

From: [Yee, Marcus@DWR](mailto:Yee.Marcus@DWR)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Fw: Request for public meeting in Northern California
Date: Monday, January 27, 2020 2:43:02 PM
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Sent from my mobile device.

Marcus.Yee@water.ca.gov

From: Reese, Kristina@DWR <Kristina.Reese@water.ca.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Anne Hoagland <Anne@jb-comm.com>
Cc: Janet Barbieri <Janet@jb-comm.com>; Buckman, Carolyn@DWR <Carolyn.Buckman@water.ca.gov>; Clark, Patricia@DWR <Patricia.Clark@water.ca.gov>; Small, Nadine@DWR <Nadine.Small@water.ca.gov>; Yee, Marcus@DWR <Marcus.Yee@water.ca.gov>
Subject: Request for public meeting in Northern California

Hi Annie,

Marcus received a voicemail yesterday, from Margo Robins, requesting that we hold a meeting in Northern California (near Redding, Hoopa, Eureka). I wanted to get it on everyone's radar so you can discuss at your next scoping prep meeting.

-Kristina
(916) 524-2985

From: [Leland Frayseth](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: info@californiadelta.org
Subject: Fwd: Scary tunnel"s exploding carbon footprint
Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 6:42:53 AM
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Dear reader of the DeltaConveyanceScoping mailbox,
Copy Bill Wells

In the Delta Conveyance Environmental Impact Report (EIR) please document the green house gas emissions concerns I submitted below to the California Water Commission. The presenter for this agenda item called in sick to this meeting so the agenda item was postponed and not discussed. Please dial in the green house gas emissions from moving tunnel muck around in trucks and barges after you bring it to the surface. If you try to fine tune your electrical load emissions offsets with wind or solar you need to show you will be pumping when wind or solar are available which will be difficult because solar is not predictable when it is rainy or when you need to time your north intake diversions to avoid high tide saltwater intrusion.

Please study the Copernicus satellite photos in my Scary Tunnel video <https://youtu.be/rvm7r4hYcWs> and address the concerns caused by starving the freshwater flows of the gray Delta areas highlighted in the video and no freshwater flushing of the Delta into the ocean. Please document the competency of your department and partners to take on the Delta Conveyance project in lieu of your recent Oroville spillway failure the environmental damage it caused and the continuing litigation by those harmed by the failure. Please dial in the court awarded damages and findings of the Oroville spillway failure into the Delta Conveyance EIR because future maintenance and operations issues will likely follow your past behavior. <https://www.chicoer.com/2018/11/06/trial-date-set-for-oroville-dam-lawsuits-against-dwr/>

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Thank you,
Leland Frayseth
Concerned Citizen

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From: **Leland Frayseth** <leland.frayseth@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 9, 2020 at 6:07 AM

Subject: Scary tunnel's exploding carbon footprint

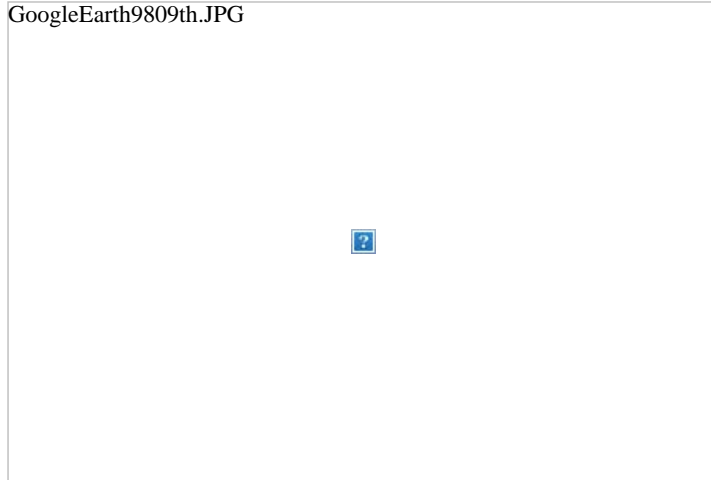
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Cc: <spalmer@zone7water.com>, Janet Barbieri <janet@jb-comm.com>, <info@dcdca.org>, <Jessica.Boyt@water.ca.gov>, <Sarah.Sugar@waterboards.ca.gov>, <Paige.Uttley@wildlife.ca.gov>, <Michael.Mierzwa@water.ca.gov>, Rainger, Lisa <LRainger@usbr.gov>, <rwoodley@usbr.gov>

Dear California Water Commission (CWC) Commissioners Quintero, Baker, Ball, Byrne, Curtin, Herrera, Alvarado, Swanson, staff and the public.

This is my 27th letter over the past 3 years to the CWC. Please accept my following public comment in response to agenda item #10 "State Water Project (SWP) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Update" at the 15 Jan 2020 CWC meeting.

The new Delta Conveyance Design and Construction office building at 980 9th Street Sacramento adds a helicopter pad and 65 parking spaces in a 7+ year lease to SWP's carbon footprint. Why can't employees, contractors, consultants and directors use CalTrain and bicycles like the rest of us? Why can't the construction office be located in a trailer at the jobsite in the Delta bringing project management closer to its customers like every other construction project in the world?

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Delta Conveyance's construction power demand of 242 mega-volt amperes (MVA) and operating demand of 60 MVA will require an additional natural gas fired power plant. The existing Tracy Combined Cycle Plant that supports Jones and Banks pumping plants emits 390,233 metric tons of CO2e annually. The Scary tunnel will double that component of the SWP carbon footprint. Please reference my previous Scary tunnel video comment <https://youtu.be/rvm7r4hYcWs>

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CWC approved and Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) and Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) funded off stream reservoirs Los Vaqueros, Sites and Del Puerto Canyon (seeking WIIN funding) require pumping water up 500 feet dumping megatons of carbon into the atmosphere. The water remains stagnant in the reservoir, is in a toxic algal bloom incubator and would be much safer in underground storage away from sunlight algae requires to grow and there is no water loss due to evaporation.

As Department of Water Resources (DWR) public facing entity the CWC has a responsibility to reign in the exploding carbon footprint of these proposed projects to protect our planet and future generations of Californians.

Regards.
Leland Frayseth
Concerned Citizen

References used in this comment.

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WaterFixPowerRequirements.JPG



From: [Lisa Van Valkenburgh](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Gov. Gavin Newsom's Delta tunnel
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 4:28:54 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I don't know how many more letters I will need to write about the Delta tunnel(s). I'm tired of it.

I implore you to consider sound science in deciding if the single tunnel project will protect the health of the Delta now and in the future. It has been scientifically proven that **more** water sent through the Delta is imperative environmentally, not less! Please discard the idea of even ONE tunnel. The sole purpose of which is to send more water to Southern California. As I recall, during the drought it was southern Californians who disregarded conservation efforts and used just as much water as always. And now we should send them more?!?

I, personally, receive 40% of my water from the Delta. I'm sure that if the single tunnel plan goes through, the Santa Clara Valley Water District will increase my water bill significantly. This is not fair! We pay enough already!

This should not be a political decision but rather one based on science alone.

Sincerely,
Lisa Van Valkenburgh
Sunnyvale

From: [Philip Pogledich](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: [Alexander Tengolics](#)
Subject: Initial NOP Letter; Yolo County
Date: Friday, February 14, 2020 11:18:03 AM
Attachments: [2020-0214-NOP Letter on Responsible Agency Status.pdf](#)

Please see the attached letter.



COUNTY OF YOLO

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February 14, 2020

Via e-mail only to DeltaConveyanceScoping@water.ca.gov

Re: Notice of Preparation—EIR for Delta Conveyance Project
Responsible Agency Response

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

This letter is written on behalf of the County of Yolo (“County”), which may be a responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Pub. Resources Code § 21000, et seq.) with respect to the project described in the California Department of Water Resources’ (“DWR”) January 15, 2020 Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report For The Delta Conveyance Project (“NOP”). Comments on the NOP from responsible agencies are requested within 30 days of receipt of the NOP to describe the County’s role as a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15082, subdivision (b) and 15103.

Due to both the massive, multi-county scale of the Delta Conveyance Project (“project”) and the lack of detail in the NOP regarding the location and description of all project components, including ancillary facilities, and identification of the specific entities that would carry out project construction and operation, the County is unable to provide specific details about the scope and content of the of the environmental information related to the County’s areas of regulatory responsibility. It is unclear if project activities are planned in Yolo County. If activities are planned in Yolo County, it appears that discretionary County Zoning Code approvals may be necessary for facilities including, but not limited to, access roads, barge unloading facilities, concrete batch plants, fuel stations and mitigation areas. Additionally, grading permits may be necessary. The County also has approval authority over geotechnical exploratory drilling, boring and construction of water wells and mitigation monitoring wells, road and highway encroachment permits, and building permits, which are typically ministerial.

The County plans to submit a subsequent comment letter regarding the scope of issues and project alternatives by the March 20, 2020, deadline set forth in the NOP. Should DWR provide additional detail regarding the project activities contemplated in Yolo County, the County would be better able to provide additional information. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions about these comments.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Pogledich
County Counsel

From: [Carolina McCall](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Investigate tunnel plan
Date: Sunday, January 19, 2020 1:04:28 PM

We urge this council to resist attempts to siphon more water from North to South CA without adequate environmental review!

Sincerely
Carolyn A McCall PhD
caro@jeffnet.org

From: [Frank Prewoznik](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Irvine Ranch Water District Comment Letter
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:52:56 AM
Attachments: [2-03-20- IRWD Comment Letter- Proposed Delta Conveyance Project.pdf](#)

Attached please find Irvine Ranch Water District's comment letter for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Prewoznik
[Legislative Analyst](#)
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VIA EMAIL: DeltaConveyanceScoping@water.ca.gov

February 3, 2020

Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments
Attn: Renee Rodriguez
Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

Re: Comment Letter – Proposed Delta Conveyance Project

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Delta Conveyance Project (project), as part of the Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scoping process. IRWD appreciates that DWR has initiated the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

Over the past three decades, IRWD has successfully taken many steps to diversify the District's water supply and reduce reliance on imported water. These supply diversification efforts have included investment in water recycling, water use efficiency, groundwater production, and water banking programs. In 1990, the District relied on imported water for 66 percent of its supply, while the District relied on imported water for only 18 percent of its supply in 2019. Despite these efforts, like most of Southern California, IRWD continues to have some degree of reliance on imported water supplies including supplies from the Delta. As a result, modernizing Delta conveyance to improve imported water supply reliability is important to the District.

IRWD supports the project objectives stated in the January 15, 2020 *Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project*. The District agrees that new Delta conveyance is "necessary to restore and protect the reliability State Water Project (SWP) deliveries" on which two-thirds of California's population of nearly 40 million relies. Climate change and predicted sea level rise necessitate action on improving Delta conveyance, and there is a real risk that the existing Delta conveyance infrastructure could not adequately maintain operation in the event of a major earthquake that compromised Delta levees. The proposed project would protect the reliability of SWP deliveries by allowing adequate water capture during high-flow events without threatening the Delta's aquatic life.

A reliable and high quality imported water supply is a vital component of the District's and Southern California's water resources portfolio. Modernizing Delta conveyance is essential to

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ensuring a sustainable water supply for millions of Californians and the protection of the Delta as a unique natural asset.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Cook", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul A. Cook, P.E.
General Manager

From: [Karen Oblak](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: [Nina Jazmadarian](#)
Subject: Letter of Support
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:42:46 AM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[Letter of Support 2020.pdf](#)

See attached.

Regards,



Karen Oblak

Administrative Manager/Treasurer

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January 30, 2020

Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments

Attn: Renee Rodriguez, California Department of Water Resources

P.O. Box 942836

Sacramento, CA 94236

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

On behalf of Foothill Municipal Water District, I am pleased to provide input for the scoping process of the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project now being advanced by the California Department of Water Resources under the direction of Governor Gavin Newsom.

The need for this project remains greater than ever. Even as Southern California continues to diversify its overall water portfolio by developing local supplies and lowering demand, high-quality supplies from Northern California will remain a vital foundation of our water management strategy. This supply makes viable new initiatives such as recycling. Imported supplies will be our vital reserves to withstand dry cycles which may be longer and more severe than recent history.

Overall, I support the proposed project alternative for delta conveyance, one tunnel, sized to convey 6,000 cubic-feet-per-second of water supply for the State Water Project (SWP) agencies such as the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. While it is appropriate for the environmental process to examine a range of sizes, previous analyses have shown that smaller facilities do not proportionately reduce costs as opportunities to sufficiently capture high stormwater flows cannot be achieved. Further, the proposed project and alternatives being evaluated should be "cost effective", meaning that they must make economic sense for the PWAs that will be funding all of the costs. We believe a 6,000 cfs facility has the greatest possibility of accomplishing this need. I understand that the costs as compared to proportion of benefits goes up sharply as the capacity is reduced significantly below 6,000 cfs. Therefore the EIR should not evaluate alternative capacities that the PWA investors would have no interest in funding because the economic benefits and cost effectiveness does not exist.

A 6,000 CFS tunnel facility would require two intakes in the northern Delta. I support examining the three possible intake locations that had been fully vetted during the previous California WaterFix planning process. These locations were carefully identified to minimize impacts to migrating fisheries and nearby Delta communities while taking into account potential sea level rise.

I also support the two corridors to be examined for the tunnel facility, a "central" route similar to that of California WaterFix and an "eastern" route closer to Interstate 5. Fully examining these two alternatives stands great promise in identifying an ultimate route that minimizes impacts and hopefully identifies "win-win" benefits to the Delta region.

We applaud the administration's inclusion of this project as part of its draft Water Resilience Portfolio.

Thank you for considering these comments.



Nina Jazmadarian
General Manager

cc: FMWD Board of Directors

From: [Carl Tilchen](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Must use sound science to share water
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020 7:54:30 AM
Attachments: [Carl Entertains Audience.JPG](#)

Must use sound science to share water! Trump doesn't care & doesn't know about correct water use. Conserve water & wildlife in the Delta & all California. Please click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eX-tHquzeo8>

Carl Tilchen

Singer/Songwriter

From: [Michele Kelly](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: No on single tunnel plan
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020 9:36:01 AM

Good day,

I sincerely hope you will vote against a single tunnel plan for California. This would truly endanger the fragile ecosystem in the Delta.

Thank you for your attention to my opinion & that of multiple scientific studies. Please do not use Trump administration scientific research!

Sincerely,

Michele Kelly-Jones
San Jose, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [JANICE GLOE](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: NO TUNNEL AT THE DELTA!!!!!!
Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:38:28 PM

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

To: Renee Rodriguez, Department of Water Resources and Staff

Hello!

I strongly urge you and all involved in the decision making, including Governor Newsom, to block construction of a tunnel at the Delta!

A tunnel at the Delta will hurt the salmon! This is where they change back from salt water fish after having lived in the ocean for years to fresh water fish before their long journey back to their spawning grounds near Mt. Shasta!

A tunnel at the Delta will destroy the ecosystem of the Delta and affect the ecosystems of the Sacramento River, American River, other rivers and the tributaries!

It is only right for you to consult with Chief Sisk of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe! Chief Sisk speaks the truth and has the wisdom to share with you about the long term damage that the tunnel will create! It is only right to show respect for and to consult the original peoples of this land which is named California upon which we are guests!

I also strongly oppose the raising Shasta Dam! Please consult with Chief Sisk about the damage that it will cause! It will destroy more sacred sites of the Winnemem Wintu People! It will have long term damaging effects to the environment, not only for the Winnemem Wintu people but for everyone!

Please do not make decisions that cause long term destruction for short term profit!

Thank you for taking time to consider my comments, seriously, I hope!
I would like to but will not be able to attend a public hearing in person.
So please include my comments with your official public comments!

Thank You!

Sincerely,

Ms. Janice L. Gloe

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Cell: (510) 504-1874

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From: [Pam Burns](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Planned Single Tunnel Project for the Delta
Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 3:30:46 PM

Please use sound science as the basis for deciding whether to move forward with the single tunnel project! The health of the Delta depends on it.

[Pamela Burns](#)

From: [Deb Donovan](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Please let science prevail
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 7:37:02 AM

We understand the complexity of water policy, but science must prevail. Please reduce the proposed use of delta water to a sustainable level.

I am a retired environmental lawyer who worked for California agriculture- but we need a science based balance

Deb Donovan's iPad
Pleasant hill, ca

From: [Eric Kueneman](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: [Judee Fisher](#)
Subject: PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT
Date: Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:24:37 AM

With respect to provision of questions and comments from the public, I think it would be appropriate that we couple dialog on infrastructure options to thoughtful water-use policy. For example, given results of the climate change studies forecasting we know there will continue to be demand for use of Central Valley groundwater for agriculture purposes. Without changes in practices we will deplete groundwater resources. We need to foster processes to replenish these waters by putting water back on many fields in during the winter months, perhaps with use of cover crops and reduced tillage approaches to cropping. Even some of the land under perennial crops could be winter irrigated to put water back in the groundwater when water it is relatively plentiful. I would encourage broadening the dialog so that California has sustainable solutions and good practices.

Kind regards,
Eric Kueneman
West Sacramento

From: [David F. Scatena](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Proposed Plan to Eliminate Conveyance
Date: Friday, February 14, 2020 6:33:20 PM

Subject: Proposed Plan to Eliminate Conveyance

I propose a radical but practical solution to the conveyance and pumps! Shut down all the pumps from Tracy to San Diego! Redirect that electricity + dollars from the Metropolitan Water District & Westlands Irrigation District to build and operate Desalinization Plants along the coast! Consideration should be given to develop and implement a plan to capture the water that flows out the ocean through the Los Angeles River. All that water could be used for irrigation etc!

Result: This will increase the amount of water the State of California has available for use and distribution also will help reduce the rising sea level of the Pacific Ocean, plus it protects the Delta and S.F. Bay estuaries and their tributaries! It protects valuable farm land, the water quality, reduces pollution of air & water. This plan meets so many of the objectives of the conveyance plan it is a winner all around!!!

Spend State of California Taxpayer \$ to develop and enhance water conservation techniques with strict regulation of their implementation and use!

Failure to protect the Delta & S.F. Bay estuaries would be a disaster for current Californians who live at or near these estuaries and all California generations that follow!

Respectfully submitted

David F. Scatena

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LET'S EMBRACE SUSTAINABILITY! Reuse, Recycle, Conserve, Save The Earth

From: [Sherri Hedman](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Single Tunnel Project
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020 11:45:54 AM

I beg you to use sound science as the basis for moving forward with the single-tunnel project! Do not let yourselves be influenced by some psuedo-scientific "*Trumped-up*" data. Please protect our unique Delta's water supply and ecosystem.

Sherrill Hedman
3711 Mesa Vista Dr.
San Ramon, CA 94583

From: [Aaron Lowe](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Public comments on the NOP
Date: Friday, January 24, 2020 2:11:22 PM

Hello,

I am a decade long resident of the Delta. Our city water comes from wells. Common sense seems to suggest a risk of higher salinity levels in well water as the water table lowers and the marshlands drain away from pumping our water to the Southwest (SoCal, NV, AZ and CO). What mitigation plans are in place to minimize this possibility? I am downstream from Courtland.

Well, at least I can plan to retire to the Southwest since it will have an abundance of water coming online via this project. Nice one, California.... Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A. Lowe
Rio Vista, CA

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"No worries."

From: [Cassandra Lista](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Public Response
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:37:36 PM

I'd like to register my opposition to the proposed underground conveyance of delta water. It would be massively expensive, inefficient and have a horrendous impact on the environment. NO TUNNEL!

Sincerely,

Cassandra B. Lista
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From: [Laurie Davies](#)
To: [Jenn Lowe](#); [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: [Bruce Channing](#); [Michael Friend](#); [Kyle Griffith](#); [Allan Bernstein \(City of Tustin\)](#)
Subject: Re: ACC-OC Support for Delta Conveyance Project
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 4:36:31 PM

Thank you Jen, I'm going to put it on her agenda.

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From: Jenn Lowe <jlowe@accoc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:54:58 PM
To: deltaconveyancescoping@water.ca.gov <deltaconveyancescoping@water.ca.gov>
Cc: Bruce Channing <bchanning@accoc.org>; Laurie Davies <LDavies@cityoflagunaniguel.org>; Michael Friend <mfriender@accoc.org>; Kyle Griffith <kgriffith@bcfpublicaffairs.com>; Allan Bernstein (City of Tustin) <abernstein988@gmail.com>
Subject: ACC-OC Support for Delta Conveyance Project

To whom it may concern,

On behalf, of the ACC-OC Board of Directors and Executive Director, I am writing to express our support for the Delta Conveyance Project. Our region depends on a reliable system that is efficient and cost effective.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you might have.

Sincerely,

Jenn Lowe
Director of Legislative and External Affairs
Association of California Cities – Orange County

From: [Kevin heldt](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Re: Tunnel
Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 8:10:13 AM

Thank you for your response.

On Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 7:59 AM DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping
<DeltaConveyanceScoping@water.ca.gov> wrote:

Your email has been received. Thank you for participating in the Delta Conveyance Project public scoping process. If your email included a request or query, we will get back to you shortly.

From: Kevin heldt <kdhconstruction.kh@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 19, 2020 10:11 AM
To: DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping <DeltaConveyanceScoping@water.ca.gov>
Subject: Tunnel

Dear State Agency

Please require sound science as the Basis for deciding on whether to move forward with the single tunnel project .

Thank You,

Kevin Heldt

KDH construction

415-686-0911

From: [Will Harling](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Requesting Public Meeting for Delta Conveyance Project in Northern California
Date: Friday, January 24, 2020 7:01:30 PM

Dear Scoping Staff,

As someone who has worked and fought alongside first Nations to restore the Klamath and Trinity Rivers in California, I am deeply insulted that your scoping meetings do not facilitate feedback from the people most impacted by this deeply flawed plan. The closest meeting to the North state is Sacramento on Feb. 3rd, a seven hour drive from where I live on the Salmon River.

I respectfully request you host a meeting to gather public input on this plan in Redding or Yreka, CA.

Sincerely,

Will Harling

From: [Nomellini, Grilli & McDaniel PLCs](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Responsible Agency Scoping Comments
Date: Friday, February 14, 2020 4:35:57 PM
Attachments: [RDs Responsible Agency Scoping Comments Delta Conveyance Project 2-14-2020.pdf](#)

See attached. Dante John Nomellini Sr

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February 14, 2020

Via email: Delta Conveyance Scoping @water.ca.gov

Re: Responsible Agency Scoping Comments
Delta Conveyance Project

These comments are submitted on behalf of Reclamation Districts 548, 404, 684 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2065, 2072, 2113 and 2117.

Each of the districts has Reclamation Works consisting of levees, drainage canals and drainage pumping plants. Some have irrigation facilities. RD 2023 operates a cable ferry owned by San Joaquin County, RD 2041 owns and operates a landing craft, and RD 2027 owns and operates a bridge. Each District is governed by a Board of Trustees which controls said works.

“Water Code section 50652 Control over works and affairs of district

The board shall exercise general supervision and complete control over the construction, maintenance and operation of the reclamation works, and generally over the affairs of the district.”

Actions which modify, utilize or adversely impact the reclamation works require permission from the impacted district typically in the form of a permit agreement.

1) It is requested that the CEQA analysis include an independent and unbiased examination of all reasonable alternatives which would not include any tunnel and utilize the existing Delta channels for continued conveyance of water to the export pumps without interference with the customary district actions of the past. We recognize that the Governor predetermined that a single tunnel be included however we contend that such predetermination is contrary to law.

2) It is requested that the CEQA analysis include an independent and unbiased examination of all reasonable alternatives and alignments that avoid any action impacting the Reclamation works of these Districts.

3) It is requested that the CEQA analysis include an independent and unbiased examination of all reasonable alternatives that avoid any interference with the District operations.

4) It is requested that the CEQA analysis include an independent and unbiased examination of all reasonable alternatives that would improve and enhance agricultural values in the Delta including those within the above Districts that support the assessment revenues necessary for the Districts to properly operate and maintain their reclamation works without construction of a tunnel or other isolated conveyance facility.



Dante John Nomellini

Counsel/Special Counsel for Districts

From: [Jan Warren](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: review of Newsom's single tunnel for Delta's water conveyance along Interstate 5
Date: Sunday, January 19, 2020 7:26:20 PM

Dear Commission,

Use sound science before proceeding with a single new tunnel to convey water through the Delta to S. CA. There needs to be a cost benefit analysis, which has been asked for repeatedly for a decade. You must include a comprehensive funding source and implementable plan that increases water storage, restoration of drained aquifers, recycling and conservation.

Jan Warren
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From: [Joanne Vinton](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Scoping comments
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 12:28:39 PM

* I'll be looking for detailed information about faults that run through the site, how a tunnel would be built to withstand movement on a fault, how the weight of water in the new forebays might trigger earthquakes.

* I'll be looking for detailed information about the equipment used to drill the tunnel and whether or not it is proven, i.e. has been used previously and successfully to build similar sized tunnels.

Joanne Vinton
Sacramento, CA

From: [James Marsh](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Scoping Comments for Submission into the Record
Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:35:46 PM
Attachments: [Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments.docx](#)

Attached is my comment to DWR regarding the latest Delta Conveyance proposal.

I believe the potential negative environmental impacts of *all* the various "conveyance" proposals made in this regard in recent times--starting with the Peripheral Canal scheme and ending here--have been exhaustively discussed. I believe those negative impacts (and a whole lot more we haven't the means to anticipate currently) will, in fact, come to pass should any further diversions of Delta waters be engineered.

Any form of conveyance will effectively kill the Delta.

What I've heard far too little about is that uniquely 21st century understanding much of sane humankind has come to acknowledge and embrace: that all our resources are indeed finite.

And, further, that the *real and sustainable* 21st century solutions to our resource dilemmas will not appear as 18th century, dawn of the Industrial Age thinking dressed up as a modern mega-engineering schemes.

I have expanded on these ideas in the attached document to be added to the public record.

May the saner heads at DWR prevail in this matter. I know they are there. I've worked with a number of them.

Thanks for taking my views and those of my organization into account.

James Marsh
Representing *Friends of the Calaveras River*
Stockton

YET ANOTHER CONVEYANCE PROPOSAL vs. LIVING WITHIN OUR MEANS

I wonder: Will the fundamental issue of living within our means ever be seriously taken into account in the planning of California's water projects?

Uber engineering our way out of every problem that is the result of human beings refusing to live within the means the planet provides is 18th century thinking on steroids. It will always be robbing the future to serve the present. Such "solutions" are inherently unsustainable and therefore doomed from the start.

A visit to Mono Lake and the Owens Valley or to the Colorado River "delta" in the Gulf of Mexico should provide ample evidence of what happens when humans—in the rush to "economic development" and "growth" insist on living beyond their means. Though the "means" in those cases—and in this new "conveyance" scheme—is the finite income streams our planet's resources can provide.

Thinking of water as currency there's only going to be so much in our "water paychecks" and "water bank accounts". Ever. Modern individuals and societies have somehow come to believe endless financial debt is not a bad thing but acceptable. In fact, some economists posit that it is a good thing. Each of us spending our way deep into debt powers every modern economy. If the money is flowing downhill the economic mills keep turning.

Financial markets are one thing. They are all—to some degree—Ponzy Schemes. Borrowing from the future to enhance the present has been standard practice since long before the time when it was thought the American Frontier was endless.

It can never work that way with finite resources...as any first grader who is paying attention at lunchtime can tell you.

Wise First Grader Suzie might be overheard to observe:

"When my juice box is empty there's no more. I'll go out to recess now."

But then there's First Grader Billy lurking nearby...

"No! Wait! Mine's almost empty. But if I stick my straw over in my friend's juice box then I'll have more! And when that's gone I'll stick it in my other friend's..and my other friend's...that other friend's. I don't really like playing with anybody else at recess anyway."

I'll vote for Susie when she runs for governor...and again when she runs for president...and again when she's Secretary General of the United Nations.

Billy sounds too much like a long string of California's governors and "water influencers".

Nothing during the planning of the long dead Peripheral Canal and the recently deceased Twin Tunnels proposal ever seriously broached the matters of ultimate carrying capacities or the nature of the "end game" when finite water resources are eventually and finally over tapped...in this state or anywhere else in the world for that matter.

Which they will eventually be should we—as a species—continue to insist on living beyond our means.

From: [Luis Portillo](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Scoping process comments
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:59:49 PM
Attachments: [IECA Delta Conveyance Project Support.pdf](#)

Hello,

On behalf of the business organizations in the Inland Empire listed below, we are pleased to provide input and express our support for the scoping process of the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project being advanced by the Department of Water Resources. The formal comment letter is attached. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

1. Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
2. Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce
3. Greater Ontario Business Council
4. Hesperia Chamber of Commerce
5. Inland Empire Economic Partnership
6. Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce
7. Victor Valley Chamber of Commerce

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February 4, 2020

Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments
 Attn: Renee Rodriguez
 California Department of Water Resources
 P.O. Box 942836
 Sacramento, CA 94236

On behalf of the above business organizations in the Inland Empire, we are pleased to provide input and express our support for the scoping process of the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project being advanced by the Department of Water Resources. We appreciate Governor Newsom's leadership to help ensure, safe, affordable and reliable water supplies to much of California.

More than 30 percent of Southern California's water supply comes from the Sierra Nevada and it provides the backbone water supply for millions of people, our \$1.6 trillion economy, farms and our environment. Modernizing and upgrading our state's aging infrastructure with a single tunnel properly sized to convey 6,000 cubic-feet-per-second of water supply for the State Water Project will allow us to more efficiently move water, restore the Delta ecosystem and manage our water supply through climate extremes.

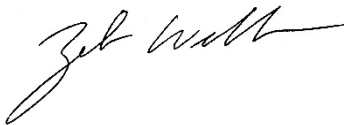
We are not alone in our support. There is widespread backing for the project in Southern California and throughout the state from diverse and prominent interests, ranging from labor and business to public agencies, nonprofits and agriculture. We all recognize that a severe water shortage would come with an enormous economic cost and the time to move forward is now.

This project is not the only step we must take to ensure water resiliency. Ensuring Southern California has a reliable water supply in the future requires a diverse portfolio of both imported and local supplies and conservation. Much progress and significant investments are being made on a wide range of local projects and water efficiency, but the Delta conveyance project remains vitally important.

We support the Newsom administration's work to move forward in the planning process in a manner that achieves the goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration. With our largest and most affordable supply at risk, we need the reliability the proposed Delta conveyance project will provide.

Thank you for your consideration and your efforts to improve the safety, affordability and reliability of California's water supply.

Sincerely,



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Chino Valley Chamber of
Commerce



Patrick Swarthout
Greater Coachella Valley
Chamber of Commerce



Peggi Hazlett
Greater Ontario Business
Council



Shannon Shannon
Hesperia Chamber of
Commerce



Paul Granillo
Inland Empire Economic
Partnership



Robert Hufnagel
Rancho Cucamonga Chamber
of Commerce



Mark Creffield
Victor Valley Chamber of
Commerce

From: [Jacklyn Shaw](#)
 To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
 Cc: [Delta the Restore](#); [Bruce Blodgett](#); kensvogel@juno.com
 Subject: Shock as live only 7-12 miles from costly, empty tunnel plan, east of Delta River
 Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 10:54:30 PM

on 2.13.2020 from jacklyn.el.shaw@icloud.com
[SJCgov.org](#) "DWR, Delta...scoping? Renee Rodriguez" <DeltaConveyanceScoping@water.ca.gov> and
 Marcus Yee (to call)

on 2.13.2020 from jacklyn.el.shaw@icloud.com
 TO: EIR, Marcus Yee, and, DWR, Renee Rodriguez.
 TO [SJCgov.org](#) To our Concerned County Supervisors, Chair K Miller, M. Villapudua, C. Winn, B. Elliot
 & T. Patti:

My name is Jacklyn Shaw, Grower, Prof-Author, M.Ed., Administrative. We are horrified to see the corridor map with mileage, for west of Lodi. I am born and raised, 7-12 miles from the "empty tunnel" plan, a taxing boondoggle for water bonds and expensive concrete. Even West of the Delta River, near the ship canal, is less invasive to generational families in agricultural tourism and industries. We appreciate statements of elected county supervisors in five Delta counties. Do you? We have increasing tax, without representation. . . I have attended meetings for five years. We see endless meetings and paperwork. These are issues and suggestions. Here are bullet statements with nine points.

CONVERSATIONS? Do we need **more** letters, and contact and data for facts — with DOI, Interior, and Reclamation, South Central Valley and SoCal, press releases, media, etc.? Here are nine bullets to save the rivers and Delta Heritage Act.

(1) DROUGHT CYCLES or Desalination? Do SoCal and South Central Valley, and the Feds realize, **plans would further dry Delta areas, in critical overdraft?** They need desalination now, now later.

(2) EMPTY TUNNEL and Rural folks would have less to pay taxes? Would County rural folks and others pay increasingly more for empty, costly aqueducts or one **"big tunnel, enough for a car to nowhere"?**

(3) CONCRETE COSTS start with, what now, \$16 trillion? Is it more than one million per Desalination plant? Can Tracy River, mean saying we're doing Desalination or Smart Water?

(4) TEMP CONSTRUCTION JOBS? would displace #1 agricultural industry to San Joaquin Economy and of generational food productions?

(5) DUST BOWL to empty tunnel? Five years ago, our WID district manager told me that Lodi would become a Dust Bowl unless growers go to more state water board meetings. What about community health with more construction nuisance?

(6) OWENS VALLEY, AGAIN, now Mono Lake promotes rivers, tributaries. See the calendar photos for Mono Lake with losses to Los Angeles.

(7) WATER REDISTRIBUTION is Socialism? Governor Pardee learned of Water redistribution or socialism in a trip to Germany. It seems like bureaucratic blinders and snow jobs of expensive, time-consuming paperwork? Stop the Lodi, Mokelumne River Aqueduct towards Port of Oakland. Informed state voters were against this about 1982!

(8) More Signs? VISIT DELTA COUNTIES! Food tasting tours... More people need to visit Grand Mansion and Lodi wineries. Before, the 1929 Pardee Dam, Lodi raised watermelons without irrigation. Now, some cater to growing "weed" or indistinguishable hemp. Lodi wines were proclaimed #1 in the world (Wine Enthusiast, 2015). It has been of largest three school district areas in the state, including Terminous and historic other towns. What about all the marinas for good health in local water recreation?

(9) More Signs: WELCOME to San Joaquin County, FRESH FOOD, for now? *Since we have interstate five, from San Diego to Portland, can we have freeway signs:* Welcome to Lodi wine history. **Welcome to San Joaquin County, 2/3 the Delta and home of almost 200 kinds of food crops, healthy fruits, nuts, veggies and more!**

How do we hear results of the local scoping meetings? Do you have research from M. Jeffries, Business data institute, at University of Pacific Stockton; or San Joaquin (County) Farm Bureau?
LET'S SAVE THE RIVERS and FOOD CROPS, for the county agricultural economy to USA and

the world, not temporary jobs for more soil salinity. Drought makes more drought. Any tunnel is counterproductive and ignorant, if not asinine. (Nine points are listed for discussion.)

Sorry to miss the EIR meeting at 555 Weber instead of at the County Administration building, also on Weber. Please hold a meeting at a Lodi winery or the county administration building. We practice regional responsibility. I do not believe most locals have seen the planned map!!! Thanks. Comments are to be submitted by March 20. What more will we learn to share with you by then? Please allow an added comment, if we have hearsay. Thanks for Scoping...

Sincerely, cc: President, USA
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From: [David Wittrock](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Single Delta Tunnel
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020 10:27:24 AM

On the Monterey Peninsula where I live, we have our own problems with water and the use of bad federal science to overcome, but that should not be something the state of California should swallow. Nor should the bad science of the federal government be used in designing the single tunnel to supply water to the south at the expense of the Delta. Governor Newsom's advocacy of a single tunnel moving water from the Delta in a way that protects that watershed by reducing flow is the only way to do multiple good things at the same time: preserve the Delta and its environment, and give the south the water it needs.

David Wittrock
Pacific Grove, California

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Education of women is the single most effective way to lift families up from extreme poverty.

From: [Gary Brown](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: [DeSaulnier Congressman Mark](#)
Subject: Single Delta Water Tunnel
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 8:14:15 AM

I strongly urge the DWR to stop the current path toward the single Delta tunnel. A complete review of the justification for this proposal must be performed by impartial scientists. The politics of our divided country can not be used to determine California's water future.
Thank you,

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925-938-0514

From: [Jeri Opalk](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Single Tunnel Project
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 6:31:40 PM

Hello,

I am writing to you today to urge you to please not go forward with any water plan that hurts wildlife and nature. Humans can and should recycle and conserve water instead of continually decimating nature. California is a beautiful state with many natural treasures, we need to preserve these for future generations rather than destroy them. Adequate water flows through the Delta are a significant part of that preservation.

I specifically ask you to please not capitulate to the Trump Administration and Trump allies; they don't care about California or wildlife. Californians do. Please use valid science in making your decision, not the politically contrived pseudo science of the Trump administration.

Thank you,
Jeri Opalk
San Jose, CA

From: [Sheila Gorsuch](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Single tunnel project
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 3:56:48 PM

Use sound science as the basis for deciding whether to move forward with this project -- do NOT use faulty Trump science, which will thrash the environment completely. Our Delta ecosystem is too fragile -- be aware and save the heritage of your grandchildren.

SG of Walnut Creek

From: [Karen Cohen](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Single Tunnel Project
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2020 12:17:15 PM

The operating rules on water flows proposed by the Trump administration do not protect wildlife— and the people of the state. I urge you to use sound science— and not the administration's proposed rules-- as you review plans for a single tunnel.

Save the Delta!

Karen Cohen
Michael M. Cohen O.D.
1401 Via Loma
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

From: [Susie Meserve](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: [Ben Eichenberg](#)
Subject: Single tunnel project—NO!
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 3:22:02 PM

Dear Department of Water Resources:

I'm writing to express my dismay that Governor Newsom may be caving to Trump-suspect science in determining whether or not a single tunnel will suffice in the Bay Delta. As you know, this is a critical ecosystem, and a power grab by Southern California to boot. As a Northern Californian, I have to ask you that you use sound science as the basis for deciding whether to move forward with the single-tunnel project.

I think you'll find it's not enough.

Thanks for registering my comment.

—Susan Meserve, 94706

From: [Maren Stanczak](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Single tunnel water project
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 10:13:53 AM

I strongly request that you use sound science, rather than the specious reasoning provided by the Trump administration as the basis for your decision of whether or not to move forward with the Single Tunnel project in the Delta. I remain concerned that transferring large amounts of water to southern California may increasingly threaten the health of the Delta.

Maren Stanczak
925-408-5930
Concord, California

From: [Curnie Webster](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Single Water Tunnel
Date: Friday, January 17, 2020 8:47:18 AM

Californians care deeply about our environment. We tend to care more deeply than the rest of the world (especially most of our states in this country).

Please insure that we do what's best for our ecological system when we proceed with this development. You must follow sound practices to enhance our environment for the benefit of the generations to come. Don't forget that!

Sincerely,
Curnie Webster

From: eg3yalie@gmail.com
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Subject: Stop the Tunnel!!!
Date: Sunday, January 19, 2020 8:50:27 AM

Please stop the tunnel by using sound science that will show that even one tunnel will do irreparable damage to the Delta. The Delta is a natural marvel that is vital to the humans, wildlife and habitat of the Delta region and northern California. Let's not destroy it with the tunnel. SoCal needs to figure out another way to get their water and not steal it from the Delta. Yes, the word is "stealing".

Ed and Jeanne Griffiths
1498 Fieldcrest Circle
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Thank you!!!

From: [Patty Cortez](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: sbaker@aaronread.com; [Tom Love](#); [Nichol Delgado](#)
Subject: Submittal of USGVMWD Letter: Delta Conveyance
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 12:02:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments Letter to DWR 1-30-20.pdf](#)

Renee Rodriguez,

Please accept the attached letter as our agency's comments for the Delta Conveyance project. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 626-443-2297.

Thank you,

Patty Cortez

Director of Government & Community Affairs
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January 31, 2020

Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments

Attn: Renee Rodriguez, California Department of Water Resources
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Division 5

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

On behalf of Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, I am pleased to provide input for the scoping process of the single-tunnel Delta conveyance project now being advanced by the California Department of Water Resources under the direction of Governor Gavin Newsom.

The need for this project remains greater than ever. Even as Southern California continues to diversify its overall water portfolio by developing local supplies and lowering demand, high-quality supplies from Northern California will remain a vital foundation of our water management strategy. This supply makes viable new initiatives such as recycling.

Imported supplies will be our vital reserves to withstand dry cycles which may be longer and more severe than recent history. For the San Gabriel Valley, this is especially critical as our groundwater basin is dependent on 20% of imported water from the Delta for groundwater replenishment. During the 2014 Drought, our groundwater basin dropped to a historic low and with below average local rainfall, the Basin is slowly recovering. Imported water has been critical to maintain the sustainability of the Basin and meet the local water needs of the region.

Overall, I support the proposed project alternative for delta conveyance, one tunnel, sized to convey 6,000 cubic-feet-per-second of water supply for the State Water Project (SWP) agencies such as the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. While it is appropriate for the environmental process to examine a range of sizes, previous analyses have shown that smaller facilities do not proportionately reduce costs as opportunities to sufficiently capture high stormwater flows cannot be achieved. Further, the proposed project and alternatives being evaluated should be "cost effective", meaning that they must make economic sense for the PWAs that will be funding all of the costs. We believe a 6000 cfs facility has the greatest possibility of accomplishing this need. I understand that the costs as compared to proportion of benefits goes up sharply as the capacity is reduced significantly below 6000 cfs. Therefore, the EIR should not evaluate alternative capacities that the PWA investors would have no interest in funding because the economic benefits and cost effectiveness does not exist.

Delta Conveyance Scoping Comments
Renee Rodriguez, California Department of Water Resources
January 30, 2020
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A 6,000 CFS tunnel facility would require two intakes in the northern Delta. I support examining the three possible intake locations that had been fully vetted during the previous California WaterFix planning process. These locations were carefully identified to minimize impacts to migrating fisheries and nearby Delta communities while considering potential sea level rise.

I also support the two corridors to be examined for the tunnel facility, a “central” route similar to that of California WaterFix and an “eastern” route closer to Interstate 5. Fully examining these two alternatives stands great promise in identifying an ultimate route that minimizes impacts and hopefully identifies “win-win” benefits to the Delta region.

We applaud the administration’s inclusion of this project as part of its draft Water Resilience Portfolio.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Love".

Thomas A. Love, P.E.
General Manager

From: [Nikola Lakic](#)
To: [DWR Delta Conveyance Scoping](#)
Cc: [Clark, Patricia@DWR](#); [DWR Delta Conveyance](#); [DWR Delta Soil ISMND](#); [Lisa.LienMager@resources.ca.gov](#); [Mellon, Erin@DWR](#)
Subject: Suggestion for Delta Conveyance Project
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020 2:30:05 PM
Attachments: [+\(I\) Importing Seawater - May, 2019.docx](#)
[+\(II\) + Harnessing Hydro Power - May, 2019.docx](#)
[+\(III\) Harnessing Solar Energy - May, 2019.docx](#)
[+\(IV\) Harnessing Geothermal Energy - May, 2019.docx](#)
[+\(V\) Drilling Deeper Wellbores - May, 2019.docx](#)
[Biography Mr. Nikola Lakic.docx](#)

January 30, 2020

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Subject: Suggestion for Delta Conveyance Project

Greetings, Delta Conveyance Project Team,

Following my email of December 13, 2019, to deltaconveyance@water.ca.gov , and response from Ms. Patricia A. Clark a few days later, I am reaching you again.

It is my understanding that there is no design for proposed for Delta Conveyance project yet and that this is a Public Comments Period.

The reason for contacting you was/is to inform DELTA CONVEYANCE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY about an option that can be very useful to the Delta Conveyance project.

As I mentioned in the previous email, I am the author of the proposal for the long-term solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea that includes an architectural design which incorporates several breakthroughs technologies in the energy industry which I have invented and modified to incorporate local conditions of the Salton Sea area. One of the breakthrough technologies is a system for importing seawater into the Salton Sea by using a special pipeline.

Since there is no plan that I could study and because at the moment I am busy dealing with some deadline that I have to take care of, I am sending you summaries

of my proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea divided into five segments for better understanding. Two segments (pipeline system and solar system) are relevant to the Delta Conveyance project. With minor modifications, my pipeline system can be adapted to the Delta Conveyance project.

A few words in support of pipeline over the canal:

The pipeline is a better solution than the canal because water from the Sacramento River can be transported to the longer distance to farmlands without losing water through evaporation and leakage. It is my understanding from the video (Meeting Live Streaming) on December 11, 2019, that a tunnel for water to pass through is in a plan. I also heard concerns of some participants that in such case water will be polluted with mercury. Such pollution can be avoided by implementing the pipeline system. Even if the tunnel is built, the pipeline through the tunnel could be installed. Also, my pipeline system generates electricity on downhill routes. Also, the pipeline can be used as a foundation for solar panels (my design) and more electricity can be generated. Also, my system can be used to overcome some elevations and avoid building an expensive tunnel. My system (cross-country pipelines) have the “in-line-pump” as segments of the pipeline for uphill routes and have the “in-line-generator” as segments of the pipeline for downhill routes. Also, my system is more efficient and less expensive than conventional pumping stations.

A few words about my work:

My proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea involves architectural design which incorporates several breakthrough technologies in the energy industry which I have invented and modified to incorporate local conditions of the Salton Sea area with the final product – the long-term solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea. It might be considered as a project of the century costing only about \$10 billion.

At this point, I will just mention the subjects of my breakthrough methodologies:

1. I am the inventor of the new system for harnessing geothermal energy (completely closed-loop system) which is not limited to geothermal reservoirs.
2. I am also the inventor of the new system for drilling deeper and wider wellbores.
3. I am also the inventor of the new system for harnessing solar energy (thermo-optical solar system) having power unite with pistons, which is at least several times more efficient than Photo Voltaic (PV) systems.
4. I am also the inventor of the new system of the cross-country pipelines for importing seawater or other fluids, having the “in-line-pump” as segments of the pipeline for uphill routes, and having the “in-line-generator” as segments of the pipeline for downhill routes.
5. I am also the inventor of the new system for using the pipeline as a foundation for solar panels which eliminates expenses for purchasing or leasing huge sections of land, which is an expensive requirement for conventional solar facilities on an industrial scale.

6. I am also the inventor of the new system for desalinization of the salty water using solar and/or geothermal energy to generate electricity and having potable water as a free byproduct.

My mission is global – which is licensing technologies to capable companies (contractors) with means. The Salton Sea project is a small part of it but an important part. It is imperative to save the Salton Sea and our environment despite unreasonable opposition. My proposal (system) desalinates the Lake, generates electricity, generates potable water and brine which can be used as a source for extraction of lithium. I am providing a solution and the “know-how” to the desperate situation.

Here is the link to the video of complete presentation – it is about 1:00 hour: <https://youtu.be/pcYTUPCiljQ>.

The video is not of the best quality, but it summarizes in one hour my work of the last dozen years. Included are several options including several different corridors. For more details, please read the papers. The papers and slides, which can be zoomed in, are accessible on my website: www.GeothermalWorldwide.com => “Our Technology” => “Presentation – CNRA – El Centro, CA”.

I am including, as an attachment, a summary of my proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea, divided into five segments for easier understanding. Each of the segments (phases) is essential for the final result. Also, I am including my short biography.

The value of my work is the simplicity of it and the necessity for it. An average high school student could understand it in a relatively short time if read thoroughly. My work is patented with several “continuation-in-part” applications still pending.

I would be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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I support the general outlines of the single tunnel Delta Conveyance Project. Without being an expert on all the issues involved, it is obvious to me that the current state of affairs is unsustainable for a number of reasons, including:

- the Delta environment continues to decline due to pumping from the south end which interrupts normal flows;
- sea level rise imperils water quality;
- a major earthquake could breach levees and take out the whole system
- the political and economic clout of Valley farmers and Southern California residents ensures that the California Aqueduct will continue to be used, regardless of environmental damage to the Delta.

Legal safeguards against excessive tunnel flows can be extended or strengthened.

Withdrawing water upstream and pumping it south is not the ideal solution to the Delta's problems. But let's not allow the best to be the enemy of the good. A single tunnel with reduced flows from the original proposal is the most sustainable option available.

Thank you for considering my views.

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