson revealed that Governor Brown, the State Water Contractors, and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) have been part of discussions to move forward with the first tunnel of the phased-in CA WaterFix project, while keeping quiet about specifics of a potential second tunnel.

In addition to contributing to half of the State Water Project share of the tunnel project, MWD is considering the creation of a separate joint-powers authority (JPA) to pay for the Central Valley Project share of the tunnel, providing it can achieve favorable contractual guarantees from the state to control water deliveries and repayment terms for the project.

Mr. Kightlinger explained during a question period that Santa Clara Valley Water District staff is presenting an option to the Santa Clara Valley Board to consider co-financing an \$11 billion single tunnel as part of the phased-in project. He also explained that Westlands Water District has indicated interest in purchasing wheeled water (water that is moved and resold from project to project) from a project financed by Metropolitan Water District. Kightlinger also mentioned that Governor Brown wants decisions made by MWD and other key players within a two-week period.

MWD board members expressed deep concern about Kightlinger's goal of a board action vote taking place this April before the supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is completed, and before the State Water Resources Control Board diversion criteria and permits are determined later this fall.

Restore the Delta's executive director Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla said, "There is so much to unpack for the public from what was revealed today at MWD's Bay-Delta Committee meeting. On the surface, it is clear that the California Department of Water Resources is moving forward with a two tunnels application for the change in the point of diversion to secure a State Water Project right for MWD, who will become the financier and operator of the project. California's water management is being gamed to give the majority of power over watershed management throughout the state to Metropolitan Water District. The state is abdicating its responsibility to manage water for all people in California as a public trust resource."

Restore the Delta's tweets of the meeting can be viewed here<<https://restorethedelta.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06887fa70084fef8e939fef63&id=eec407e86f&e=2be82bb2b1>>.

Video and handouts from the meeting can be found here<<https://restorethedelta.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=06887fa70084fef8e939fef63&id=3d55ff157d&e=2be82bb2b1>>.

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