

1 ~~will be too many -- too much greenhouse gas emissions~~  
2 ~~for water or for water that will be taken away from~~  
3 ~~others. This project is bad for repairs in Santa~~  
4 ~~Clara Valley Water District, it's bad for residents of~~  
5 ~~the Delta and it's bad for California.~~

6 ~~Thank you.~~

7 ~~MS. CLARK: Thank you.~~

8 ~~Next speaker.~~

9 MR. SNYDER: Hi. My name is Chris Snyder.  
10 I'm here representing the International Operating  
11 Engineers Local 3. We represent more than  
12 35,000 members in our jurisdiction, including this  
13 area. And what our guys mostly do is -- they're  
14 surveyors, testing inspection, heavy highway, crane  
15 operators. And we also represent Bargaining Unit 12  
16 at the State, which runs the Department of Water, the  
17 system itself.

18 So as engineers we understand the urgency of  
19 our aging water infrastructure and how it really does  
20 need to be upgraded. The proposed Delta Conveyance  
21 Project has our Operating Engineers' complete support,  
22 international support as well out of D.C. Represent  
23 nationally about 380,000 working men and women.

24 Currently more than two-thirds of  
25 Californians get their water from the Sierra Nevada

1 mountains that runs through the Sacramento-San Joaquin  
2 Delta. As much as 40 percent of the water for Santa  
3 Clara's 1.9 million residents comes through this  
4 system. Without adequate improvements, this system  
5 could collapse in the event of a major earthquake or  
6 flood and cut the water supplies off for millions of  
7 Californians. This is a real danger and a real  
8 threat. The system is antiquated. This would have a  
9 devastating impact on California's economy, with  
10 estimated costs in the billions and billions of  
11 dollars.

12 Major water infrastructure improvements are  
13 badly needed to address these pressing issues. The  
14 Delta Conveyance Project is the only viable project  
15 and plan to protect water deliveries to our  
16 communities in the future. We urge everyone to  
17 support Governor Newsom's Delta Conveyance Project,  
18 and I appreciate your time this evening. And we're in  
19 full support, and we look forward to doing whatever we  
20 can to help move the process along.

21 ~~Thank you.~~

22 ~~MS. CLARK: Thank you.~~

23 ~~Next speaker, Brandon Dawson.~~

24 ~~MR. DAWSON: Good evening. Brandon Dawson,~~  
25 ~~policy counsel for Sierra Club California, here on~~

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~~1 should support their water supply.~~

~~2 And those are the two main points that I  
3 have. The other people have covered very well the  
4 amount of environmental degradation that will happen  
5 with these tunnels. And I would very much like to see  
6 them use the conservation method instead of exporting  
7 water.~~

~~8 Thank you.~~

~~9 MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Black.~~

~~10 All right. Our next speaker is Clint  
11 Steele.~~

12 MR. STEELE: Thank you. My name is Clint  
13 Steele, and I'm here to represent Operating Engineers  
14 Local 3 union.

15 We are pleased to see that the State has  
16 initiated an environmental review process for the  
17 modera- -- moderniza- -- modernized Delta conveyance.  
18 Our current system of pipe, pumps and levees is aging  
19 and is desperate need of repair. Upgrading our water  
20 infrastructure is a long overdue step toward a more  
21 secure and resilient water future for California.  
22 Without fixing our main water distribution network,  
23 efforts to develop local water supplies, like  
24 desalination and groundwater recycling, will be less  
25 effective.

1           We urge the State to move this project  
2 forward before it's too late.

3           Thank you.

4           ~~MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Steele.~~

5 ~~Our next speaker is Penelope Frost.~~

6 ~~MS. PENELOPE FROST: Hello. My name -- is~~  
7 ~~this better?~~

8 ~~MS. CLARK: That's better.~~

9 ~~MS. PENELOPE FROST: Okay.~~

10 ~~Hello. My name is Penny, and I'm ten years~~

11 ~~old. I have spoken at a Delta meeting before in~~

12 ~~public, but -- I loving fishing with my dad and~~

13 ~~grandpa, and I've spent my whole life in and around~~

14 ~~wildlife and going fishing. And I want to stop the~~

15 ~~people who take water from the Delta, and I think that~~

16 ~~the Santa Clara Valley Water District and state and~~

17 ~~federal government can help us with that.~~

18 ~~But the priorities need to change. And it's~~

19 ~~not good to support the almond farms south of the~~

20 ~~Delta that take large amounts of water from the Delta.~~

21 ~~And they kill a lot of wildlife.~~

22 ~~So yeah.~~

23 ~~MS. CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Frost.~~

24 ~~Next speaker is Michael Frost.~~

25 ~~MR. FROST: Good evening.~~

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1 ~~The costs of the Delta Conveyance Project~~  
2 ~~that would be borne by ACWD customers are still being~~  
3 ~~determined, and we're evaluating the business case.~~  
4 ~~ACWD continues to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and~~  
5 ~~benefits of the project as we learn more.~~

6 ~~That said, based on the information we have~~  
7 ~~now, we anticipate that the Delta Conveyance Project~~  
8 ~~will have significant benefits to our customer base~~  
9 ~~and will be a cost-effective way to maintain a~~  
10 ~~reliable and resilient water supply for our region.~~

11 ~~ACWD also recognizes the importance of~~  
12 ~~balancing water supply and ecosystem needs, as~~  
13 ~~mentioned by other speakers tonight, and appreciates~~  
14 ~~the State's efforts to collect input from the public~~  
15 ~~on this important project.~~

16 ~~So thank you for your consideration of~~  
17 ~~ACWD's comments, and we appreciate the opportunity to~~  
18 ~~participate in today's scoping meeting.~~

19 ~~Thank you.~~

20 ~~MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Sethy.~~

21 ~~All right. Next speaker. And if you~~  
22 ~~wouldn't mind clarifying your last name. We would~~  
23 ~~appreciate that.~~

MR. THUERLACHTER: Yeah, Thuerlachter.

25 **James Thuerlachter.**

Thuerwachter is  
correct spelling

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1           So good evening and thank you again for  
2 continuing to hold these important stakeholder  
3 hearings, and we appreciate this opportunity to  
4 provide our comments.

5           My name is James Thuerlachter, and I'm with  
6 the California Alliance for Jobs. And our  
7 organization represents 2,000 heavy construction  
8 companies and about 80,000 union workers in the  
9 construction field, from Kern County up to the Oregon  
10 border. And what we do is advocate for responsible  
11 investments in public infrastructure projects, such as  
12 the one we're here discussing tonight.

13           I'm here today to express our strong support  
14 for the Delta Conveyance Project. As mentioned  
15 earlier by other speakers, we are -- we do understand  
16 that this is just one part of the broader solution to  
17 California's complex water problems and issues.  
18 However, we do believe that it will serve a positive  
19 and critical component to the more comprehensive water  
20 portfolio of the state.

21           More than two-thirds of Californians rely on  
22 a water distribution system that is simply outdated  
23 and thus left vulnerable to the threats of a climate  
24 change and natural disasters. A modernized Delta  
25 conveyance system will improve our ability to capture



1 and move water during and after storm events that will  
2 better prepare us for future dry years. It will also  
3 fortify our infrastructure to withstand the hazards  
4 post earthquakes and floods, as others have said  
5 tonight.

6           With respect to the pumping capacity, we do  
7 support the proposed 6,000 CFS because we believe that  
8 will ensure our ability to protect and -- excuse me --  
9 protect our water quality and reliability in the most  
10 efficient manner. We do caution the board against  
11 considering lesser -- smaller capacities, because any  
12 alternatives under 6,000 could jeopardize the very  
13 success and economic feasibility of the project  
14 itself.

15           That being said, I just want to close out by  
16 saying this bullet proposal is long overdue, and we  
17 think that it's urgent. And we look forward to  
18 continuing the conversations with the board and other  
19 stakeholders throughout the process.

20           ~~Thank you.~~

21 ~~MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Thuerlacher.~~

22 ~~Next speaker, Christophe LaBelle.~~

23 ~~MR. LaBELLE: Good evening. My name is~~  
24 ~~Christophe LaBelle. I'm an environmental policy~~  
25 ~~associate, speaking here on behalf of the Silicon~~

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1 always have people lined up. And it's kind of  
2 efficient, right? So that's how we're going to  
3 proceed.

4 Again, we're going to set the clock --  
5 Lawrence, I'm looking to sort of confer. We can go  
6 with four minutes? Okay.

7 And I will call the first speakers, then.

8 Court reporter, you're ready?

9 We do have a request for you to announce  
10 your name at the beginning of speaking.

11 All right. Our first three speakers, then,  
12 are Dr. Steven White, Chris Smith and Mariah Looney.

13 Again, just to go over this process again.

14 When we get down to the last speaker in this set, I  
15 will pause and call the next three.

16 Okay. Thank you.

17 Please proceed.

18 DR. WHITE: Okay. Three minutes, four  
19 minutes, is not going to be enough. So I'll just try  
20 to hit some high points.

21 First thing I want to comment is that the  
22 California water use pattern, as we currently use it,  
23 is unsustainable. Ecologically, it's unsustainable.  
24 Rivers are overallocated. The groundwater is being  
25 overdrafted. The ecosystem in the Delta is

1 collapsing. You look at the flow through -- the fresh  
2 water flow through the Delta; it's about 50 percent or  
3 less compared to unimpeded flow.

4           The consequences of that are, you know,  
5 changes in salinity that basically limit population  
6 growth and limit distribution of populations. Thermal  
7 stress on the animals that then has reproductive  
8 stress. There is opportunities for invasive species.  
9 And, as examples, salmon has collapsed. The longfin  
10 smelt is down 99.5 percent. The starry flounder, down  
11 90 percent. The Delta smelt, which was the most  
12 abundant fish in the Bay -- in the 2018 survey by the  
13 California Department of Fish and Wildlife, they  
14 couldn't find a single one.

15           The system is collapsing. To stress it more  
16 is crazy, with due respect.

17           The population growth in California is  
18 projected to grow to -- well, about 60 million by  
19 2050. About 48 to 50 million by 2040. Clearly, we  
20 need to change the way we allocate water in order to  
21 have enough water for everyone.

22           And that was -- that would involve a lot  
23 more than restructuring how efficiently we suck water  
24 out of the Bay and give it to agriculture in the  
25 summer.

1           Speaking of agriculture, that too is  
2 unsustainable. They provide about 2 percent of  
3 California's productivity, use 80 percent of  
4 California's water. If you do a little math, a lot of  
5 the crops are designed -- are grown for export. So  
6 two-thirds of California's almonds are exported.  
7 Almonds use a lot of water. On average -- well, in  
8 the Westlands, about 4.4 gallons of water per almond.  
9 It's unsustainable.

10           And so what we need to do is address water  
11 use patterns far beyond what we're doing here. And to  
12 make this project in the absence of addressing all  
13 those other problems is like putting a Band-Aid on a  
14 hemorrhage. It's just not going to work.

15           So improvement to agricultural water use,  
16 water efficiency. Changing irrigation technology.  
17 Still about 40 percent of the technology is flood and  
18 furrow, which is wildly inefficient. Changing soil  
19 management. Water efficiency and urban water  
20 efficiency. Water recapture. I can go on and on. I  
21 don't have enough time to go into that.

22           There are a whole bunch of biological issues  
23 that I would like to see addressed that would involve  
24 looking at assemblages in the different environments.  
25 Looking at estuary metrics, at river metrics. I have

1 long lists that I'm not going to try to list off in  
2 the remaining 22 seconds I have.

3 But there is a real need for technical  
4 expertise, and we can't see any of it. Any of it.  
5 And we won't see it until you give us the Draft EIR,  
6 which was then too late. So I'm encouraging you to  
7 open up the process so that experts can help you.

8 Thank you.

9 ~~MS. CLARK: Thank you, Dr. White.~~

10 ~~And before the second speaker starts, I~~  
11 ~~would like to point out that, for your assistance, the~~  
12 ~~yellow light will go on when -- I think it's one~~  
13 ~~minute is remaining. Okay. So we're doing a~~  
14 ~~four-minute speaking segment. The yellow light will~~  
15 ~~come on when you have one minute left. And, of~~  
16 ~~course, there's that beep noise at the end.~~

17 ~~Thank you.~~

18 ~~Please proceed.~~

19 ~~MR. SMITH: Wonderful. And thank you for --~~  
20 ~~DWR staff, for hosting this open forum for us to give~~  
21 ~~comments.~~

22 ~~My name is Chris Smith. I'm here on behalf~~  
23 ~~of the Associated General Contractors of California.~~  
24 ~~We represent over a thousand general, specialty and~~  
25 ~~associate members throughout the state. Our members~~

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## **ATTN: Central Valley Flood Protection Board. Delay "Statement of No Objection" Vote for 60 days!**

RE: CVFPB: Delay "Statement of No Objection" Vote for 60 days.  
 Any Terminous Tunnel (!#X) means severe health hazards in The Delta breeze (40-90 miles per hour) to Lodi area from Dust-kicking, itchy Peat dirt in a DROUGHT to MORE DROUGHT, salty soil to more salty soil, from emptying "**Delta Tunnel, underground Bullet Train — Boondoggle**" --for 350 miles away? **Start a Hetch Hetchy water parade to Fresno/Tulare and for San Francisco to start operating its Desalination plant every day!** *Correction, NO tunnel on East side of Delta River! Health Hazards!*

A grower, born and raised west of Lodi, it is outrageous that people do not know a small map plan for a tunnel / conveyance to be 12 miles from



Lodi City Hall. In February, Lodi area had the worst drought in February in its history. Check the Woodbridge/WID vs East Bay / EBMUD. That's from Lodi / Mokelumne Aqueduct towards Port of Oakland since 1929. Part of proof is Lodi had 3 months of fog in 1960's and now it is to a few weeks. Watermelons used to grow without irrigation. Now, Lodi has a desalination plant, due to increasing salt in the soil, westside. San Joaquin County, 2/3 of the Delta, has amongst the most fertile soil in the world. Seasonal pickers prefer wages and opportunities in USA. Why displace #1 agricultural industries and agri-tourism by only 10 year construction jobs for drought making, dusty tunnel? Generational families produce over 100-200 kinds of fruits and vegetables, part of good health, nationwide and overseas.

SOLUTIONS, as long lasting:

- (1) **To stop flooding, we do need to restore funds for USACE Engineers to do Deep, PURE DREDGING, from Rio Vista towards Antioch Bay.**
- (2) *If any tunnel, build it on the WEST SIDE of the Delta River!*
- (3) **Construction costs more than Desalination. (A) San Francisco has a Desalination plant that needs to start operating every day. (B) They can allow Fresno and Tulare to use the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Friend Dam.**
- (4) Desalination was invented with J. Leibovitz, Ph.D., 1977 (Doe Library), at UC Berkeley, and since used in over 100 nations. 90% of Californians live on the Pacific coast. **With Bureau of Reclamation and Department of Interior, when will 16 grants nationwide — include California and its coast?**
- (5) At a Clarksburg workshop in 2015, we learned it was 80% non-compliance in levee maintenance. (As a teacher, that is outrageous! Let's have the students learn just 80 % of the alphabet?) Who stopped funding or staged the show to make funds off of privy water bond grants? Who's kidding whom?

**CONSIDERATION to target areas for more drought? Growers of fresh food crops are Friends of Fishermen and Duck hunters. (Why**

have the meeting in Stockton when Lodi West is being fleeced?) In Agri-tourism, there are recreational spots, with natural rivers and waterways as part of good health. Even 160 along the Delta River is marked “historic highway”, currently. How many of you have gone to Marinas and the Grand Mansion? The Hilton’s come every July 4th. John Wayne flew here. Jay Leno appreciated Guisi’s. It is a foolish exercise, if you don’t listen to facts from locals. It is particularly ludicrous or denial that San Joaquin County has been having increasing drought for “Critical Water Overdraft”! (Hello, is anyone there?) You are going to add more tax to the taxpayers — while decimating generational livelihoods of bringing fresh food products to the nation and the world! Please put your map plans in local newspapers! Adding to this drought will make it statewide. **Ridiculous denial. Please consider multiple water options for jobs, besides destroying the rivers and local economy in agri-tourism.**

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board’s Mar 27th Meeting, during a pandemic, includes -- Consent item 5D regarding the Delta Tunnel, a “Statement of No Objection”.

The Central Valley Regional Flood Board should hold off moving forward. We request to the Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific and Sacramento, to have flood analysis of the health disaster from the Delta tunnel, particularly the NONSENSE of any tunnel EAST of Delta River and near tax paying communities. **Allow 60 days to give the public a chance to weigh in during the pandemic.**

We ask that the Central Valley Flood Protection Board pull this item from the Consent Calendar simply because its approval will send the wrong signal to the California public during the novel coronavirus pandemic that a project like DCP should continue at a time when the public’s attention, including those of environmental justice communities in San Joaquin County and elsewhere in the Delta are beset by personal and community responses to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

To slip this item into the agenda as a consent item during a pandemic is **absolutely unacceptable**. Truthfully, we have never been more upset

with a public agency in 14 years of dealing with this project.

This is email to the Board immediately at [Questions@CVFlood.ca.gov](mailto:Questions@CVFlood.ca.gov)

It is horrifying to bulldoze taxpayers into paying for a tunnel near Terminous. It is only 7-12 miles from my folks' homestead Zin grapes and other local crops of nuts, olives, fruit, etc. Visit Lodi, when the pandemic passes, even if after round two.

Sincerely,

Prof. Jacklyn Shaw, Grower

[jjjshaw@verizon.net](mailto:jjjshaw@verizon.net)

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Lodi, CA 95242

\* 7-12 miles from Terminous, Tower Marina, Delta Queen restaurant.

Attached is support for letter of [restorethedelta.org](http://restorethedelta.org)

Via [email: Leslie.Gallagher@cvflood.ca.gov](mailto:Leslie.Gallagher@cvflood.ca.gov) March 26, 2020

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**Subject: Consent Item 5D on March 27, 2020 Central Valley Flood Protection Board Agenda**

Dear Ms. Gallagher and Members of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB):

It came to our attention this morning that the Flood Protection Board has Item 5D on its Consent Calendar for tomorrow's Board meeting. It is our understanding that it is a "statement of no objection" requested by DWR of

the CVFPB for transmittal to the US Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento about the Corps starting its 408 process for DWR's proposed Delta Conveyance Project (DCP). DWR seeks a letter stating that the Board has no objection to the Corps starting the 408 process, as your Chief of Plan Implementation and Compliance, Greg Harvey, kindly informed us this morning.

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We ask that you pull this item from the Consent Calendar simply because its approval will send the wrong signal to the California public during the novel coronavirus pandemic that a project like DCP should continue at a time when the public's attention, including those of environmental justice communities in San Joaquin County and elsewhere in the Delta are beset by personal and community responses to the novel coronavirus pandemic. **We ask that the item be delayed for 60 days, not that it be rejected at this time by CVFPB. This is the right thing to do right now.**

We attach Restore the Delta's comments on the NOP that is attached to Consent Item 5D for your consideration for your consideration. Consistent with our letter to DWR on the NOP, we ask that the CVFPB use the next 60 days to develop its outreach program to environmental justice communities in the Delta and throughout the Central Valley to ensure that these communities are kept abreast of flood threats and changes to the flood control system that would likely affect their safety, welfare, and health.

In South Stockton, which we recognize is not within the project vicinity of proposed DCP intakes near Courtland (nor is it in the usual channels of through-Delta conveyance), there is a misalignment of levee elevations that directly threatens South Stockton neighborhoods with flooding at much greater risk than elsewhere in the Delta. The south levee along French Creek is several feet higher than the north levee.

We ask that you review and consider our findings on climate equity and seismic resilience which we presented in our report from August 2019. It contains more discussion of Delta levee problems in relation to sea level rise. It is available at [https:// www.restorethedelta.org/climate-equity-and-seismic-resilience-for-the-san-francisco-bay-delta-estuary/](https://www.restorethedelta.org/climate-equity-and-seismic-resilience-for-the-san-francisco-bay-delta-estuary/).

**In our view, DWR seeks to begin a 408 process that is premature in the absence of comprehensive plans for long-term Delta levee protection and mitigation of, and adaptation to, Delta sea level rise.**

Thank you for considering our views on this matter. Sincerely,





Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla Executive Director Restore the Delta

Tim Stroshane Policy Analyst Restore the Delta

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To DWR,

After reading the scope of the EIR, here are some of my thoughts that I would like to give as public comment.

- It seems like the project is moving forward at the Governor's request from the 2019 State of the State address which was more of a political effort to appease both sides of the WaterFix issue, not actually based on data that says a single tunnel conveyance system is the best use of valuable time and resources.
  - The message needs to be framed as "going back to the drawing board and seeing if a single tunnel conveyance system moving 6000 cfs makes sense"
- In the scoping document, it says the proposed Delta Conveyance Project is a new project and is not supplemental to past efforts.
  - As I mentioned above, the message needs to be clear that the EIR is a new one and not borrowing information from the previous unless it's fully redundant. People are going to want to see all new alternatives including a "do-nothing" alternative.
  - People are going to want see data that says the project is the best use of funds and resources instead of storage projects or other water saving/cleaning technology projects
- The scoping document doesn't mentioned anything about the economic impacts that the project will have on the delta during construction and after. Being a new National Heritage area and a budding region for Ag Tourism, a project like this will almost assuredly have a negative economic impact. And this doesn't even include the obvious concern of increased salinity moving through the delta effect irrigation water for farmers and the fragile ecosystem. But I'm sure that part will be covered in the EIR. My point is, All of the environmental impacts, because we are talking about the Delta, all of those have an economic impact as well and I don't see it being covered in the scoping document.

Thank you,

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Rogue Climate traveled to the scoping hearing in Redding from Medford, Oregon to stand with Yurok, Hoopa Valley, Karuk, Pit River, Miwak, and Winneman Wintu tribal members opposing the Delta Water Tunnel which would exacerbate the problems communities across the region are already seeing on our rivers.

When salmon returns are at unprecedented lows, river flows are low, and water temperatures are high, communities suffer. Climate action means protecting the water we do have for communities that depend on them -- not big agriculture and the fossil fuel industry. The Delta Water Tunnel project is not a climate solution.

Your EIR must include the impacts to the Trinity and Klamath Rivers, the communities who depend on the waters & salmon, and how this project would add additional stressors to all of these rivers in the era of the climate crisis.

Your EIR must also include impacts to all of the fisheries up and down the West Coast-- because we know that impacts to one fishery can have far reaching impacts on commercial and indigneous fisheries on our coast.

Also, California must have meaningful consultation with all Tribal Nations impacted by this project. This project must not move forward if any impacted Tribe has said no. Governor Newsom must do what is best for the climate and listen to the indigenous peoples of these lands and stop the Delta Tunnel project for good.

*Rogue Climate was founded in 2013 in the Rogue Valley of Southern Oregon. Our mission is to empower Southern Oregon communities most impacted by climate change, including low-income, rural, youth, and communities of color, to win climate justice by organizing for clean energy, sustainable jobs, and a healthy environment. We do so through leadership development, political education, fostering conversations, and campaigns for policies that benefit our communities over the special interests of the largest corporations. We have a list of over 10,000 people in Oregon and Northern California.*

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The people of California voted, by a good majority, to reject the peripheral canal. How is it that despite the say of the electorate this project keeps moving forward like a zombie. The tunnel is the peripheral canal with dirt on top. Where did you get the authority to move ahead on a project the voters have rejected? Was it just Jerry Brown's ego and a lot of checks signed by big Ag growers that gave birth and continue to push this Frankenstein project? Where is the water going to come from to make this fiasco feasible? The price tag will be double the amount being bantered about, just ask Boston and Seattle how their big digs went. Once the project is started the various water agencies will decry the price of the project and try to push the over run onto the taxpayer. What agencies with any credibility can be trusted to do the due diligence required to get at the truth of the cost and impact on the Delta/Bay? I remember when this first started and there was big talk about "mitigation" of all the problems the peripheral canal would cause and when push came to shove all the agencies that backed the plan had to admit there was no "mitigation" funding. They were doing the bidding of their political masters and lying to the people of the State. This is a project which is not good for the environment or the great mass of Californian's but is a give away to the Resnick's, Gallo's, Westland water district etc.. If it were to have proper oversight it would become clear that a project of this size spread over the time it will take will destroy Delta communities economically and physically. You can't run loaded semi trucks over the levee roads for the time it will take to do this project without destroying towns like Locke and Walnut Grove to name but two. I grew up on a boat in the Delta in the late 50's early 60's and the fish population was estimated by Fish and Game to be 17 million. Today the fish population is estimated at 4 million. How can anyone legitimately concerned about the environmental health of our State not see this huge decline as the "canary in the coal mine"? The bird populations have also plummeted. The agencies trusted to do the right thing have by political appointments, turned a blind eye from the facts, to support this project pushed by politicians and their big donors. The Delta/Bay needs more water to stay healthy as nature designed them to be flushed out every winter to ensure the food cycle continues. This tunnel will only take fresh water and pipe it around the Delta (peripheral canal) while San Joaquin valley's big AG producers will ship back selenium and chemical laced water which will sit in the Delta because of lack of flow and lead to toxic algae and other unhealthy conditions. Do we have to kill off our fish and wildlife so that growers can grow tree crops (which can't be left fallow in drought years) in the desert of the western San Joaquin? Who will honestly do the vetting of facts with a concern for California's environmental health? So far it hasn't been many State Agencies step up to the plate.

1 ~~project, and with that there would be sufficient water.~~  
2 ~~Now, for everyone here, right now there is a~~  
3 ~~pile driver going on Freeport where they're doing the~~  
4 ~~bridge. If you can sit there next to the pile driver~~  
5 ~~for 15 minutes, you would be amazed. It's so~~  
6 ~~unbearable. To think that they're going to do that 24/7~~  
7 ~~is going to destroy this community.~~

8 ~~Thank you.~~

9 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

10 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

11 ~~And just before you start, I have the next~~  
12 ~~three I would like to call up; Sonia Diermayer, Michael~~  
13 ~~Seaman, and Edward Cull.~~

14 **ANNA SWENSON:** My name is Anna Swenson. I  
15 actually sit on the Design Construction Authority  
16 Stakeholder Advisory.

17 So I spend three weeks with these guys --  
18 three hours with guys twice an a month, and I have a  
19 binder that's about this thick of all of the proposed  
20 plans. I'm a little shocked at how bare bones  
21 presentation was because there's a lot more that they  
22 clearly haven't laid out although in a document -- you  
23 know, in a form that is not concrete at this point.

24 So what I would like to request is that you do  
25 a study of how: One, you would replace or compensate

1 for this agrarian lifestyle. You have been here. These  
2 are all our wonderful neighbors. They have all been  
3 here for multi-generations. How will you compensate  
4 them for their loss of the way of life here?

5 I would like to know how you're going to  
6 compensate people for degradation of their wells,  
7 degradation of air quality, degradation of the ability  
8 to pull their crops when they need to because the roads  
9 are clogged with trucks or barges that are coming up the  
10 river.

11 And I have a feeling that if you actually did  
12 the math for that, you would realize that there would be  
13 no way to ever actually compensate these people for what  
14 they're actually going to lose.

15 And so the other thing I would like to say is  
16 that we found a map that is of the Peripheral Canal,  
17 that was made in 1972 by DWR. We have it out in the  
18 hallway, so please take a look. And what we've noticed  
19 is that they are eerily similar. And so I'm very  
20 worried that DWR is basing a very, very expensive plan  
21 based upon an idea that was formed before I was born.

22 And you're saddling my kids who just spoke to  
23 you about how much they love to live here, and how much  
24 they're learning from these people, and how much they're  
25 going to help society by being here, right?

1           How -- you're going to trade a plan from 1972  
2 for that? So I would like you to look into  
3 alternatives. Recycled water is a great alternative.  
4 Being water efficient is a great alternative.

5           I just can't believe that we are here again  
6 talking about the same exact plan, and so I thoroughly  
7 encourage you to look into alternatives, but I would  
8 like to see that analysis of how you are going to  
9 compensate Wendy Heaton when she has to move out of her  
10 beautiful home because you've decided to move her levee  
11 back, where she can't live there anymore, or Barbara  
12 Daly, or any of the other people who live on the levee.

13           It's what you are doing is not fair, and you  
14 couldn't walk into San Francisco or Los Angeles or any  
15 other place and make a decision to plop down a project  
16 and just tell these beautiful people to leave. It's not  
17 right. It's not fair. We voted it down. Before I was  
18 even a voting age it was voted down, and yet here I  
19 stand.

20           So I'm asking you to please look into  
21 alternatives. Dr. Gleick's plan is a great place to  
22 start. The Deep Water Ship Channel, another great place  
23 to start. But the tunnel is not the answer because you  
24 can never replace what you're going to take away. You  
25 can't mitigate it. And we do not want to be a

1 catastrophic result of your misplanning.

2 Now, the final thing I have to say is, I'm  
3 from Chico, and we sat underneath your dam and your dam  
4 failed, and I freaked out for 12 hours wondering whether  
5 or not my son was okay or not because the cell towers  
6 were messed up. Traffic was all one way on 99. And you  
7 know what, you guys have a very poor history of taking  
8 care of infrastructure. You have a very, very poor  
9 history of communicating with the public.

10 What would be different? What would change  
11 with this project? Because you've proven that you can't  
12 take care of your infrastructure. You don't have the  
13 money. So what happens when that aging tunnel sits out  
14 there and these folks are all relying on you to keep  
15 them safe, and 15 minutes later they're told, "you  
16 better get out because a flood is coming."

17 Thank you for your time. Thanks.

18 ~~—(Audience clapping.)~~

19 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Sonia Diermayer.~~

20 ~~SONIA DIERMAYER: Good evening. My name is~~  
21 ~~Sonia Diermayer. I'm here from Oakland to help support~~  
22 ~~the Delta. I treasure this Delta as being the connector~~  
23 ~~of all the California geographies that I love from the~~  
24 ~~Sierra snow fields, the foothills, the rivers, the San~~  
25 ~~Francisco bay, and the Pacific Ocean, and the Delta~~

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1 ~~run. And it's all running down the driveways and what~~  
2 ~~have you." And that was during the peak of our draught.~~

3 ~~And he said, "I went out there and talked to~~  
4 ~~them about the drought. And they didn't know what I was~~  
5 ~~talking about. What do you mean there's a drought in~~  
6 ~~Northern California, why would we care?"~~

7 ~~Well, the bottom line here is, who said we owe~~  
8 ~~it to Southern California to provide their water if they~~  
9 ~~were stupid enough to build a house in the desert where~~  
10 ~~there wasn't any.~~

11 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

12 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

13 ~~You can pull that, yeah.~~

14 **PETER ANDERSON:** My name is Peter Anderson.  
15 I'm a reasonably short timer in Clarksburg, only  
16 25 years. My wife, her family settled here in the  
17 1800s. The house I live in is one of the few homes that  
18 actually sits on top of the levee here in the Clarksburg  
19 area, and that across the river was a proposed site of  
20 one of the intake structures of the original previous  
21 proposal.

22 And as it was mentioned about the dewatering,  
23 yes, I'm absolutely positive that if the project was  
24 constructed outside of my front door, that my home would  
25 not be inhabitable. There would be no water available.

1           But also, what was mentioned, you know, about  
2 pile driving, I have worked in -- I'm a civil engineer.  
3 I've worked in construction. I have worked around pile  
4 driving where -- you know, for an eight-hour day I was  
5 watching pile driving, and at the end of the day, it's  
6 stressful. But to have it go 24/7, yeah, that's not --  
7 you can't live near that.

8           In addition, since my house is nearly a  
9 hundred years old, like many of the homes here in  
10 Clarksburg area, they're built -- the construction is  
11 lath and plaster. It's not drywall. And that the  
12 vibrations that will occur during that time period will  
13 literally disintegrate the connection of the lath and  
14 the plaster. And that a large cracking will occur, if  
15 not the entire walls. Ceilings will crumble during that  
16 construction period making, once again, homes  
17 uninhabitable.

18           So that's the biggest concern here is that, as  
19 I am now in my -- entering retirement, that over ten  
20 years I expect my home to appreciate a little bit in  
21 value. And that would help me in my retirement in terms  
22 of a portfolio that will allow me to live my golden  
23 years comfortably.

24           But if my home becomes of no value, you have  
25 just put a huge impact on how I'm going to live the last



1 years of my life.

2 Thank you.

3 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you very much.~~

4 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

5 ~~I would like to thank everyone for coming, for~~

6 ~~your very thoughtful comments. We appreciate the time~~

7 ~~that you took out tonight.~~

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9 ~~(Whereupon proceedings were concluded at 8:10 p.m.)~~

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1 ~~three quarters of a mile from the edge of the project~~  
2 ~~zone, well into this place where we sit today.~~

3 ~~There must be analysis on how the dewatering~~  
4 ~~of those wells and the taking out of water would~~  
5 ~~diminish, restrict, or maybe quash entirely our ability~~  
6 ~~to meet the first part of our mission, which is fire~~  
7 ~~suppression.~~

8 ~~Lastly, you were going to draw on natural~~  
9 ~~resources -- excuse me, utility resources such as~~  
10 ~~electric and gas consumption. We use those as well.~~  
11 ~~And your use of those utilities must be analyzed in~~  
12 ~~connection with our mission and how we provide what we~~  
13 ~~do. And we expect to see all of those comments and list~~  
14 ~~those analytical components as part of your report.~~

15 ~~Thank you very much.~~

16 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

17 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

18 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Amanda Beck is next. And~~  
19 ~~then after that, I've got Barbara Daly, Anna Swenson,~~  
20 ~~and Dan Whaley.~~

21 ~~So if you could get ready.~~

22 **AMANDA BECK:** Hi, my name is Amanda Beck, and  
23 I'm a resident of Clarksburg. I'm here representing the  
24 **Board of Friends of Clarksburg Services & Recreation.**  
25 I'm the chair of that board.

1           So we're a nonprofit organization formed in  
2           Clarksburg to establish a regional recreation area for  
3           the North Delta. That's including a park and an aquatic  
4           center.

5           The board I represent expects to work with our  
6           region to establish a community service district to  
7           support ongoing operation of the regional recreational  
8           facility. So that facility is expected to be used by  
9           children associated with the school. It's expected to  
10          be on the property that we are sitting on now. It's  
11          about 13.1 acres of land owned by the school district.  
12          We've got general support from the district to do that  
13          work. We're in master planning right now for that  
14          project.

15          So my request and the board's request is that  
16          the impacts to the plan facility be addressed. The  
17          project expects to be built about the same time that the  
18          construction of this project could occur and then be  
19          operational during the period that you will still be in  
20          construction.

21          So impacts addressed should include the noise  
22          impacts to people using that recreational facility, the  
23          traffic impacts to people trying to get here and use  
24          those facilities, air impacts such as hazardous air  
25          pollutants, and their impacts on the children and the

1 sensitive folks that will be using those resources,  
2 sensitive populations, and then, of course, on the  
3 public services that are in this community.

4 So we want to make sure that those impacts are  
5 addressed fully in the EIR and that they're mitigated  
6 and adequately funded.

7 So thank you. Thank you for listening to me.  
8 I appreciate it.

9 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

10 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

11 ~~BARBARA DALY: Hello. My name is Barbara~~  
12 ~~Daly, and I live and I work at the Delta. I live near~~  
13 ~~Clarksburg, and I work out of Walnut Grove. I addressed~~  
14 ~~you at the last meeting in Walnut Grove, and I have some~~  
15 ~~of the same things to say a little bit differently, and~~  
16 ~~I will make some other written comments.~~

17 ~~In the opening comments, you state that the~~  
18 ~~project would be consistent with the State Water~~  
19 ~~Resilience Portfolio, and you listed many objectives of~~  
20 ~~the project, but the most important objective was not~~  
21 ~~shown in your opening presentation. And we request that~~  
22 ~~you add this as an objective or actually a goal to your~~  
23 ~~current list, if you would.~~

24 ~~To explain, the California State Legislature~~  
25 ~~established the Delta Reform Act in 2009, which created~~

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1           ~~Climate change has made the situation worse.~~  
2 ~~Instead of wasting money on environmental analysis of~~  
3 ~~what, quite frankly, is an ill-conceived disastrous~~  
4 ~~project, the state should acknowledge the tunnel project~~  
5 ~~is bad news for California. The best way to scope the~~  
6 ~~tunnel project is to scrap it. The no project~~  
7 ~~alternative is the correct answer.~~

8           ~~Thank you.~~

9           ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

10          ~~JANET BARBIERI: Mr. Cull?~~

11          ~~And before you start, I just want to call the~~  
12 ~~next three; Bob Saunders, Michael DiMartino, and Marilyn~~  
13 ~~Gill.~~

14          ~~Go ahead.~~

15           EDWARD CULL: Good evening. Edward Cull,  
16 long-time resident of Clarksburg. 50 years.

17           There we go. That's better. Okay. Yeah,  
18 long-time resident of Clarksburg for 50 years. I work  
19 for DGS, Department of General Services, downtown as a  
20 stationary engineer. I know a little bit about water.  
21 I got 4 million gallons of 39-degree water sitting out  
22 on my window every night at work.

23           You know, I was thinking about this when I  
24 heard it was coming up just last night. I got one of  
25 our youngins ran it up to the door and said there was a

1 meeting here tonight.

2           And there was a guy, I can't think of his name  
3 offhand, his last name is Bhargavaj. He's the creator  
4 of five-hour energy, and I was reading a thing on him.  
5 And if you Google Billions of Change, Billions and  
6 Change, a YouTube video, he has helped millions of  
7 people and mostly out of the country because of the --  
8 all the red tape in Africa and Asia with clean, healthy  
9 drinking water to millions of poor people without  
10 access.

11           One of the engineers that he's hired are  
12 engineers developed natural draft barges with  
13 desalination skids on them to be placed in the ocean,  
14 and they're very efficient. A lot of the equipment  
15 could be run on solar.

16           And I was thinking, geez, we put these in the  
17 Monterey Bay, it's less than 50 miles to the San Luis  
18 Reservoir, there's not a lot of stuff in the way  
19 topography wise. And then all we got to do is pour just  
20 a few feet right under the 5, keep the aqueduct full  
21 during the lean years, LA gets their water. During the  
22 heavy years we can branch off the aqueduct, keep the  
23 aquifers filled in the San Joaquin Valley where  
24 everything is getting sunk under. It's just an idea.

25           But I love this community, and I don't think



1 it's a good idea. I think there's cheaper ways to go  
2 about it. So just throwing that out there.

3 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

4 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Great. Thank you.~~

5 ~~Bob?~~

6 ~~BOB SAUNDERS: Good evening, everybody. My~~  
7 ~~name is Bob Saunders. I have been an activist and a~~  
8 ~~water protector for a long time. I'm with the Watershed~~  
9 ~~Project where we're -- this year we launched our Water~~  
10 ~~Protective Tour 2020 with my friend Michael DiMartino~~  
11 ~~who I met on Earth Day. It was a fortuitous meeting.~~

12 ~~I can't believe we are here still talking~~  
13 ~~about this. I kind of feel that we should have learned~~  
14 ~~something years ago from Hollywood's movie Chinatown.~~  
15 ~~Because essentially, here we are once again about the~~  
16 ~~transference of the people's water to wealthy~~  
17 ~~agribusiness growers like the residents and other people~~  
18 ~~like that who ship a large portion of their products to~~  
19 ~~other countries.~~

20 ~~And in the sense, like everything else, it~~  
21 ~~seems like the burden of everything we deal with is~~  
22 ~~always put upon the people. When we had a draught,~~  
23 ~~everything was put on the shoulders of the people. We~~  
24 ~~had to conserve -- those of us who -- the people who use~~  
25 ~~20 percent of the water, but 80 percent of the water~~

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~~1 and Henry Co.~~

~~2 Please proceed.~~

3 **MOLLY CULTON**: Good evening. I am Molly  
4 Culton with Sierra Club California here to urge you to  
5 thoroughly consider a no tunnel alternative. The  
6 proposed project, unfortunately, is currently being  
7 considered in a vacuum, but there is a larger context.

8 The state currently has numerous regulatory  
9 programs to improve air quality and water quality in low  
10 income and disadvantaged communities, reduce the state's  
11 energy footprint and greenhouse gas emissions, and  
12 reinvigorate California's biodiversity. The proposed  
13 project is antithetical to those programs.

14 During and post construction, this project,  
15 whether operated to take 3,000 csf, 6,000 csf, or  
16 7,500 cubic feet per second of desperately needed fresh  
17 water from the Delta ecosystem and its residents will  
18 worsen the air and water quality for Delta communities,  
19 increase the state's energy footprint as it facilitates  
20 more Delta exports and decimate much of the state's  
21 biodiversity, including among others, Sandhill cranes.

22 So we ask that the EIR thoroughly consider a  
23 no tunnel alternative that analyses the state's use of  
24 an investment in local programs and projects relating to  
25 water conservation and efficiency measures, along with

1 others, that achieve the same water reliability goals as  
2 the proposed project, as well as state investment in  
3 restoring and strengthening existing Delta levees and  
4 infrastructure.

5 All of these projects are less environmentally  
6 destructive, and restoring of existing levees, along  
7 with increasing fresh water flows in the Delta, will  
8 both mitigate damage from seismic activities and impacts  
9 of salt water intrusion.

10 But regardless of whether the tunnel is built  
11 or not, the state needs to fix the levees. The  
12 livelihood of Delta communities and the quality of the  
13 Delta ecosystem depend on it.

14 Thank you.

15 ~~-(Audience clapping.)~~

16 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

17 ~~Mr. Durbin?~~

18 ~~JEFF DURBIN: Hi, my name is Jeff Durbin. I'm~~  
19 ~~a life-long boater and fisherman of the Sacramento~~  
20 ~~American Rivers. I've always been concerned about our~~  
21 ~~Earth, including our air and our water, that, of course,~~  
22 ~~includes our fish habitats.~~

23 ~~I'm also a diver. I've participated in many~~  
24 ~~America River clean-up days, including one as a diver.~~  
25 ~~I believe that increasing conservation everywhere and~~

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1 ~~So let's stop putting these people at risk.~~  
2 ~~Let's stop having these people pay for correcting your~~  
3 ~~mistakes. It's time that you be held accountable. The~~  
4 ~~Department of Water Resources is not even a cabinet~~  
5 ~~member, it's only a department. But you've never been~~  
6 ~~held accountable for one thing as of yet.~~

7 ~~So I'm saying to these people and I have been~~  
8 ~~involved -- we got \$120 million for the Delta levees~~  
9 ~~when you guys didn't want to put up any money. I showed~~  
10 ~~that you were, you know, hiding money. I did all of~~  
11 ~~that. We had hearings.~~

12 ~~Right now, I'm telling, you we don't need this~~  
13 ~~-- this is tunnel vision. We don't need this project,~~  
14 ~~and there is no way you are going to justify it as long~~  
15 ~~as I'm breathing.~~

16 ~~Thank you.~~

17 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

18 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

19 ~~Ms. Dahlberg, just before you start, I'm going~~  
20 ~~to call out the next folks.~~

21 ~~So Clarence Koi, Tom Wallace, and Molly~~  
22 ~~Culton, if you could get ready.~~

23 ~~And please proceed.~~

24 **TRESSA DAHLBERG:** Yes. Hello, I'm Tressa  
25 Connor Dahlberg, and I'm also representing **North Delta**

1 Cares, and I'm a member of the Sacramento -- I should  
2 say the California Delta Chamber. Thank you.

3 So I am actually rereading a statement that  
4 was done -- to my husband and I did in 2016 because  
5 really nothing has changed. So as I said, my name is  
6 Tressa Dahlberg, and I live just south of Clarksburg on  
7 Merritt Island on our families farm, and we're -- my  
8 husband and I are both six-generation residents of the  
9 California Delta.

10 Our concerns involve the dewatering or  
11 lowering of the groundwater surrounding each intake  
12 structure, during construction and how that will effect  
13 our water supply, wells, farmland community, and way of  
14 life.

15 The scope describes the lowering of the  
16 groundwater 30 feet to accommodate construction. It  
17 calls for a dewatering within a one mile radius,  
18 installing pumps at approximately 75 feet apart within  
19 that radius and treating that water prior to returning  
20 it to the river.

21 That would mean there would be around 4,956  
22 pumps to dewater the groundwater, including a treatment  
23 facility on each side of the river. Infrastructure  
24 would need to be built to support those pumps,  
25 electrical power supply, piping system to a central

1 treatment facility, etcetera.

2 Thus eliminating all farming in the area,  
3 including the land outside the boundary that would be  
4 affected from the infrastructure and pumps.

5 Water treatment plants on both sides of the  
6 river at each site would be needed to treat that water  
7 being pumped. I believe that in my area, the water  
8 table is only about five to ten feet below the surface.  
9 To pump down one foot of water in one acre is  
10 325,858 gallons. One acre foot. In one square mile,  
11 640 acres. One foot of water is 209 million gallons or  
12 642 acre feet.

13 A 30 foot drop in groundwater would equate to  
14 6.27 billion gallons or 19,200 acre feet. This would be  
15 for each construction site where pumps would be  
16 installed for the tunnels or tunnel.

17 Is this just another way to pump more water  
18 south for at least ten years while they're building the  
19 tunnel?

20 Presuming that there will be a continual  
21 groundwater -- continued to come in from outside the  
22 target area, the total number would double and could  
23 easily triple. On our land, which is only ten feet  
24 above sea level, it may never completely dewater.  
25 Underground rivers could flow into the area for years.



1           If a water treatment facility is constructed  
2 and it can process 15 million gallons a day, then this  
3 operation would need to run 24/7 for over two years or  
4 more before the target 30 feet of groundwater reduction  
5 might be achieved.

6           Then when the treated water is returned back  
7 to the river, whose flows can range widely from season  
8 to season, it would greatly increase the percolation  
9 back into the groundwater. The river water in turn  
10 supplies the water table. These are areas where the  
11 impact has never been fully addressed.

12           Are you willing to put your signature on this,  
13 to be responsible for ruining an entire Delta ecosystem,  
14 thousands of families' livelihoods, historic buildings,  
15 and tens of thousands of acres of prime farmland for  
16 some corporate farms that grow crops in an already  
17 questionable area?

18           Due to high salts and minerals in the soil,  
19 the Delta's already having too much water pumped out of  
20 it, which has already adversely affected the region for  
21 years.

22           Anyway, my last little statement is, the  
23 tunnels would not generate any extra water south -- for  
24 supply for the south. It only loses drop stream. This  
25 project is not a good solution as a reliable source for

1 the south.

2 Thank you for your listening.

3 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

4 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

5 ~~You can tip that down if you want.~~

6 ~~CLARENCE KOI: Clarence Koi, and I am a member~~  
7 ~~of the Sierra Club.~~

8 ~~Each year three quarters of the water that~~  
9 ~~flows into the Delta, flows out through the Carquinez~~  
10 ~~Straits. Only a quarter of that water that flows into~~  
11 ~~the Delta is sent south. So we have a great source of~~  
12 ~~fresh water that is now going out to San Joaquin -- out~~  
13 ~~of the Carquinez Straits.~~

14 ~~This problem was solved in 1929 by the~~  
15 ~~Division of Water Resources, which proposed a salt water~~  
16 ~~barrier one-and-a-half miles above Vallejo in the~~  
17 ~~Carquinez Straits. This is in Bulletin 22, Division of~~  
18 ~~Water Resources.~~

19 ~~This barrier was never built because as a~~  
20 ~~second part of the water plan, it was considered that~~  
21 ~~the dams that had yet to be built -- Shasta, Oroville,~~  
22 ~~so forth -- would supply sufficient water to flush the~~  
23 ~~salt water out, just by a lot of fresh water flow.~~

24 ~~That's still the way we do it today.~~

25 ~~In those days they said, "why not put a salt~~

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1 ~~sensitive folks that will be using those resources,~~  
2 ~~sensitive populations, and then, of course, on the~~  
3 ~~public services that are in this community.~~

4 ~~So we want to make sure that those impacts are~~  
5 ~~addressed fully in the EIR and that they're mitigated~~  
6 ~~and adequately funded.~~

7 ~~So thank you. Thank you for listening to me.~~  
8 ~~I appreciate it.~~

9 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

10 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

11 **BARBARA DALY:** Hello. My name is Barbara  
12 Daly, and I live and I work at the Delta. I live near  
13 Clarksburg, and I work out of Walnut Grove. I addressed  
14 you at the last meeting in Walnut Grove, and I have some  
15 of the same things to say a little bit differently, and  
16 I will make some other written comments.

17 In the opening comments, you state that the  
18 project would be consistent with the State Water  
19 Resilience Portfolio, and you listed many objectives of  
20 the project, but the most important objective was not  
21 shown in your opening presentation. And we request that  
22 you add this as an objective or actually a goal to your  
23 current list, if you would.

24 To explain, the California State Legislature  
25 established the Delta Reform Act in 2009, which created

1 the coequal goals of providing a more reliable water  
2 supply for California and protecting, restoring, and  
3 enhancing the Delta ecosystem.

4           The Reform Act also states -- and this has not  
5 been changed or altered since then, this is in law --  
6 that these coequal goals, these are goals, shall be  
7 achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the  
8 unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and  
9 agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place.  
10 This is California Water Code 585054. We request that  
11 you put these into your goals.

12           So to sum it up, we ask that you shelve this  
13 project and look at better alternatives that will solve  
14 the coequal goals presented to the state by the  
15 legislature in 2009. A single tunnel is not viable no  
16 matter how much you dress it up. It's too expensive.

17           We've asked from the beginning -- as I  
18 remember asking Phil Isenberg this question in 2010,  
19 when he was the Chair of the Delta Stewardship  
20 Council -- who's going to pay for this? His answer was,  
21 the stakeholders. The question really remains  
22 unanswered today, and the construction costs are rising.

23           This tunnel does not serve the entire state.  
24 It does not serve the Delta. Taking more water will  
25 destroy the largest estuary on the West Coast of the

1 Americas. Harmful Algae Blooms are already overtaking  
2 the waterways and sloughs, and the state's answer to  
3 this is to spray more Round-Up on them.

4 The World Health Organization found that  
5 Round-Up causes cancer. That means our state agencies  
6 are spraying cancer causing chemicals into our drinking  
7 water supply that's going to Southern California. Do  
8 they know that?

9 Taking more water will cause more tendency  
10 towards these types of invasive species. Disposing of  
11 millions of tons of polluted tunnel muck that is mixed  
12 with chemicals and putting it anywhere in this Delta  
13 estuary is not acceptable for the people or the animals.

14 The tradeoff of agriculture in one part of  
15 California for agriculture in another area is a poor  
16 plan. A better way would be to encourage drip  
17 irrigation throughout agriculture in California.

18 Dr. Peter Gleick from the Pacific Institute  
19 did a study in 2009, and he reported that if farmers in  
20 California would use drip irrigation on their crops when  
21 appropriate, we would save enough water to fill Hetch  
22 Hetchy Reservoir 16 times a year with the water that is  
23 saved. The gas wells in the Delta are numerous in the  
24 path of the tunnel. Dodging them will be impossible.

25 And finally, the noise and air pollution,

1 construction impacts, bridge and road transportation  
2 issues are immense. The problems in warning in the last  
3 EIR that we will abandon our homes and buildings is  
4 already creating inverse condemnation here for us who  
5 live in the Delta.

6 This intake -- these intakes and one tunnel  
7 project do not protect and enhance the Delta's unique  
8 cultural, recreational, natural resource, and  
9 agriculture values of the Delta.

10 We request that you look at other ways,  
11 alternatives to one tunnel to create a reliable water  
12 supply for all of California, and we will put those in  
13 an expanded written form.

14 Thank you.

15 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Great. Thank you.~~

16 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

17 ~~DAN WHALEY: Good evening, everyone. My name~~

18 ~~is Dan Whaley. I'm a resident of Sutter Island and a~~

19 ~~business in the Hood. I would just like to thank~~

20 ~~everyone in this crowd for coming out here because we~~

21 ~~know that DWR is disingenuous in this scoping process.~~

22 ~~But by us being here and raising our voices,~~

23 ~~we are going to have to fight it again, just like we~~

24 ~~fought (as spoken) it before, but it gives us hope that~~

25 ~~we have something that we can hold onto.~~

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1 ~~catastrophic result of your misplanning.~~

2 ~~Now, the final thing I have to say is, I'm~~  
3 ~~from Chico, and we sat underneath your dam and your dam~~  
4 ~~failed, and I freaked out for 12 hours wondering whether~~  
5 ~~or not my son was okay or not because the cell towers~~  
6 ~~were messed up. Traffic was all one way on 99. And you~~  
7 ~~know what, you guys have a very poor history of taking~~  
8 ~~care of infrastructure. You have a very, very poor~~  
9 ~~history of communicating with the public.~~

10 ~~What would be different? What would change~~  
11 ~~with this project? Because you've proven that you can't~~  
12 ~~take care of your infrastructure. You don't have the~~  
13 ~~money. So what happens when that aging tunnel sits out~~  
14 ~~there and these folks are all relying on you to keep~~  
15 ~~them safe, and 15 minutes later they're told, "you~~  
16 ~~better get out because a flood is coming."~~

17 ~~Thank you for your time. Thanks.~~

18 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

19 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Sonia Diermayer.~~

20 **SONIA DIERMAYER:** Good evening. My name is  
21 Sonia Diermayer. I'm here from Oakland to help support  
22 the Delta. I treasure this Delta as being the connector  
23 of all the California geographies that I love from the  
24 Sierra snow fields, the foothills, the rivers, the San  
25 Francisco bay, and the Pacific Ocean, and the Delta

1 plays a role in all of those areas.

2           And it is under onslaught from the Trump  
3 Administration's fake science to allow more pumping,  
4 from Governor Newsom's sad insistence that water  
5 agencies will voluntarily leave more water in the rivers  
6 for healthy flow in the tributaries, and from crazy --  
7 the crazy idea of making permanent the water  
8 contractor's contracts with no mitigations or  
9 environmental studies.

10           Each of these actions individually are a  
11 terrible blow to Delta in flows and outflows, and the  
12 governor's tunnel will simply be the last straw.

13           We have hit peak water, and many of these  
14 wonderful people have said the same thing. There is no  
15 new water, and no billions of dollars that you invest  
16 will change that. But you do seem to be -- your  
17 governor seems to be determined to go ahead with this  
18 destructive project, and so this Scoping Meeting is the  
19 first step.

20           We're wasting time and taxpayer funds, and the  
21 smelt has no more time. We're out of time to help save  
22 the smelt. But I do formally request, since we are  
23 doing this, I do formally request that you analyze  
24 alternatives that would increase Delta outflows and  
25 reduce exports. That you analyze conservation

1 efficiency and the demand reduction measures that are  
2 already happening up and down the state, and if we  
3 project them into the future, they would probably make  
4 this project completely obsolete.

5           The EIR needs to analyze, as you've also heard  
6 from others, the project's consistency with reduced  
7 reliance on the Delta. And you need to base the EIR on  
8 a real cost, real engineering, and real science. So the  
9 costs of the damage to the environment, the businesses,  
10 the cultural and historical integrity of these Delta  
11 communities, and the science needs to be peer reviewed  
12 and come from reputable scientists that are independent  
13 of political pressure.

14           The analysis of tunnel alternatives should  
15 address the many questions that were raised about  
16 WaterFix regarding the engineering and such as the  
17 ability of the tunnels to survive major earthquakes.

18           It needs to show -- the EIR needs to show how  
19 the tunnel will reduce -- I just said that, sorry --  
20 needs to show how the tunnel will address increase in  
21 salinity and deal with problems of algae proliferation.

22           It's a bad idea. It was a bad idea. It still  
23 is and it will be, and I'm sorry that we are wasting  
24 your time, and your wasting our time with this recycled  
25 proposal.

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1 ~~will increase.~~

2 ~~The tunnel project was a bad idea when they~~  
3 ~~called it the Peripheral Canal. It was a bad idea when~~  
4 ~~it was the Twin Tunnels. It's a bad idea for a single~~  
5 ~~tunnel. And if anybody wants to come back to do half a~~  
6 ~~tunnel, it will be a bad idea with then. We don't need~~  
7 ~~it. We don't want it.~~

8 ~~And there are far better ways of doing what's~~  
9 ~~necessary, looking towards a future, than to disrupt the~~  
10 ~~life, and the culture, and the history, and the many~~  
11 ~~people who rely on the existence of the tunnel and the~~  
12 ~~way it is. We need to leave it alone.~~

13 ~~Thank you.~~

14 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

15 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

16 **Michael DiMartino.** I did get one other card.  
17 So I just wanted to prepare Marilyn Gill and Peter  
18 Anderson.

19 So please proceed.

20 MICHAEL DIMARTINO: So I'm going to face this  
21 way because I don't need to face this way because you're  
22 the people that are going to make the difference, and I  
23 don't mean to be disrespectful at all.

24 How many of you are for the tunnel?

25 Wow, yeah, my name is Michael DiMartino. I'm

1 the co-founder of the Alliance for Resilient  
2 Communities, and I'm also the predirector of Golden Road  
3 Productions. I've produced thousands of events all over  
4 the world. I am completely involved in journalism and  
5 media and I have an online radio TV show and podcast  
6 that reaches thousands of people throughout the  
7 Sacramento River Basin. And because I'm here tonight,  
8 now I know why I spent nine years building this regional  
9 network throughout the Sacramento River Basin Watershed.  
10 It's to protect our water.

11           Okay. I want to start out by telling you that  
12 water is a human right. It is not a commodity to be  
13 brokered by decision makers behind closed doors.  
14 Second -- and that's in the Human Bill of Rights in the  
15 United Nations, by the way. I didn't make that up.

16           Two, nothing is going to change no matter what  
17 you say unless it's political will behind it. The  
18 solutions are infinite, but it takes political will and  
19 it takes pressure by the people on the decision makers  
20 to get the will to make the right choice. We can't  
21 change minds, but we can change hearts.

22           Because what will happen with this Delta  
23 tunnel will affect the quality of life in Northern  
24 California, the Central Valley. Not just for us, but  
25 for generations to come, and innovation is a solution.

1           We're looking at old designs. We're looking  
2 at old broken systems. Look at Oroville Dam. Look at  
3 all the things that are happening all around the world  
4 with the crumbling infrastructure. We're living in an  
5 old design.

6           There is a new innovative consciousness that's  
7 happening whether it's permaculture, sustainable energy  
8 that has the solutions. We don't have to recreate a  
9 wheel.

10           So really quick, I'm here to talk about  
11 environmental toxins, the pesticides, the herbicides,  
12 the lowering of EPA standards that are affecting all of  
13 our health as we sit here. Like Barbara Daly mentioned  
14 about the use of Round-Up and glyphosate. It's  
15 happening in our own backyards, you guys.

16           About mismanagement, aglae blooms, dams,  
17 Oroville, fracking, pollution, and I will say right now,  
18 the effect of what happens to the pollinators in the  
19 Delta, you still want to be able to produce food and  
20 have food security. Well, tonight is the night you draw  
21 the line in the sand, and you say, "you know what, I  
22 want food security, and I want a healthy future for my  
23 children." It's that simple.

24           Okay. The third thing I'm talking about is  
25 privatization like Bob Saunders talked about,

1 mismanagement. Come on. The (inaudible) want the water  
2 for misdevelopment, for inappropriate development  
3 throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

4 Let's talk about poor agricultural systems and  
5 the 4 to \$5 billion oiligarchy of the Resnicks and the  
6 almond orchards that use ancient and archaic practices  
7 to grow almonds throughout the area. Most of the food  
8 and the water is not even going to benefit our region.

9 Let's look at a few other things like the in  
10 the interest of a few dominating the will of many. How  
11 many of you here are for the tunnel?

12 Well, it's pretty transparent and visible to  
13 me of what's really going on here. Okay. Let's look at  
14 the reality of profit over people. This has got to  
15 stop.

16 I live in Nevada City, and you know what? I  
17 dedicated the last two years of my life to putting  
18 together this magazine called the Water Protector  
19 Magazine that outlines the 12 counties in the Sacramento  
20 River Basin, the issues, the solutions, and who we are  
21 holding accountable for the bad policies and decisions.

22 It's time for them to come out from behind the  
23 decision making, behind closed doors and to be seen and  
24 to be held accountable.

25 Okay. Lastly, I just want to state, I'm also



1 working with Crystal Geyser, battling a half a billion  
2 bottles of water up on Mount Shasta. That affects the  
3 Delta. It's not just their problem over there. This is  
4 a watershed. Shasta Dam, the remediation of Paradise,  
5 and all the toxins that are being dumped into your water  
6 here.

7 JANET BARBIERI: Thank you, Mr. DiMartino.

8 MICHAEL DIMARTINO: So thank you very much.  
9 Check our Water Protector Tour. We are doing over 50  
10 events this spring and summer. Come and join the  
11 movement. Let your voice be heard.

12 (~~Audience clapping.~~)

13 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

14 ~~So Ms. Gill and Mr. Anderson.~~

15 ~~MARILYN GILL: You can be delighted that this~~  
16 ~~will be short. I didn't come tonight to say something,~~  
17 ~~but I moved back to this community having -- 22 years~~  
18 ~~ago -- having been raised here in a home on the street~~  
19 ~~that backs the schoolyard. My parents moved into that~~  
20 ~~house they built when I was six months old, and so that~~  
21 ~~means it's almost 83 years ago.~~

22 ~~I spent hours going to worthless meetings~~  
23 ~~several years ago when we were talking about the~~  
24 ~~tunnels. I was mortified to discover that many of the~~  
25 ~~people on those committees didn't live here, didn't have~~

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1 ~~can use to contact us.~~

2 ~~I think that is the end.~~

3 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Okay. Great. Before we get~~  
4 ~~started with questions, I just wanted to take a moment~~  
5 ~~to recognize Yolo County Supervisor, Oscar Villegas, who~~  
6 ~~came to the meeting. So thank you very much, Sir, for~~  
7 ~~coming.~~

8 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

9 ~~JANET BARBIERI: And so we are going to do~~  
10 ~~some clarifying questions now. Again, we do want to~~  
11 ~~preserve as much time as we can for the comments, but if~~  
12 ~~you have any questions about the presentation that you~~  
13 ~~just heard or about anything that you read in the NOP,~~  
14 ~~now would be the time to do that.~~

15 ~~We want to spend about five or ten minutes at~~  
16 ~~the most so that we can maximize our comment time, but~~  
17 ~~please feel -- and once we get to comments, I'll call~~  
18 ~~you up. But if you have a question, just feel free to~~  
19 ~~come up and we'll go ahead and do that for a few~~  
20 ~~minutes.~~

21 ~~And please speak right into that mic so we can~~  
22 ~~make sure we can hear it.~~

23 **JEFF DURBIN:** Hi, my name is Jeff Durbin. I  
24 attended the first Scoping Meeting February 3rd in  
25 Sacramento. About two days later the Governor had an Op

1 Ed that he said the Governor proposes new plan for  
2 managing water. It looked like it actually was, but I  
3 couldn't find anymore information on details. My  
4 initial question February 3rd was, is the Folsom Dam,  
5 the reservoir where they're raising the reservoir and  
6 Shasta Dam, are they including this in the plan?

7 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So are you asking about  
8 whether they are included as parts of the Delta  
9 Conveyance Plan?

10 JEFF DURBIN: Well, it seems to be part of the  
11 whole program, and I couldn't find anything that really  
12 addresses it. Yes. They just broke ground, and I just  
13 wanted to know that they are including this in all the  
14 calculations and everything -- anything been updated or  
15 --

16 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So I think -- so there are  
17 sort of two efforts going on, and I think you may be  
18 think about the Water Resilience Portfolio. Because the  
19 Water Resilience Portfolio is not my main focus, I'm not  
20 sure about the specifics of how Folsom and Shasta were  
21 incorporated in that.

22 In terms of whether they would be incorporated  
23 in the EIR, at this point we are really looking for  
24 scoping comments. So it would really be helpful if you  
25 would submit how you think they should be included in

1 the cumulative effects analysis, that would be a really  
2 helpful scoping comment.

3 JEFF DURBIN: Okay. Do you know if the  
4 Governor's new plan is newer than February 3rd, or is  
5 that just a reiteration of the single tunnel?

6 CARRIE BUCKMAN: No, I don't think so.

7 JEFF DURBIN: Okay. Thank you.

8 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Other questions?~~

~~9 PATRICK PORGANS: I'm Patrick Porgans, Porgans  
10 & Associates. I'm looking at your handout here, and  
11 number 12 -- it looks like it's on page 3 -- it makes  
12 reference to a goal of modernizing the conveyance system  
13 in the Delta. I would like to know what conveyance  
14 system we are talking about that's going to be  
15 modernized, which one is that?~~

~~16 I'd be mindful, I have 45 years involved in  
17 the water here, so I would like to know what conveyance  
18 system you are modernizing in the Delta.~~

~~19 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So the question and answer is  
20 referring to the State Water Project Conveyance System?~~

~~21 PATRICK PORGANS: Right.~~

~~22 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So it's referring to the  
23 system of diverting water from the Delta and conveying  
24 it through the California aqueduct.~~

~~25 PATRICK PORGANS: I got that part, but you are~~

~~1 others, that achieve the same water reliability goals as  
2 the proposed project, as well as state investment in  
3 restoring and strengthening existing Delta levees and  
4 infrastructure.~~

~~5 All of these projects are less environmentally  
6 destructive, and restoring of existing levees, along  
7 with increasing fresh water flows in the Delta, will  
8 both mitigate damage from seismic activities and impacts  
9 of salt water intrusion.~~

~~10 But regardless of whether the tunnel is built  
11 or not, the state needs to fix the levees. The  
12 livelihood of Delta communities and the quality of the  
13 Delta ecosystem depend on it.~~

~~14 Thank you.~~

~~15 (Audience clapping.)~~

~~16 JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

~~17 Mr. Durbin?~~

18 **JEFF DURBIN:** Hi, my name is Jeff Durbin. I'm  
19 a life-long boater and fisherman of the Sacramento  
20 American Rivers. I've always been concerned about our  
21 Earth, including our air and our water, that, of course,  
22 includes our fish habitats.

23 I'm also a diver. I've participated in many  
24 America River clean-up days, including one as a diver.  
25 I believe that increasing conservation everywhere and

1 everyone involved doing better water management,  
2 including better farming strategies, potential  
3 desalination projects, the increased capacity and  
4 storage potential coming from the raising of the Folsom  
5 Dam, and Shasta, those four projects could be enough.

6 Projects in West Sacramento along the river  
7 where they did four cuts into the levee and moved them  
8 out wider to strengthen them and did more flow capacity  
9 when the river could swell.

10 For example, the place where I ran my boat  
11 around last year when the coast guard failed to mark the  
12 known coming hazard when the river flows increased. I  
13 caught many salmon and stripers in the Sacramento River  
14 in the sloughs.

15 I spoke at the first meeting on February 3rd,  
16 a couple weeks ago about this -- for the single tunnel  
17 6,000 cfm proposition with two large intakes. I agreed  
18 with many of the speakers and many Native American  
19 Indians and many other well-spoken individuals and group  
20 representatives that were concerned about the future  
21 problems the tunnel will pose to our rivers and streams,  
22 above and below the tunnel intakes proposed.

23 I think that the conservation and other  
24 efforts could avoid the desecration of the Delta and  
25 other rivers and tributaries.

1           I was going to attend the Water Board meeting  
2 this morning in Sacramento. One person sent in  
3 pre-meeting information to the Water Board entitled,  
4 "Constructing the Scary Tunnel Through Delta Gas Wells  
5 and Pipe Lines."

6           They mentioned -- referenced an article that  
7 was in the LA Times that describes a methane gas  
8 explosion accident that killed 17 construction workers  
9 during a water tunnel -- construction of a water tunnel  
10 by Lockheed for one of the Delta Conveyance partners in  
11 Southern California.

12           I would send you a link to the article, but  
13 I'm afraid I didn't read it. They had a map included  
14 with all the gas, known gas areas, lines, and fields in  
15 the area here. There was some rebuttals about the depth  
16 wouldn't matter, that some of them are too shallow to  
17 worry about the pipes, and the other gas fields would be  
18 lower than would matter.

19           Today there was a mainstream news narrative  
20 noting that President Trump was going to talk to  
21 Bakersfield farmers about giving them more water. He is  
22 still loosening regulations that allow more fracking  
23 too. At least our California attorney general is suing  
24 the federal government about stopping that same practice  
25 of fracking in California.



1           The first Scoping Meeting, one of the  
2 presenters, Carrie Beatie, mentioned that we will use  
3 good information. As has stated, we have not considered  
4 other alternatives yet to the one tunnel proposed.

5           I want you to use the best information  
6 available. I keep reading where it says "best available  
7 science." It's called the scientific method, which  
8 looks at all potentially available variables.

9           I keep reading the DWR wants to use the best  
10 available science. I searched many of papers online for  
11 the words "scientific" to try to find scientific method  
12 and found only one to mention it, but nothing in the  
13 Delta Science Report.

14           I appreciate that you are having these scoping  
15 meetings in an attempt to be transparent, but I hear  
16 many of the speakers at the first Scoping Meeting that I  
17 have been involved in tunnel talks say it sounds like  
18 the same rehashed plan. An article at the Sacramento  
19 news review sums it up, "one tunnel, same distrust."

20           Thank you.

21           ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

22           ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

23           ~~Mr. Neuhearth?~~

24           ~~TIM NEUHEARTH: My name is Tim Neuhearth. I'm~~  
25 ~~a Delta resident, a farmer in Sutter Island, and a~~

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1 ~~working with Crystal Geyser, battling a half a billion~~  
2 ~~bottles of water up on Mount Shasta. That affects the~~  
3 ~~Delta. It's not just their problem over there. This is~~  
4 ~~a watershed. Shasta Dam, the remediation of Paradise,~~  
5 ~~and all the toxins that are being dumped into your water~~  
6 ~~here.~~

7 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you, Mr. DiMartino.~~

8 ~~MICHAEL DIMARTINO: So thank you very much.~~  
9 ~~Check our Water Protector Tour. We are doing over 50~~  
10 ~~events this spring and summer. Come and join the~~  
11 ~~movement. Let your voice be heard.~~

12 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

13 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

14 ~~So Ms. Gill and Mr. Anderson.~~

15 **MARILYN GILL:** You can be delighted that this  
16 will be short. I didn't come tonight to say something,  
17 but I moved back to this community having -- 22 years  
18 ago -- having been raised here in a home on the street  
19 that backs the schoolyard. My parents moved into that  
20 house they built when I was six months old, and so that  
21 means it's almost 83 years ago.

22 I spent hours going to worthless meetings  
23 several years ago when we were talking about the  
24 tunnels. I was mortified to discover that many of the  
25 people on those committees didn't live here, didn't have

1 any advantages or disadvantages in the whole project,  
2 but they were making money by serving on these  
3 committees.

4 When I moved back to Clarksburg, there was a  
5 rumble going on in the community that they were going to  
6 close this building, which was known as the second  
7 elementary school in Clarksburg.

8 And I said, "well, what --" to my friend --  
9 "what are you doing about this?" And they said, "well,  
10 we have given up. The headquarters of the school  
11 district are down in Rio Vista. And they don't even  
12 know we are here and they could care less. And they  
13 never approve anything we want. So we are doing  
14 nothing."

15 And I said, "you can't just sit on your hands.  
16 That's not how Clarksburg is. When there is something  
17 we need, we get up and act on it." And I said, "has it  
18 changed all that much in my adult life time period."

19 Because I kept coming down here to visit and  
20 help my parents, and they had -- have long since passed  
21 away now. And I was living in the pocket district for  
22 22 years. And when my family all grew up or went off to  
23 college and my husband had passed away, I no longer  
24 needed the five bedroom house and the swimming pool that  
25 always needed to be vacuumed. And I thought I saved --

1 I helped my folks save the home that they built. So I  
2 came back here to be part of an active community.

3 So when I couldn't get people to get together,  
4 I went to the stationary store, to Staples, got a ream  
5 of paper, ran off notices, and paid to have a letter  
6 written or pat (as spoken) in every mailbox in the  
7 greater Clarksburg mailing district that said, "we're  
8 going to have a meeting at the school auditorium,"  
9 that's this room, "in another week. Please all come."

10 And there was standing room only. I said, "we  
11 have a problem and we need to solve it." And these  
12 people are here tonight because they're acting on  
13 wanting to solve it.

14 In the meantime, you might be interested to  
15 know that, well, we started a charter school. We didn't  
16 know anything about charter schools. We started it with  
17 about 60 some kids, and now there is over 300. And we  
18 -- now, we have a second charter school, and we are  
19 affecting the lives of about a thousand children.

20 So I'm here to say, it pays to make a  
21 difference. And when I talked to my grandson from --  
22 who live's in Southern California because he's an actor,  
23 a writer, and so on, and overly busy -- he said, "Gram,  
24 all my neighbors, it's Saturday morning and they're out  
25 washing their cars and they're just letting the hoses

1 run. And it's all running down the driveways and what  
2 have you." And that was during the peak of our draught.

3 And he said, "I went out there and talked to  
4 them about the drought. And they didn't know what I was  
5 talking about. What do you mean there's a drought in  
6 Northern California, why would we care?"

7 Well, the bottom line here is, who said we owe  
8 it to Southern California to provide their water if they  
9 were stupid enough to build a house in the desert where  
10 there wasn't any.

11 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

12 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

13 ~~You can pull that, yeah.~~

14 ~~PETER ANDERSON: My name is Peter Anderson.~~

15 ~~I'm a reasonably short timer in Clarksburg, only  
16 25 years. My wife, her family settled here in the  
17 1800s. The house I live in is one of the few homes that  
18 actually sits on top of the levee here in the Clarksburg  
19 area, and that across the river was a proposed site of  
20 one of the intake structures of the original previous  
21 proposal.~~

22 ~~And as it was mentioned about the dewatering,  
23 yes, I'm absolutely positive that if the project was  
24 constructed outside of my front door, that my home would  
25 not be inhabitable. There would be no water available.~~

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1 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Oh, he did. Okay.~~

2 ~~So the next three are Wendy Heaton, Bill~~  
3 ~~Wells, and Mark Wilson.~~

4 ~~Ms. Heaton?~~

5 **WENDY HEATON:** Good evening. My name is Wendy  
6 Heaton. I'm a Clarksburg resident, and I live on  
7 Merritt Island across from the proposed Clarksburg's  
8 intake, and my comments are about construction impacts  
9 to residents.

10 First, are wells and pumps: Intake  
11 construction involves dewatering, lowering the water  
12 table with negative impacts to wells and pumps. Before  
13 construction, potentially impacted wells should be  
14 inventoried and tested for performance and water  
15 quality, creating baseline data.

16 During construction, these wells should be  
17 tested and analyzed, again, against the baseline data.  
18 And after construction, the project should restore our  
19 wells to their pre-construction performance and water  
20 quality, and this may require that the project deepens  
21 wells or drills new wells.

22 Also, lower water tables will cause pumps to  
23 cycle more frequently, with higher electricity costs for  
24 residents. Pumps may burn out and need to be replaced  
25 due to over cycling. Again, higher costs for residents.



1 These impacts should be analyzed and mitigated.

2 Replacement water: The project should provide  
3 replacement water for residents who lose their wells to  
4 dewatering. Bottled water alone is not enough, not for  
5 dewatering process that could last for years. Potable  
6 running water must be provided.

7 I have concerns also about cofferdams, which  
8 will be needed for intake construction. They will  
9 impede the flow of the river, and by various  
10 regulations, this has to be mitigated.

11 The WaterFix EIR stated that mitigation "would  
12 require the installation of setback levees or other  
13 measures."

14 Now, setback levees means removing the homes  
15 across the river, and other measures were never  
16 identified. Assuming that there are other measures,  
17 they should be identified and analyzed. This should  
18 also include impacts to the Ag pumps whose intakes run  
19 through the levees.

20 Noise from pile driving: Documents from the  
21 Stakeholder's Engagement Committee meeting on  
22 January 22nd showed that noise levels across the river  
23 from the Clarksburg's intake where there are homes,  
24 would reach 80 dba or decibels; which the documents say  
25 is like being three feet from a garbage disposal.

1           The same document state that by covering the  
2 pile drivers, there would be shrouds that they're  
3 looking at doing over the pile driving equipment. The  
4 noise could be reduced by 10 dba. Bringing the noise to  
5 70 dba, which is like being 10 feet from a vacuum  
6 cleaner.

7           So going from a garbage disposal to a vacuum  
8 cleaner is some kind of improvement, but it's not  
9 something people closest to the project will be able to  
10 live with for months and years. The channel of  
11 Clarksburg would also experience noise levels from 50 to  
12 60 dba, according to these documents.

13           So when the Freeport intake was built, people  
14 across the river had to be relocated because of the  
15 noise. These intakes -- these proposed intakes are each  
16 10 times larger than Freeport.

17           I don't want to move due to construction  
18 noise, and my neighbors don't want to move. None of us  
19 do. But if these impacts make life impossible, we may  
20 have to. And I think that that should be very seriously  
21 considered as you go forward with this project.

22           Thank you.

23           ~~-(Audience clapping.)~~

24           ~~JANET BARBIERI: Mr. Wells?~~

25           ~~BILL WELLS: Thank you very much. I~~

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1 ~~the south.~~

2 ~~Thank you for your listening.~~

3 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

4 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

5 ~~You can tip that down if you want.~~

6 CLARENCE KOI: Clarence Koi, and I am a member  
7 of the Sierra Club.

8 Each year three quarters of the water that  
9 flows into the Delta, flows out through the Carquinez  
10 Straits. Only a quarter of that water that flows into  
11 the Delta is sent south. So we have a great source of  
12 fresh water that is now going out to San Joaquin -- out  
13 of the Carquinez Straits.

14 This problem was solved in 1929 by the  
15 Division of Water Resources, which proposed a salt water  
16 barrier one-and-a-half miles above Vallejo in the  
17 Carquinez Straits. This is in Bulletin 22, Division of  
18 Water Resources.

19 This barrier was never built because as a  
20 second part of the water plan, it was considered that  
21 the dams that had yet to be built -- Shasta, Oroville,  
22 so forth -- would supply sufficient water to flush the  
23 salt water out, just by a lot of fresh water flow.  
24 That's still the way we do it today.

25 In those days they said, "why not put a salt

1 water barrier there, then you don't need to use all this  
2 water to flush the sea water out."

3 But it was not done at that time because it  
4 was considered that the flushing action from Shasta,  
5 Oroville, and so forth would be sufficient to keep the  
6 salt water at bay.

7 Well, it was for a while, but it isn't  
8 anymore, but we still sent three quarters of the water  
9 out. This can be easily cured by putting in that salt  
10 water barrier. Then we can send double the amount south  
11 and still have half to input to flow out if we wanted  
12 to.

13 Now, this -- this was not done for another  
14 reason, that the Federal Government wouldn't finance it  
15 because they were working on the Hoover Dam. They spent  
16 a few billion there I think and did not have -- did not  
17 feel that the salt water barrier was a high priority  
18 since the flushing action would be sufficient to keep  
19 the salt water at bay.

20 So now is the time to put that salt water  
21 barrier in, and we can let both rivers flow freely down  
22 to the juncture of the San Joaquin and Sacramento, and  
23 then pump it from there, just like we do now.

24 And we'd also have a bigger flow in the San  
25 Joaquin River so that the salmon could be put back and

1 given a new life in the San Joaquin.

2 And let me say that this is not just my  
3 opinion, but I copied something out of the Bulletin 22  
4 written by the chief engineer, and I'll read that to  
5 you.

6 JANET BARBIERI: If you could do it quickly.

7 CLARENCE KOI: "Thus all of the barrier is not  
8 a physical necessity to the first unit of the  
9 comprehensive plan in the Sacramento River Valley. It  
10 is the essential feature of the ultimate diversion of  
11 Sacramento River water into the San Joaquin. For  
12 without it, there cannot be the complete conservation  
13 necessary to develop the large reliance of surface -- of  
14 surplus Sacramento water for exportation."

15 JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.

16 CLARENCE KOI: Thank you.

17 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

18 ~~TOM WALLACE: Good evening. My name is Tom~~  
19 ~~Wallace, I'm a Clarksburg resident and a retired~~  
20 ~~geotechnical engineer.~~

21 ~~But I wanted to speak just a little bit about~~  
22 ~~being a Clarksburg resident. Tressa and Bo Dahlberg did~~  
23 ~~all the math, and I have been retired for 18 years so I~~  
24 ~~don't do much math anymore.~~

25 ~~But I want you to think about what you're~~

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1           ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (Audience clapping.)~~

~~2           JANET BARBIERI: Just before you start, I  
3 would like to call the next three people; Russell Van  
4 Lobensels, Tressa Dalhberg, and Patrick Porgans. So if  
5 you could get ready.~~

~~6           Yes. Please proceed.~~

7           **BILL MARTIN:** Thank you. My name is Bill  
8 Martin. I'm a San Francisco resident, and a  
9 recreational kayaker and fisherman. In fact, I just  
10 spent a day on the Delta fishing from my kayak, which  
11 I've done for many years. So I know the Delta  
12 firsthand, I see it up close and personal.

13           On the -- in your presentation, part of the  
14 slide -- in the slide talking about purpose, you  
15 mentioned the cost effective manner. And so one of the  
16 requests I have relative to the coming documents is a  
17 clear analysis of costs. It appears to me that DWR is  
18 selecting a prepared -- prepared to select a preferred  
19 alternative without any research into cost into the  
20 building of it and the operating of it.

21           For example, one of the potential preferred  
22 alternatives is to implement the State Water Board's  
23 unimpaired flow regime as announced in December of 2018  
24 without building any tunnels. The state would have no  
25 specific outlay to implement this alternative. So the



1 initial cost would be zero.

2 Currently, many water agencies are using costs  
3 of about 2,000 and 2,500-acre foot for new water for  
4 their customers. This tunnel project would not provide  
5 a single drop of new water.

6 Before the demise of the California Water  
7 Project -- WaterFix Project, I'd seen rough estimates of  
8 \$11 billion. Assuming normal cost overruns for huge  
9 projects, I will use a range of 15 to 20 billion to  
10 build a single tunnel. Let's do some simple math. 15  
11 to \$20 billion gets you roughly 10 million new acre feet  
12 of water at current market rates.

13 Where would this new water come from?  
14 Conservation, recycling and reuse, and leak detection  
15 are currently the lowest cost ways to make better use of  
16 the water in today's system. So investments in these  
17 areas would permanently improvement the state's water  
18 budget.

19 A second request I have for inclusion of  
20 future documents, in the Delta Reform Act of 2009,  
21 inshrined into law, the goal of reducing reliance on the  
22 Delta for water agency supplies. I simply don't  
23 understand how taking water out of the Sacramento River,  
24 water which will flow through the Delta if left alone to  
25 do so, reduces reliance on the Delta. The way to reduce

1 reliance on the Delta is to reduce water transfers out  
2 of Delta, not increase them.

3           Whichever preferred alternative is selected,  
4 the draft EIR needs to clearly state how this  
5 alternative will, in fact, reduce reliance on the Delta  
6 in accordance with state law.

7           Thank you very much.

8           ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

~~9           JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

~~10           RUSSEL VAN LOBENSELS: Good evening. My name  
11 is Russ Van Lobensels. I'm going to expand and refine  
12 some of my comments I made to you in Walnut Grove.~~

~~13           To begin with, on page 5 of your NOP, I refer  
14 to Earth and material removed from below ground surface  
15 as reusable tunnel material. In fact, it was initially  
16 referred to as "tunnel muck," and it should not be  
17 referred to as reusable tunnel material until it is  
18 analyzed for contaminants.~~

~~19           And until it is determined that it's free of  
20 contaminants, provisions must be made to stored material  
21 or transfer it out of the construction area, and all  
22 negative impacts related to the storage and/or transport  
23 of the material must be analyzed and mitigated. The  
24 same should apply for the water removed to dewater, the  
25 tunnel construction and area.~~

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1 ~~the scoping closes.~~

2 ~~MARK PRUNER: Very good. Thank you.~~

3 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: Thank you.~~

4 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Okay. So the way we~~  
5 ~~typically do this, and it seems to have worked pretty~~  
6 ~~well is, I will call three at a time, and then if you~~  
7 ~~could make yourselves ready for your comments. And then~~  
8 ~~when we get to the end of the three, I will call another~~  
9 ~~three and that way we can kind of cycle through everyone~~  
10 ~~and make sure everybody has a chance to make their~~  
11 ~~comment.~~

12 ~~So again, please make sure you speak right~~  
13 ~~into that mic so everybody can hear.~~

14 ~~And the first three that I have up are Tom~~  
15 ~~Slater, Mario Moreno, and Bill Martin, and I apologize~~  
16 ~~now if I mispronounce your name.~~

17 **MARIO MORENO:** Hi. I would really like to  
18 address the group as a whole. Can I speak up there, or  
19 do I have to be right here?

20 JANET BARBIERI: Right there, yeah.

21 MARIO MORENO: Okay. I know you guys are  
22 important, but these guys are important also. My name  
23 is Mario Moreno. I am a Chairman of the Hood Community  
24 Counsel. I'm speaking on behalf of the 104 households  
25 in the Community of Hood.

1           One of the things that keeps coming up to our  
2 attention is, why here? Why is there an intake one mile  
3 north? Why is there another one, one mile south,  
4 proposed? And I'm glad to hear that this is being  
5 reviewed for alternatives.

6           So just a little background, it'll all make  
7 sense when I am done, but our community 60 percent  
8 Latino, over half aged -- over the age of 50. So those  
9 make an impact down the road, as you will see.

10           A lot of the community members or -- have  
11 immigrated from Southern Colorado in a place called  
12 Manassa, Colorado, and La Jara, Colorado. And a lot of  
13 those community members still live in the Town of Hood.  
14 They're a Delta legacy community. There's a lot of  
15 heritage, and if you look in the County Assessor's  
16 Office, you will probably see names like Montano, which  
17 my mom is from, Cruz, Lujan, Chacon. They still live in  
18 the Community of Hood. And I make this point because a  
19 lot of them are up in age, and their siblings, like  
20 myself, who still live there.

21           Our -- the impact is going to be great with  
22 not only traffic, air pollution with all the particulate  
23 matter, you name it. Noise being a big impact. And so  
24 I make this point with giving the heritage and the  
25 legacy of the community is because we're going to be so

1 impacted with --

2 My mom is 83 years old. There is a lot of  
3 people that are not going anywhere. You know,  
4 California housing crisis, whatever. They love the Town  
5 of Hood. We love our Hood. Four miles down river,  
6 eastern side of Sacramento River, just to give everybody  
7 a little -- a geographic location.

8 So with that, I just wanted to eloquently  
9 speak on behalf of the community members. You know,  
10 there is fishing and outdoors. And I invite all of you  
11 to come down Highway 160, scenic Highway 160, to visit  
12 the Town of Hood. I haven't seen anybody come into the  
13 town. I know you guys see it on a map, you write the  
14 reports, but I am inviting you.

15 We have our community counsel meetings the  
16 second Thursday of even months, 5:30 p.m., Hood Fire  
17 Station. I'm the Chairman. We have an active  
18 community. We love our hood. So we invite you to come  
19 out and visit.

20 And thank you all for coming out and  
21 supporting -- whether it's like Mr. Pruner said, there  
22 is alternatives, whether they are being evaluated or  
23 not. But when it comes to Hood, Hood Proper, we are  
24 looking at we are the Bullseye, why is it us? We are a  
25 historic town, over a hundred years old, railroad town,

1 lot of history there.

2 In the alternatives, from what I understand,  
3 whether it's the deep water channel or something of less  
4 impact, I know we're all Californians. I know that the  
5 water is needed in other parts. I get that. But when  
6 you're zoning into my Hood, I have an issue with that.  
7 So again, I invite you to come out. Thank you for your  
8 time.

9 Thank you guys for coming out.

10 ~~—(Audience clapping.)~~

11 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: Thank you very much.~~

12 ~~TOM SLATER: Thank you. I'm Tom Slater. I'm~~  
13 ~~currently the President of Reclamation District 999, as~~  
14 ~~well as a board member of Northern Delta Water Agencies.~~  
15 ~~I speak for both those bodies tonight and the community~~  
16 ~~of Clarksburg.~~

17 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: I'd speak right into that mic~~  
18 ~~if you can.~~

19 ~~TOM SLATER: Okay.~~

20 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: That'd be great. Thank you.~~

21 ~~TOM SLATER: In this short period of time, I~~  
22 ~~will repeat what has been previously stated by us with~~  
23 ~~regards to the California WaterFix. This EIR must~~  
24 ~~consider the effects of operating the State Water~~  
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1           ~~The first Scoping Meeting, one of the~~  
2 ~~presenters, Carrie Beatie, mentioned that we will use~~  
3 ~~good information. As has stated, we have not considered~~  
4 ~~other alternatives yet to the one tunnel proposed.~~

5           ~~I want you to use the best information~~  
6 ~~available. I keep reading where it says "best available~~  
7 ~~science." It's called the scientific method, which~~  
8 ~~looks at all potentially available variables.~~

9           ~~I keep reading the DWR wants to use the best~~  
10 ~~available science. I searched many of papers online for~~  
11 ~~the words "scientific" to try to find scientific method~~  
12 ~~and found only one to mention it, but nothing in the~~  
13 ~~Delta Science Report.~~

14           ~~I appreciate that you are having these scoping~~  
15 ~~meetings in an attempt to be transparent, but I hear~~  
16 ~~many of the speakers at the first Scoping Meeting that I~~  
17 ~~have been involved in tunnel talks say it sounds like~~  
18 ~~the same rehashed plan. An article at the Sacramento~~  
19 ~~news review sums it up, "one tunnel, same distrust."~~

20           ~~Thank you.~~

21           ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

22           ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

23           ~~Mr. Neuhearth?~~

24           **TIM NEUHEARTH:** My name is Tim Neuhearth. I'm  
25 a Delta resident, a farmer in Sutter Island, and a

1 member of many different organizations here in the  
2 Delta.

3 First of all, thank you for the opportunity to  
4 be here tonight, along with the other folks here. Now,  
5 I have a couple of handouts here that I want to give the  
6 front table here.

7 One of them is about an alternative called the  
8 WDIC, you've probably heard of it. If you haven't, you  
9 should. The other one, I know that you're very  
10 concerned about the environment, and particularly the  
11 species of Delta smelt, and so in your efforts here, I'm  
12 sure the Delta smelt are going to become hugely, hugely  
13 numerous in populous.

14 So I happened to come across a recipe for  
15 fried smelt with a dipping sauce. So when this is all  
16 over, we can come together and have a nice little  
17 barbecue. And there are further copies of that back on  
18 the far-right table as you go out the door, on the  
19 right-hand side of the far table there is more copies of  
20 those things.

21 Seriously though, I'm here to talk about the  
22 alternatives. In your handout from last week and  
23 tonight, in paragraph 6, paragraph 9, and paragraph 16  
24 you talk about alternatives.

25 Quite frankly, I am at a loss to think how

1 that is being even considered here. I don't see any map  
2 showing any kind of alternative.

3 We were at another meeting back in Hood last  
4 week, and all that they talked about was the tunnels and  
5 the launch pads and the -- all different kinds of  
6 aspects of this thing; the dewatering, the pile driving,  
7 the roads, the traffic, so on and so forth. Nothing to  
8 do with any alternative at all whatsoever.

9 So you people, DWR in particular, are charged  
10 with a fiduciary trust here with the public to consider  
11 alternatives, seriously consider alternatives. You have  
12 a responsibility for the Delta as a whole. There is  
13 over 700,000 acres of land in the primary zone of the  
14 Delta, considered many to be the most agricultural  
15 viable in the entire state, if not the nation.

16 You need to -- you have a responsibility to  
17 consider alternatives because of the fish and the  
18 wildlife, the ducks and the geese that are part of the  
19 Pacific Flyway. You have a responsibility to consider  
20 alternatives for the people of the Delta who live here  
21 and work here and produce -- produce goods and services  
22 here.

23 You have a responsibility to consider  
24 alternatives to the towns and communities of the Delta,  
25 to the agriculture aspect of the Delta, which

1 contributes billions in goods and services in this  
2 state. You have a responsibility for the recreational  
3 users that number in the hundreds of thousands each and  
4 every year.

5 And you have a final responsibility to the  
6 taxpayers of this state and the taxpayers of the nation,  
7 assuming you are going to get federal money, to be cost  
8 conscious, to do your cost, your analysis, your -- to  
9 consider the alternatives that better suit what we're  
10 doing.

11 We have been here for years, literally years,  
12 telling you that this tunnel thing does not work. We  
13 work here. We live here. My family that I represent  
14 has been here since 1848. We have seen a lot of water  
15 go down that river, and this tunnel thing is  
16 ridiculously beyond imagination in many, many aspects.

17 And what I would like to know is, we had this  
18 peripheral canal thing back in the 80's go out on a  
19 state-wide vote, why are we not being able to vote on  
20 this on a statewide basis?

21 Thank you.

22 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

23 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

24 ~~And is it Mr. Go?~~

25 ~~AUDIENCE MEMBER: He went already.~~

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Transfer to a serving platter. Remove any stray pieces of crab from the cooking oil to prevent burning and add more oil if needed (or you may need or want to replace the oil). Heat the oil over high heat and cook the remaining crab cakes the same way.

**4** Serve the crab cakes immediately with the tartar sauce and lemon wedges.

Makes about 15 crab cakes; serves 5 or 6

## Fried Smelt with Rouille Dipping Sauce

I can often find Pacific Ocean smelt at the market, and I buy them whenever I see them. I learned to eat them at cafés in Paris for lunch and was delighted to find them here. They are eaten whole—head, tail, and all—with no cleaning needed and just a dusting of flour before cooking. They can be eaten out of hand, like French fries, with a squeeze of lemon or with a flavored mayonnaise such as rouille or aioli, the same way they are served at restaurants from San Francisco to Paris.

1½ pounds smelt 2 teaspoons sea or kosher salt

1 cup all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Canola oil or other neutral-flavored 1 cup rouille (page 101)

vegetable oil for frying 4 lemons, quartered

**1** Pat the fish dry. Spread the flour on a shallow plate. Pour the oil to a depth of about 1 inch into a deep sauté pan or frying pan and heat over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot, dredge a handful or two of the smelt in the flour, shaking off the excess, and slide them into the hot oil, being careful not to crowd the pan. Cook until golden on the bottom, about 1 minute. Turn and cook the other side until golden, about 1 minute longer. Using a slotted spoon or spatula, transfer the smelt to a plate or platter covered with paper towels. Keep warm while you cook the remaining smelt.

**2** Transfer the fish to a warmed platter and sprinkle with the salt and pepper. Serve hot with the rouille and lemon wedges.

Serves 4



1 ~~the cumulative effects analysis, that would be a really~~  
2 ~~helpful scoping comment.~~

3 ~~JEFF DURBIN: Okay. Do you know if the~~  
4 ~~Governor's new plan is newer than February 3rd, or is~~  
5 ~~that just a reiteration of the single tunnel?~~

6 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: No, I don't think so.~~

7 ~~JEFF DURBIN: Okay. Thank you.~~

8 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Other questions?~~

9 **PATRICK PORGANS:** I'm Patrick Porgans, Porgans  
10 & Associates. I'm looking at your handout here, and  
11 number 12 -- it looks like it's on page 3 -- it makes  
12 reference to a goal of modernizing the conveyance system  
13 in the Delta. I would like to know what conveyance  
14 system we are talking about that's going to be  
15 modernized, which one is that?

16 I'd be mindful, I have 45 years involved in  
17 the water here, so I would like to know what conveyance  
18 system you are modernizing in the Delta.

19 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So the question and answer is  
20 referring to the State Water Project Conveyance System?

21 PATRICK PORGANS: Right.

22 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So it's referring to the  
23 system of diverting water from the Delta and conveying  
24 it through the California aqueduct.

25 PATRICK PORGANS: I got that part, but you are



1 upgrading or modernizing. What system are you  
2 modernizing because you never built a conveyance system  
3 in the Delta.

4 Although, in 1960 under the California Code  
5 Regulations for the project under Section 12934(d) of  
6 the Water Code it provided for a conveyance system would  
7 (inaudible) the levees. That money was spend and you  
8 never provided the protection to these people.

9 So I think that's a misnomer. You're not  
10 modernizing. You're just simply coming in with a new  
11 version of how to move the water under the Delta as  
12 opposed to being across it, so I would like to get that  
13 point straight.

14 And there's one other question I have with  
15 respect to all of this, if I may.

16 There is some question now as to whether in fact  
17 there's going to be money to be included in the Delta  
18 Subventions Program and also in that Delta Emergency  
19 Program, and I got a request in to legal -- DWR legal,  
20 and I haven't got an answer backing on that one.

21 Does anybody here know if we're going to  
22 budget any -- is there any funds budgeted for that  
23 purpose? Do we know that now?

24 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So we Delta Conveyance  
25 focussed, so I don't think that we have any other

1 information on the budget, but certainly if you want  
2 someone here to help you follow up, we can try, but we  
3 don't have any information here.

4 PATRICK PORGANS: Well, it's the only reason  
5 why I brought that point up is if there's no money in  
6 there for Delta Subvention Levees while this project is  
7 being proposed or constructed, you're putting these  
8 people at great risk. Thank you.

9 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: Thank you.~~

10 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Other questions?~~

11 ~~MARK WILSON: Mark Wilson, Clarksburg District~~  
12 ~~resident. Can you tell us specifically what~~  
13 ~~alternatives were evaluated in meaningful detail to date~~  
14 ~~in coming to the proposal that you are presenting now~~  
15 ~~for the NOP?~~

16 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: So we haven't yet. The~~  
17 ~~discussion about alternatives analyzed in meaningful~~  
18 ~~detail is part of the contents of the Environment Impact~~  
19 ~~Report, so that's something that we will be doing in the~~  
20 ~~Environmental Impact Report, taking the alternatives~~  
21 ~~that come from this discussion and putting that analysis~~  
22 ~~-- completing that analysis and documenting it in the~~  
23 ~~EIR.~~

24 ~~Right now we haven't identified the~~  
25 ~~alternatives yet. That's part of the scoping purpose.~~

1 ~~project with all laws, promises, statutes, contracts,~~  
2 ~~and other assurances --~~

3 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

4 ~~RUSSEL VAN LOBENSELS: -- dealing with State~~  
5 ~~Water Project, Delta projects, and operations since the~~  
6 ~~inception --~~

7 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank for your comment.~~

8 ~~RUSSEL VAN LOBENSELS: Let me finish.~~

9 ~~AUDIENCE MEMBER: Let him finish.~~

10 ~~RUSSEL VAN LOBENSELS: -- since the inception~~  
11 ~~and in order for this project to be consistent with the~~  
12 ~~Delta Reform Act of 2009, you need to clearly~~  
13 ~~demonstrate that this project will not harm any Delta~~  
14 ~~resources, including agriculture, and that it will~~  
15 ~~result in reduced reliance on the Delta for your future~~  
16 ~~water needs.~~

17 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you. So -- sorry, I~~  
18 ~~have Ms. Dalhberg -- oh, that's okay.~~

19 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

20 ~~PATRICK PORGANS: Patrick Porgans, Porgans &~~  
21 ~~Associates. I want to go back to the initial part of~~  
22 ~~this. This particular project is a moving target.~~  
23 ~~Essentially, we have been going at this since -- well,~~  
24 ~~this was mentioned earlier -- since 1960. This is just~~  
25 ~~another rendition of an ongoing moving target.~~

1           First of all, if I had reason to believe that  
2 this project was necessary, I might consider supporting  
3 it. We don't need a tunnel, period.

4           I've provided documentation at the California  
5 so-called WaterFix hearings and provided the exhibits to  
6 substantiate my position that we can get 300 to 500,000  
7 acre feet of additional water in most water year types  
8 from the Delta making a few minor adjustments in the  
9 land use issues, so we can do that.

10           The Department of Water Resources -- and I  
11 wanted to comment on the Reclamation District 999, back  
12 in '87 through '92, during that drought period, the  
13 Department of Water Resources violated the terms and  
14 conditions of their water right permits, and also the  
15 North Delta Water Contract on over 205 occasions and  
16 were never held accountable one violation. I had that  
17 before the State Board, and I filed the lawsuit against  
18 you.

19           Moving along, I said we are looking now at  
20 your -- we don't have the confidence in you any longer.  
21 We don't have the trust in you any longer. You don't  
22 have credibility. You're putting people in jeopardy all  
23 the time, and you are telling us for it's for 27 million  
24 people in Southern California. That's absolute  
25 nonsense.

1           You don't serve water to 27 million people in  
2 Southern California. The State Water Project only  
3 provides about five or six percent of the state's entire  
4 water needs, total. That's it.

5           So anyway, moving forward, going along here, I  
6 want to make it very clear that we had a problem up in  
7 Oroville, which is where your main storage reservoir is.  
8 188,000 people had to be moved out of there because the  
9 forensic reports that were requested by the Federal  
10 Energy Regulatory Commission showed that the Department  
11 of Water Resources was negligent and failed to manage  
12 that particular project properly. They didn't construct  
13 it properly. They didn't operate it properly, and they  
14 didn't maintain it properly.

15           And that's all relative to how you're pushing  
16 water through the Delta because that's where the water  
17 is coming from, they go through the Delta.

18           You ran out of surplus water. You're taking  
19 water. You're stealing water. You created -- you're --  
20 essentially, you and the bureau have killed just about  
21 everything down in the Delta. Now, you're putting these  
22 people at risk, on an unnecessary level of risk to make  
23 sure that your contract is going to get water, when in  
24 the water contract there is provisions that you don't  
25 have to provide all the water all the time.

1           So let's stop putting these people at risk.  
2 Let's stop having these people pay for correcting your  
3 mistakes. It's time that you be held accountable. The  
4 Department of Water Resources is not even a cabinet  
5 member, it's only a department. But you've never been  
6 held accountable for one thing as of yet.

7           So I'm saying to these people and I have been  
8 involved -- we got \$120 million for the Delta levees  
9 when you guys didn't want to put up any money. I showed  
10 that you were, you know, hiding money. I did all of  
11 that. We had hearings.

12           Right now, I'm telling, you we don't need this  
13 -- this is tunnel vision. We don't need this project,  
14 and there is no way you are going to justify it as long  
15 as I'm breathing.

16           Thank you.

17           ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

18           ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

19           ~~Ms. Dahlberg, just before you start, I'm going~~  
20 ~~to call out the next folks.~~

21           ~~So Clarence Koi, Tom Wallace, and Molly~~  
22 ~~Culton, if you could get ready.~~

23           ~~And please proceed.~~

24           ~~TRESSA DAHLBERG: Yes. Hello, I'm Tressa~~  
25 ~~Connor Dahlberg, and I'm also representing North Delta~~

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1 might be. We haven't settled on the specific two --

2 DEBBIE ELLIOT: So it's confirmed, there is  
3 only two?

4 CARRIE BUCKMAN: In the proposed project.

5 DEBBIE ELLIOT: Right. Is the size of the two  
6 intakes going to be enlarged?

7 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So right now, we're looking  
8 at two intakes that are 3,000 csf each. Historically,  
9 there were three intakes at 3,000 csf each.

10 As I mentioned, we are looking at  
11 alternatives, and so I can't speak yet to what might end  
12 up in an alternative. We haven't made that decision  
13 yet, but for the proposed project, we are considering  
14 two out of three intakes.

15 JANET BARBIERI: What I think I'd like to do  
16 is offer -- we have a couple of staff people in the  
17 back, if you wanted to go and talk to them now and kind  
18 of talk through more of that, or we can stay after. I  
19 do want to try to get through comments, but we will try  
20 to preserve time to answer your questions.

21 Okay. So --

22 MARK PRUNER: Couple of quick questions.

23 JANET BARBIERI: Okay. Make it quick because  
24 I want to get through comments.

25 MARK PRUNER: I understand. Mark Pruner at



1 Clarksburg. Do you anticipate any physical impacts to  
2 Clarksburg as a result of the construction of the Delta  
3 Conveyance Project?

4 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So we haven't started that  
5 impact analysis, so I don't know that we can answer that  
6 question yet. But I want to encourage you to submit any  
7 ideas of the types of impacts you are concerned about as  
8 part of your scoping comments.

9 MARK PRUNER: Have you rejected the  
10 Congressman Garamendi plan called Water Plan For All of  
11 California as an alternative?

12 CARRIE BUCKMAN: No. We are still considering  
13 alternatives. We haven't made decisions yet.

14 MARK PRUNER: We've heard from some senior  
15 staffers in conversations that that plan has already  
16 been rejected as an alternative. How do we get a copy  
17 of the Scoping Report when it comes out?

18 CARRIE BUCKMAN: We'll post it online, and  
19 it's part of the e-mail blast, so we will let people  
20 know that it's available if anyone wants it.

21 MARK PRUNER: When do you anticipate that  
22 happening?

23 CARRIE BUCKMAN: It takes a little bit of time  
24 after scoping to go through all the comments. So I  
25 would guess it'll probably be a couple of months after

1 the scoping closes.

2 MARK PRUNER: Very good. Thank you.

3 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: Thank you.~~

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2 ~~continue their livelihoods if they are impacted by the~~  
3 ~~building process for 13 years. That is a long time to~~  
4 ~~expect farmers to wait to come back to the historical~~  
5 ~~land.~~

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9 ~~hope that alternatives to taking away prime farmland~~  
10 ~~from farmers would be considered.~~

11 ~~Thank you for your time.~~

12 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

13 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

14 **MARK PRUNER:** My name is Mark Pruner. I live  
15 in Clarksburg, and I'm here representing the Clarksburg  
16 Fire Protection District. We are a group of volunteer  
17 first responders, and we are neighbors that reach out  
18 and meet the needs and first responding -- first  
19 responder calls from our community.

20 Our mission has three parts. We engage in  
21 fire suppression. We also respond to mutual aid  
22 requests and calls from neighboring districts, including  
23 the State of California on occasion, and we provide  
24 emergency medical response where needed.

25 As pointed out by Mr. Slater and I believe

1 admitted by the project itself and its prior iterations,  
2 the project as proposed would dramatically increase the  
3 traffic and congestion in the Clarksburg Fire Protection  
4 District on this side of the river.

5 It is imperative that as part of the  
6 environmental review process you analyze the accidents,  
7 the type of accidents, when, how, and where they might  
8 occur to assist us so we can read that document and  
9 understanding how to carry out our mission.

10 Next, we understand as a project is proposed  
11 that it would greatly burden our district. Last year we  
12 responded to over 250 separate calls within the bounds  
13 of the district. That's quite a bit, but we were able  
14 to do it because we are well-organized, we're  
15 well-trained, and very, very well-motivated.

16 But to increase that burden even more with  
17 folks coming in and out of the district, with truck  
18 drivers, with other -- with workers, without a plan and  
19 without an analysis to the impact on neighbors and the  
20 district would be a significant hole in your report, and  
21 those impacts must be considered together with  
22 mitigation factors.

23 There is concern that you will dewater the  
24 wells and water aquifers within the entire project area  
25 and beyond, up to a quarter, perhaps a half or even

1 three quarters of a mile from the edge of the project  
2 zone, well into this place where we sit today.

3 There must be analysis on how the dewatering  
4 of those wells and the taking out of water would  
5 diminish, restrict, or maybe quash entirely our ability  
6 to meet the first part of our mission, which is fire  
7 suppression.

8 Lastly, you were going to draw on natural  
9 resources -- excuse me, utility resources such as  
10 electric and gas consumption. We use those as well.  
11 And your use of those utilities must be analyzed in  
12 connection with our mission and how we provide what we  
13 do. And we expect to see all of those comments and list  
14 those analytical components as part of your report.

15 Thank you very much.

16 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

17 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

18 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Amanda Beck is next. And~~  
19 ~~then after that, I've got Barbara Daly, Anna Swenson,~~  
20 ~~and Dan Whaley.~~

21 ~~So if you could get ready.~~

22 ~~AMANDA BECK: Hi, my name is Amanda Beck, and~~  
23 ~~I'm a resident of Clarksburg. I'm here representing the~~  
24 ~~Board of Friends of Clarksburg Services & Recreation.~~  
25 ~~I'm the chair of that board.~~

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**Robert Pyke, Consulting Engineer****Western Delta Intakes Concept**

## Two keys:

1. Recognition that manmade alteration of the Delta in combination with larger export flows has turned the Delta from an estuarine environment into a more lacustrine environment which favors invasive species over native species; and
2. Recognition that precipitation in California is extremely variable and that past and future variability, which many climate scientists predict might be greater, must be addressed in any sustainable water management plan.

## Four principles:

1. That natural flows through the Delta should be restored to the maximum practical extent;
2. That much more water should be extracted at periods of high flow and much less, or zero, water should be extracted at periods of low flows;
3. Scheme should be self-regulating and not rely on complicated agreements;
4. Scheme should be simple to design, permit and operate.

## Six physical elements:

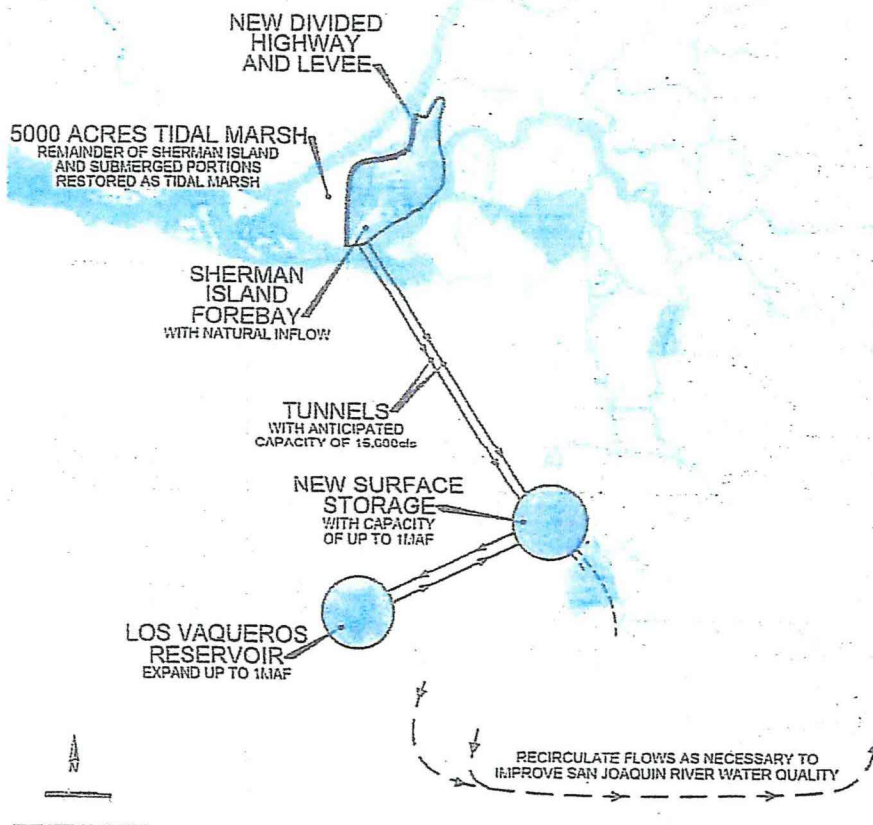
1. Restoration of floodplains on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and their tributaries in order to provide flood storage and stretch out the flood hydrograph in addition to providing significant flood management benefits;
2. New intake facilities somewhere in the West Delta to allow flows to pass through the Delta in a natural way before surplus flows are extracted;
3. One or more tunnels that can move the extracted water to additional storage facilities that would likely be located adjacent to the existing Clifton Court Forebay;
4. Additional south-of-Delta storage, much of it likely as groundwater but also perhaps including new Westside surface storage;



5. During periods of very high flow, the new intakes and the existing South Bay intakes, with fish screens along the Old River, could be used simultaneously;
6. To maintain South Delta water quality, construct lined canal to recirculate water from the aqueducts to the San Joaquin River as necessary.

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1 ~~storage and other water supply resilience projects in~~  
2 ~~line with the governor -- with Governor Newsom's Water~~  
3 ~~Resiliency Program.~~

4 ~~I will have lots of additional comments~~  
5 ~~online. Thank you.~~

6 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

7 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

8 ~~AMANDA BECK: So I'm going to give Robert my~~  
9 ~~three minutes, and I'm going to take his three minutes~~  
10 ~~at the end because he's got to get home to do homework.~~

11 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Okay. I'll just trade you~~  
12 ~~out, yeah. I'll trade you out, yeah.~~

13 **ROBERT SWENSON:** So I just wanted to give my  
14 perspective as a resident of Clarksburg. So my name is  
15 Robert Swenson, and I'm a junior at Delta High School.  
16 I've lived in Clarksburg since I was in fifth grade, and  
17 I consider this my home. My friends, my neighbors, my  
18 community have of all supported me and shaped who I am  
19 and the adult I am becoming.

20 For example, members of this community created  
21 a youth group for youth -- young adults like me to  
22 promote honesty, hard work, and integrity. We've  
23 learned that we always had the people of Clarksburg  
24 right behind us in times of need and that the world is  
25 not a lonely one.

1           I want future generations to have the same  
2 experience that I had as a child. I want this nurturing  
3 community to continue to positively help shape kids in  
4 critical times, just as Clarksburg and this Ag community  
5 has done for me.

6           Plans to creating tunnel systems would deter  
7 members of this fine community from being able to remain  
8 here. It would destroy the bond that the people of  
9 Clarksburg and the larger Delta communities have with  
10 one another -- one another, by creating unlivable  
11 conditions: Dewatering, increased air pollution,  
12 increased traffic construction, increased noise  
13 pollution, and loss of prime agricultural land.

14           Not only has this community supported me, but  
15 it has also taught me so much. In the last few years, I  
16 have interned for -- I have interned for local  
17 multi-gener -- I have interned for local  
18 multigenerational farmers who enjoy teaching me about  
19 farming in the Delta. The knowledge that the farmers  
20 know is unbelievable and is all the result of  
21 generations of family farming here. The wisdom that  
22 they've bestowed upon me was once bestowed upon them by  
23 their mentors or bosses or family.

24           However, my generation could be the last to  
25 have a personal connection to agriculture in the Delta

1 if the tunnel is build. Delta farmers simply cannot  
2 continue their livelihoods if they are impacted by the  
3 building process for 13 years. That is a long time to  
4 expect farmers to wait to come back to the historical  
5 land.

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11 Thank you for your time.

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24 ~~emergency medical response where needed.~~

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For example, members of this community created a youth group for young adults like me to promote honesty, hard work and integrity. We learned that we always had the people of Clarksburg right behind us in times of need and that the world is not a lonely one. I want future generations to have the same experience that I had as a child. I want this nurturing community to continue to positively help shape kids at critical times, just as Clarksburg and this AG community has done for me.

Plans of creating tunnel systems would deter members of this fine community from being able to remain here. It would destroy the bond that the people of Clarksburg and the larger Delta Communities have with one another by creating unlivable conditions- de-watering, increased air pollution, increased construction traffic, increased noise pollution and the loss of prime agricultural land.

Not only has this community supported me, but it has also taught me so much. In the last few years, I have interned for local multi generational farmers who enjoy teaching me about farming in the Delta. . The knowledge that the farmers know is unbelievable, and is all the result of generations of family farming here. The wisdom that they bestow upon me was once bestowed onto them by their mentors or bosses or family.

However, my generation could be the last to have a personal connection to agriculture in the Delta if the Tunnel is built. Delta farmers simply cannot continue their livelihoods if they are impacted by the building process for 13 years. That is a long time to expect farmers to wait to come back to their historical land. Kids like me are at risk of losing the opportunity to learn from the farmers and continue the honorable tradition of family farming in the Delta.

I hope that alternatives to taking away prime farm land from farmers would be considered.

Thank you for your time.

Robert Swenson  
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1 ~~it's a good idea. I think there's cheaper ways to go~~  
2 ~~about it. So just throwing that out there.~~

3 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

4 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Great. Thank you.~~

5 ~~Bob?~~

6 **BOB SAUNDERS:** Good evening, everybody. My  
7 name is Bob Saunders. I have been an activist and a  
8 water protector for a long time. I'm with the Watershed  
9 Project where we're -- this year we launched our Water  
10 Protective Tour 2020 with my friend Michael DiMartino  
11 who I met on Earth Day. It was a fortuitous meeting.

12 I can't believe we are here still talking  
13 about this. I kind of feel that we should have learned  
14 something years ago from Hollywood's movie Chinatown.  
15 Because essentially, here we are once again about the  
16 transference of the people's water to wealthy  
17 agribusiness growers like the residents and other people  
18 like that who ship a large portion of their products to  
19 other countries.

20 And in the sense, like everything else, it  
21 seems like the burden of everything we deal with is  
22 always put upon the people. When we had a draught,  
23 everything was put on the shoulders of the people. We  
24 had to conserve -- those of us who -- the people who use  
25 20 percent of the water, but 80 percent of the water



1 used by big Ag, essentially many of those people got  
2 exemptions; for groups, individuals, industries over a  
3 period of six to nine months.

4 In fact, during the draught, growers statewide  
5 actually expanded their almond acreage by 150,000 acres  
6 during the draught as my friend Dan Balker documented in  
7 the East Bay express article that he wrote in 2015.

8 Essentially, also, it's been said by the  
9 Center For Food Safety in 2015 during a comment on the  
10 tunnels' EIR -- and they said many of most of the new  
11 water transfers will involve groundwater substitution,  
12 increased groundwater pumping to facilitate water sales,  
13 and those will result in depleted aquifers and  
14 groundwater subsidence.

15 It will also result in water in the streams  
16 and rivers, the surface waterways of the Sacramento  
17 Valley are tightly connected to groundwater, groundwater  
18 surface water rechargers, groundwater aquifers. Well,  
19 groundwater provides for streams and rivers.

20 Today, less than 30 percent of the consumptive  
21 water use in the Sacramento Valley is from groundwater.  
22 That percentage will certainly rise with the  
23 construction of the tunnels and the increased water  
24 transfers that will result, and with it land subsidence  
25 will increase and the watering of rivers and streams

1 will increase.

2 The tunnel project was a bad idea when they  
3 called it the Peripheral Canal. It was a bad idea when  
4 it was the Twin Tunnels. It's a bad idea for a single  
5 tunnel. And if anybody wants to come back to do half a  
6 tunnel, it will be a bad idea with then. We don't need  
7 it. We don't want it.

8 And there are far better ways of doing what's  
9 necessary, looking towards a future, than to disrupt the  
10 life, and the culture, and the history, and the many  
11 people who rely on the existence of the tunnel and the  
12 way it is. We need to leave it alone.

13 Thank you.

14 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

15 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

16 ~~Michael DiMartino. I did get one other card.~~  
17 ~~So I just wanted to prepare Marilyn Gill and Peter~~  
18 ~~Anderson.~~

19 ~~So please proceed.~~

20 ~~MICHAEL DIMARTINO: So I'm going to face this~~  
21 ~~way because I don't need to face this way because you're~~  
22 ~~the people that are going to make the difference, and I~~  
23 ~~don't mean to be disrespectful at all.~~

24 ~~How many of you are for the tunnel?~~

25 ~~Wow, yeah, my name is Michael DiMartino. I'm~~

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1 ~~So thank you.~~

2 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

3 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

4 ~~Michael Seaman?~~

5 **MICHAEL SEAMAN:** Thank you. I'm Michael  
6 Seaman. I'm a residence of Sacramento County. I want  
7 to thank the department for receiving my written  
8 comments and sending me an e-mail back saying that you  
9 got them and will read them. So I will save a little  
10 bit of time by just reading a portion of my comments.

11 It's ironic that we are here on the same day  
12 that Donald Trump has given away more water through his  
13 record decision in Bakersfield today. So instead of the  
14 ridiculous ill-conceived tunnel, the state should  
15 embrace the regional sustainability projects found in  
16 Governor Newsom's Water Resilience Portfolio.

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18 tunnel, the state should embrace the regional  
19 sustainability projects found in Governor Newsom's Water  
20 Resilience Portfolio.

21 The state should stop relying on Delta water  
22 exports and end the troubled tunnel project. I remain  
23 deeply concerned that the Delta's own critical needs are  
24 consistently given a short-lived (shift)\*

25 Californians do not want the tunnel project to

1 go forward, particularly given the Trump  
2 Administration's failed water plan. I want the San  
3 Francisco Bay Delta Estuary protected. I voted against  
4 the Peripheral Canal. I fought against the Twin Tunnels  
5 project. And I strongly oppose the current single  
6 tunnel project.

7           The Delta is the largest, most significant  
8 estuary on the West Coast. It's significant for  
9 numerous species of fish and wildlife. It has nurtured  
10 sustainable agriculture and recreation for decades and  
11 decades. It provides the best water for Chenin Blanc in  
12 California, if not the world.

13           It is the source of economic livelihood for  
14 Delta residents. It has a vital role in maintaining the  
15 viability of Northern California's commercial and sport  
16 fishing industries.

17           In recent years, it's become political pawn  
18 for corporate welfare queens like the Resnicks, big oil  
19 frackers like Chevron, and sleazy water purveyors like  
20 Westlands and MWD.

21           California cannot continue on its current  
22 course of creating water winners; San Joaquin Valley  
23 agribusiness, petroleum producers, and water grabbers,  
24 and losers; the Delta, the environment, Delta residents,  
25 and businesses.

1           Climate change has made the situation worse.  
2    Instead of wasting money on environmental analysis of  
3    what, quite frankly, is an ill-conceived disastrous  
4    project, the state should acknowledge the tunnel project  
5    is bad news for California. The best way to scope the  
6    tunnel project is to scrap it. The no project  
7    alternative is the correct answer.

8           Thank you.

9           ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

10          ~~JANET BARBIERI: Mr. Cull?~~

11          ~~And before you start, I just want to call the~~  
12          ~~next three; Bob Saunders, Michael DiMartino, and Marilyn~~  
13          ~~Gill.~~

14          ~~Go ahead.~~

15          ~~EDWARD CULL: Good evening. Edward Cull,~~  
16          ~~long-time resident of Clarksburg. 50 years.~~

17          ~~There we go. That's better. Okay. Yeah,~~  
18          ~~long-time resident of Clarksburg for 50 years. I work~~  
19          ~~for DGS, Department of General Services, downtown as a~~  
20          ~~stationary engineer. I know a little bit about water.~~  
21          ~~I got 4 million gallons of 39-degree water sitting out~~  
22          ~~on my window every night at work.~~

23          ~~You know, I was thinking about this when I~~  
24          ~~heard it was coming up just last night. I got one of~~  
25          ~~our youngins ran it up to the door and said there was a~~

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1 ~~lot of history there.~~

2 ~~In the alternatives, from what I understand,~~  
3 ~~whether it's the deep water channel or something of less~~  
4 ~~impact, I know we're all Californians. I know that the~~  
5 ~~water is needed in other parts. I get that. But when~~  
6 ~~you're zoning into my Hood, I have an issue with that.~~  
7 ~~So again, I invite you to come out. Thank you for your~~  
8 ~~time.~~

9 ~~Thank you guys for coming out.~~

10 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

11 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: Thank you very much.~~

12 ~~TOM SLATER: Thank you. I'm Tom Slater. I'm~~  
13 ~~currently the President of Reclamation District 999, as~~  
14 ~~well as a board member of Northern Delta Water Agencies.~~  
15 ~~I speak for both those bodies tonight and the community~~  
16 ~~of Clarksburg.~~

17 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: I'd speak right into that mic~~  
18 ~~if you can.~~

19 ~~TOM SLATER: Okay.~~

20 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: That'd be great. Thank you.~~

21 **TOM SLATER:** In this short period of time, I  
22 will repeat what has been previously stated by us with  
23 regards to the California WaterFix. This EIR must  
24 consider the effects of operating the State Water  
25 Project in compliance with the 1981 contract between



1 North Delta Water Agency and DWR.

2           This contract is not discretionary. For  
3 instance, the salinity criteria of the 1981 contract is  
4 separate and distinct from decision 1641 standards and  
5 is year round. Therefore, the EIR should include DWR's  
6 nondiscretionary obligation to abide by the terms of the  
7 '81 contract and should analyze the impacts of the  
8 project operating in compliance with those terms.

9           The North Delta Water Agency and RD 999 also  
10 expressed our concerns with the modeling numbers used in  
11 the previous EIR. The 1981 contract sets year round  
12 quality standards of Three Miles Slough just upstream  
13 from Edmonton, which DWR failed to include in the  
14 modeling for that EIR.

15           When the '81 contract water quality criteria  
16 were applied against modeling results used in that  
17 California WaterFix EIR analysis, a significant and  
18 measurable increase in contract exceedances were  
19 noticed.

20           The EIR also needs to address the thousands of  
21 individual diversion intakes, primarily agriculture  
22 siphons, located in the North Delta and consider  
23 mitigation for impact to surface water elevations and  
24 water quality where these diversions are located.

25           The Town of Clarksburg also sits within the

1 boundaries of RD 999 and North Delta Water Agency. The  
2 previous EIR for the WaterFix indicated that  
3 construction traffic for the project would increase  
4 traffic to as many as 700 to 800 vehicles per hour on  
5 some of our roads and levees. This is clearly something  
6 the CEQA document should consider unacceptable.

7 RD 999 cannot stand by and allow this type of  
8 project to hinder our obligation to maintain these  
9 levees and provide flood protection to our landowners.

10 My comments tonight should not be perceived as  
11 an indorsement of this project with conditions attached.  
12 But rather our concerns with the CEQA process and DWR's  
13 failure to adhere to this process in the past.

14 In the Notice of Preparation on page 10, it  
15 states, "DWR previously studied a similar project  
16 through efforts on the BDCP and subsequently the  
17 California WaterFix. The proposed Delta Conveyance  
18 Project is a new project and is not supplemental to  
19 these past efforts or tiered from previous environmental  
20 compliance documents."

21 That statement gives DWR an opportunity to  
22 address North Delta Water Agency and 999 concerns about  
23 going forward with this project, and we insist you do.  
24 Thank you.

25 JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.

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1 ~~reliance on the Delta is to reduce water transfers out~~  
2 ~~of Delta, not increase them.~~

3 ~~Whichever preferred alternative is selected,~~  
4 ~~the draft EIR needs to clearly state how this~~  
5 ~~alternative will, in fact, reduce reliance on the Delta~~  
6 ~~in accordance with state law.~~

7 ~~Thank you very much.~~

8 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

9 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

10                   **RUSSEL VAN LOBENSELS:** Good evening. My name  
11 is Russ Van Lobensels. I'm going to expand and refine  
12 some of my comments I made to you in Walnut Grove.

13                   To begin with, on page 5 of your NOP, I refer  
14 to Earth and material removed from below ground surface  
15 as reusable tunnel material. In fact, it was initially  
16 referred to as "tunnel muck," and it should not be  
17 referred to as reusable tunnel material until it is  
18 analyzed for contaminants.

19                   And until it is determined that it's free of  
20 contaminants, provisions must be made to stored material  
21 or transfer it out of the construction area, and all  
22 negative impacts related to the storage and/or transport  
23 of the material must be analyzed and mitigated. The  
24 same should apply for the water removed to dewater, the  
25 tunnel construction and area.

1           On page 9, when you talk about alternatives,  
2 you state that you would avoid or substantial lessening  
3 of the significant impacts of the project. Cumulative,  
4 as well as individual impacts, should be studied in the  
5 EIR. Resources and communities will be subjected to  
6 multiple negative impacts, which will amplify the  
7 negative impacts and affects on them.

8           For example, in California WaterFix there were  
9 60 negative impacts affecting agricultural resources.  
10 20 of which were classified as significant and  
11 unavoidable. Residents of Legacy communities might be  
12 able to withstand some negative impacts for a short  
13 period of time, but when considered cumulatively over a  
14 ten-year period, they may not make life tolerable in  
15 these communities.

16           The EIR should analyze the cumulative impacts  
17 of all negative impacts on Delta resources and  
18 communities. Mitigation must be feasible, fully  
19 enforceable, and adequately financed and monitored.

20           In the past, it was suggested that an  
21 undefined Agricultural Land Stewardship plan, an ALSP,  
22 might be created to mitigate for some of the negative  
23 impacts to agricultural resources.

24           In the past, an ALSP has been discretionary,  
25 undefined, unfunded, and not enforceable and, therefore,

1 should not be used as mitigation for negative impacts  
2 for agricultural resources.

3           In describing the proposed project on page 3,  
4 you state, "final project operations would be determined  
5 after completion of CEQA and obtaining appropriate water  
6 right approvals from the State Water Resources Control  
7 Board's change in point of diversion process and  
8 completing the consultation review requirements of the  
9 Federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered  
10 Species Act."

11           This is unacceptable. It results in failure  
12 to adequately describe the project, disclose impacts,  
13 and design proper mitigation. Employment of adaptive  
14 management and the decisionry (as spoken) cannot be  
15 considered mitigation for the tremendously negative  
16 impacts the project may have on water quality and flows  
17 throughout the Delta. In order to understand this  
18 project and its impacts on Delta resources, final  
19 operations must be included in the draft EIR.

20           Finally, when you discuss the purpose and  
21 project -- the objectives of the project, you state that  
22 you will attempt to make them consistent with  
23 requirements of state and federal law.

24           In your analysis of this project, it is  
25 imperative that you analyze the consistency of this

1 project with all laws, promises, statutes, contracts,  
2 and other assurances --

3 JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.

4 RUSSEL VAN LOBENSELS: -- dealing with State  
5 Water Project, Delta projects, and operations since the  
6 inception --

7 JANET BARBIERI: Thank for your comment.

8 RUSSEL VAN LOBENSELS: Let me finish.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Let him finish.

10 RUSSEL VAN LOBENSELS: -- since the inception  
11 and in order for this project to be consistent with the  
12 Delta Reform Act of 2009, you need to clearly  
13 demonstrate that this project will not harm any Delta  
14 resources, including agriculture, and that it will  
15 result in reduced reliance on the Delta for your future  
16 water needs.

17 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you. So -- sorry, I~~  
18 ~~have Ms. Dalhberg -- oh, that's okay.~~

19 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

20 ~~PATRICK PORGANS: Patrick Porgans, Porgans &~~  
21 ~~Associates. I want to go back to the initial part of~~  
22 ~~this. This particular project is a moving target.~~  
23 ~~Essentially, we have been going at this since -- well,~~  
24 ~~this was mentioned earlier -- since 1960. This is just~~  
25 ~~another rendition of an ongoing moving target.~~

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1 ~~given a new life in the San Joaquin.~~

2 ~~And let me say that this is not just my~~  
3 ~~opinion, but I copied something out of the Bulletin 22~~  
4 ~~written by the chief engineer, and I'll read that to~~  
5 ~~you.~~

6 ~~JANET BARBIERI: If you could do it quickly.~~

7 ~~CLARENCE KOI: "Thus all of the barrier is not~~  
8 ~~a physical necessity to the first unit of the~~  
9 ~~comprehensive plan in the Sacramento River Valley. It~~  
10 ~~is the essential feature of the ultimate diversion of~~  
11 ~~Sacramento River water into the San Joaquin. For~~  
12 ~~without it, there cannot be the complete conservation~~  
13 ~~necessary to develop the large reliance of surface -- of~~  
14 ~~surplus Sacramento water for exportation."~~

15 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

16 ~~CLARENCE KOI: Thank you.~~

17 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

18 **TOM WALLACE:** Good evening. My name is Tom  
19 Wallace, I'm a Clarksburg resident and a retired  
20 geotechnical engineer.

21 But I wanted to speak just a little bit about  
22 being a Clarksburg resident. Tressa and Bo Dahlberg did  
23 all the math, and I have been retired for 18 years so I  
24 don't do much math anymore.

25 But I want you to think about what you're

1 doing. This is a 10-year project, right, of  
2 construction, something like that?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 20.

4 TOM WALLACE: There will be pile driving, and  
5 I spent a lot of my life working on piles -- listening  
6 to pile drivers and being involved in that business.  
7 Pile driving 24 hours a day probably, lowering the  
8 groundwater, and I hope you realize what you're doing to  
9 these communities along the river.

10 You are literally destroying the communities.  
11 You're destroying people's lives, and that certainly  
12 should be part of your environmental impact.

13 I just -- one of my sons just moved out of  
14 Clarksburg. He sold his house for about a million  
15 dollars. That property would be worthless, absolutely  
16 worthless during that 10 year or 20 year period. He  
17 couldn't -- his total investment in his property would  
18 be lost, and that's what you are doing to everybody in  
19 Clarksburg and further down the river. So I just want  
20 you to consider that.

21 Thank you.

22 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

23 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

24 ~~JANET BARBIERI: I'm just going to call the~~  
25 ~~next few people to come up; Jeff Durbin, Tim Neuhearth~~

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1           ~~The same document state that by covering the~~  
2 ~~pile drivers, there would be shrouds that they're~~  
3 ~~looking at doing over the pile driving equipment. The~~  
4 ~~noise could be reduced by 10 dba. Bringing the noise to~~  
5 ~~70 dba, which is like being 10 feet from a vacuum~~  
6 ~~cleaner.~~

7           ~~So going from a garbage disposal to a vacuum~~  
8 ~~cleaner is some kind of improvement, but it's not~~  
9 ~~something people closest to the project will be able to~~  
10 ~~live with for months and years. The channel of~~  
11 ~~Clarksburg would also experience noise levels from 50 to~~  
12 ~~60 dba, according to these documents.~~

13           ~~So when the Freeport intake was built, people~~  
14 ~~across the river had to be relocated because of the~~  
15 ~~noise. These intakes -- these proposed intakes are each~~  
16 ~~10 times larger than Freeport.~~

17           ~~I don't want to move due to construction~~  
18 ~~noise, and my neighbors don't want to move. None of us~~  
19 ~~do. But if these impacts make life impossible, we may~~  
20 ~~have to. And I think that that should be very seriously~~  
21 ~~considered as you go forward with this project.~~

22           ~~Thank you.~~

23           ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

24           ~~JANET BARBIERI: Mr. Wells?~~

25           **BILL WELLS:** Thank you very much. I

1 appreciate being here. Bill Wells, I'm with the  
2 California Delta Chambers and Visitors Bureau. I'm also  
3 associated with quite a few Yacht clubs in the area. I  
4 spent my summer boating.

5           Anyway, let's pick up where we left off last  
6 time. Last time, the last thing that I was able to say  
7 was Wade Crowfoot who is the Natural Resource secretary  
8 has to have his daughter wear a gas mask because the air  
9 in California is unfit to breathe.

10           So the -- my friends have been filing Freedom  
11 of Information Act requests, and it appears that the  
12 electricity plant supporting the current Tracy pumps  
13 spew out about 400,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year.

14           Now, when you add that to the 400 estimated  
15 diesel truck trips into the Delta every day during the  
16 construction period of 10 or 20 years, whatever it's  
17 going to take, the people in Hood, number one, they are  
18 going to be buried in carbon, and the people in  
19 Clarksburg and every community around here with the same  
20 thing. So we've got a huge problem with that. It is  
21 absolutely unacceptable.

22           Somebody else mentioned the project creates no  
23 new water; that's true. So here we are spending. Now,  
24 the cost estimates vary. I heard a governor now is  
25 saying about 20 million. Arnold Schwarzenegger said

1 about 55 billion, and other people said about 75  
2 billion. So I will say it's in the 60 billion range.

3 But we are creating no new water. All we are  
4 doing is allocating the water from one area of  
5 California to another, from the people that have it to  
6 the people that don't have it.

7 So I strongly oppose, and I urge every  
8 Californian to strongly oppose this project. And as  
9 Jerry Brown said, he will do anything humanly possible  
10 to build these tunnels. Well, I pledge I'll do anything  
11 humanly possible to stop them.

12 So thank you very much.

13 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

14 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

15 ~~And Mr. Wilson? But before you start, I'd~~  
16 ~~like to call the next three.~~

17 ~~Anna Swenson, Mark Pruner, and Amanda Beck, if~~  
18 ~~you could get ready.~~

19 ~~Please proceed.~~

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22 ~~any meaningful detail. Tonight I have heard at least~~  
23 ~~three alternatives proposed. I hope you will consider~~  
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1 ~~construction impacts, bridge and road transportation~~  
2 ~~issues are immense. The problems in warning in the last~~  
3 ~~EIR that we will abandon our homes and buildings is~~  
4 ~~already creating inverse condemnation here for us who~~  
5 ~~live in the Delta.~~

6 ~~This intake -- these intakes and one tunnel~~  
7 ~~project do not protect and enhance the Delta's unique~~  
8 ~~cultural, recreational, natural resource, and~~  
9 ~~agriculture values of the Delta.~~

10 ~~We request that you look at other ways,~~  
11 ~~alternatives to one tunnel to create a reliable water~~  
12 ~~supply for all of California, and we will put those in~~  
13 ~~an expanded written form.~~

14 ~~Thank you.~~

15 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Great. Thank you.~~

16 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

17 **DAN WHALEY:** Good evening, everyone. My name  
18 is Dan Whaley. I'm a resident of Sutter Island and a  
19 business in the Hood. I would just like to thank  
20 everyone in this crowd for coming out here because we  
21 know that DWR is disingenuous in this scoping process.

22 But by us being here and raising our voices,  
23 we are going to have to fight it again, just like we  
24 fought (as spoken) it before, but it gives us hope that  
25 we have something that we can hold onto.



1 (Audience clapping.)

2 I apologize. Now, many of you are here doing  
3 your job, but other people in DWR are making decisions  
4 that are affecting people's lives. Is there going to be  
5 a risk assessment on how many people will die as a  
6 result of the construction or operation of this project?

7 As we have heard, these tunnelling projects  
8 are dangerous and risky, with seismic problems, flooding  
9 problems. The basic starting point that this process  
10 should be is to maintain the existing levee system.

11 Unless they maintain the existing levee  
12 system, any project that is built will ultimately fail.  
13 We already know that the canal is made with unreinforced  
14 concrete and that much of the water that is being sent  
15 south is going back into the aquifer. They also are  
16 pumping water over the Tehachapis which makes no sense.

17 Southern California can get by without our  
18 water, and there can still be plenty of water for their  
19 Southern Cal -- or for the Bakersfield farmers if they  
20 didn't pump water into the LA basin. Through  
21 conservation they can save that money -- or that water  
22 at a reasonable expense.

23 For instance, a low flow toilet saves five  
24 gallons. It would be less expensive to buy everyone in  
25 Los Angeles a new toilet and install it than to put this

1 project, and with that there would be sufficient water.

2 Now, for everyone here, right now there is a  
3 pile driver going on Freeport where they're doing the  
4 bridge. If you can sit there next to the pile driver  
5 for 15 minutes, you would be amazed. It's so  
6 unbearable. To think that they're going to do that 24/7  
7 is going to destroy this community.

8 Thank you.

9 ~~(Audience clapping.)~~

10 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.~~

11 ~~And just before you start, I have the next~~  
12 ~~three I would like to call up; Sonia Diermayer, Michael~~  
13 ~~Seaman, and Edward Cull.~~

14 ~~ANNA SWENSON: My name is Anna Swenson. I~~  
15 ~~actually sit on the Design Construction Authority~~  
16 ~~Stakeholder Advisory.~~

17 ~~So I spend three weeks with these guys --~~  
18 ~~three hours with guys twice an a month, and I have a~~  
19 ~~binder that's about this thick of all of the proposed~~  
20 ~~plans. I'm a little shocked at how bare bones~~  
21 ~~presentation was because there's a lot more that they~~  
22 ~~clearly haven't laid out although in a document -- you~~  
23 ~~know, in a form that is not concrete at this point.~~

24 ~~So what I would like to request is that you do~~  
25 ~~a study of how: One, you would replace or compensate~~

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1 ~~information on the budget, but certainly if you want~~  
2 ~~someone here to help you follow up, we can try, but we~~  
3 ~~don't have any information here.~~

4 ~~PATRICK PORGANS: Well, it's the only reason~~  
5 ~~why I brought that point up is if there's no money in~~  
6 ~~there for Delta Subvention Levees while this project is~~  
7 ~~being proposed or constructed, you're putting these~~  
8 ~~people at great risk. Thank you.~~

9 ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: Thank you.~~

10 ~~JANET BARBIERI: Other questions?~~

11 **MARK WILSON:** Mark Wilson, Clarksburg District  
12 resident. Can you tell us specifically what  
13 alternatives were evaluated in meaningful detail to date  
14 in coming to the proposal that you are presenting now  
15 for the NOP?

16 CARRIE BUCKMAN: So we haven't yet. The  
17 discussion about alternatives analyzed in meaningful  
18 detail is part of the contents of the Environment Impact  
19 Report, so that's something that we will be doing in the  
20 Environmental Impact Report, taking the alternatives  
21 that come from this discussion and putting that analysis  
22 -- completing that analysis and documenting it in the  
23 EIR.

24 Right now we haven't identified the  
25 alternatives yet. That's part of the scoping purpose.

1           MARK WILSON: So just to be clear, the answer  
2 is, no, you have not evaluated any alternatives in a  
3 meaningful way up to this time?

4           CARRIE BUCKMAN: I think that that's the point  
5 of the EIR. I mean, so what we want to do is --

6           MARK WILSON: Is it a "yes" or "no"?

7           CARRIE BUCKMAN: I think -- well, if I'm  
8 understanding your question right, you're asking --  
9 okay. Let me ask you, are you asking me if we have  
10 already completed an analysis in meaningful detail of  
11 the alternatives?

12           MARK WILSON: I asked if you could tell us  
13 specifically of what alternatives were evaluated in  
14 meaningful detail to date. So the answer is?

15           CARRIE BUCKMAN: Not yet. That's part of the  
16 next steps.

17           MARK WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

18           ~~CARRIE BUCKMAN: Yeah. Not yet.~~

19           ~~JANET BARBIERI: I think there was another --~~  
20 ~~yeah. And then after we do that question, I think we~~  
21 ~~will move on to comments.~~

22           ~~SUSAN WOMACK: Susan Womack, my farm is at~~  
23 ~~Clifton Court Forebay. So I'm very interested in the~~  
24 ~~modernizing, and what I understand is there is -- the~~  
25 ~~goal is modernizing the Delta Conveyance.~~

1 ~~about 55 billion, and other people said about 75~~  
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25 There was at least three projects that I've

1 heard about this evening, the saltwater barrier concept,  
2 the Western Delta intake concept, the note project  
3 concept with increased flows, and I would like to  
4 present a fourth one for you to study.

5 One of the stated prime drivers of the  
6 proposed project is dealing with sea level rise. And  
7 the location of a project goes directly into the  
8 projected useful life a project.

9 So the alternative I would like to propose is  
10 that you combine the project with the Sacramento Weir  
11 Widening Project that Sacramento Area Flood Control  
12 Agency is doing, and also combine it with a North Bay  
13 Aqueduct Relocation Project.

14 JANET BARBIERI: Could you speak right into  
15 that mic. Yeah. Thank you. Just for our audio  
16 recording.

17 MARK WILSON: Does it go up any higher or  
18 what?

19 JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.

20 MARK WILSON: This location would extend the  
21 useful life of the project because it's at a higher  
22 elevation. It would have broader regional benefits. It  
23 would use much existing infrastructure and reduce  
24 project costs and operations and maintenance costs.

25 It could use the Deep Water Ship Channel or

1 aboveground or shallow barrier pipeline in the bypass.  
2 By the way, a bypass -- the bypass is an area where we  
3 occasionally do have excess water, water that's excess  
4 of the needs of our system.

5           It would be a shorter distance to tunnel under  
6 Suisun Bay to Clifton Court Forebay, and tunnel muck  
7 could be loaded on the barges. It may be possible to  
8 have multiple shallow burial pipelines at the bottom of  
9 Suisun Bay to give a redundancy factor to that -- a  
10 redundancy factor that is engineered for seismic  
11 resilience.

12           Gravity still is a feature of this project,  
13 but active pumping could be added for greater delivery  
14 efficiency. The Sacramento Weir site is just below the  
15 confluence of the feather in Sacramento Rivers. Stored  
16 water release from Oroville Dam would be much closer to  
17 its pumping facility, resulting in much less loss of  
18 carriage water.

19           It's much more likely that you would be able  
20 to entice federal partners to join you with this less  
21 expensive and more reliable project with a much longer  
22 project life.

23           This project proposal would be faster to get  
24 online. With the savings and project costs, the  
25 participating agencies could spend more on surface



1 storage and other water supply resilience projects in  
2 line with the governor -- with Governor Newsom's Water  
3 Resiliency Program.

4 I will have lots of additional comments  
5 online. Thank you.

6 JANET BARBIERI: Thank you.

7 ~~-(Audience clapping.)~~

~~8 AMANDA BECK: So I'm going to give Robert my  
9 three minutes, and I'm going to take his three minutes  
10 at the end because he's got to get home to do homework.~~

~~11 JANET BARBIERI: Okay. I'll just trade you  
12 out, yeah. I'll trade you out, yeah.~~

~~13 ROBERT SWENSON: So I just wanted to give my  
14 perspective as a resident of Clarksburg. So my name is  
15 Robert Swenson, and I'm a junior at Delta High School.  
16 I've lived in Clarksburg since I was in fifth grade, and  
17 I consider this my home. My friends, my neighbors, my  
18 community have of all supported me and shaped who I am  
19 and the adult I am becoming.~~

~~20 For example, members of this community created  
21 a youth group for youth -- young adults like me to  
22 promote honesty, hard work, and integrity. We've  
23 learned that we always had the people of Clarksburg  
24 right behind us in times of need and that the world is  
25 not a lonely one.~~

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3 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you.~~

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11 voices of the indigenous people who  
12 spoke before me.

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14 approve of this project.

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17 ~~you can line up behind Mr. Collier.~~

18 ~~The next three are Luda Miller, Isaac,~~  
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20 ~~Kinney. If you could line up behind~~  
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23 ~~Please go ahead.~~

24 ~~COREY COLLIER: I'd like to second the~~  
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1 want to hear -- I sing a song by the  
2 river, and I have an otter that comes  
3 up when I'm peeling sticks, and it  
4 will come up, and it will sit by me  
5 when I'm singing my song. Here, let  
6 me sing it. (Tribal language song.)  
7 A short way to put that song together  
8 is I will cry my heart out and will  
9 cry myself a river if I don't get it  
10 back.  
11 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Regina.  
12 Our next person speaker is JoAnne Lee.  
13 REGINA ANIDROLE: Sorry, we got out of order. She was  
14 two down so I'm --  
15 FACILITATOR: Oh, what was her name?  
16 REGINA ANIDROLE: What was your name?  
17 FACILITATOR: Right. I thought that was Regina.  
18 REGINA ANIDROLE: No, I'm Regina.  
19 FACILITATOR: Okay. What was the name of the  
20 speaker that -- Chao-Nuucks. Okay.  
21 REGINA ANIDROLE: Yeah, sorry about. We went out of  
22 order, but she was ready.  
23 FACILITATOR: So JoAnne Lee.  
24 REGINA ANIDROLE: No, this is Regina Anidrole. I'm with  
25 Save California Salmon, and I

1 apologize we went out of order, but  
2 she was ready. So I'm here today  
3 after going to so many of these  
4 hearings, and most of them I go to by  
5 myself, and most of them I have to  
6 travel at least five hours to get to.  
7 We've been to hearings for the Trump  
8 Water Plan. We've been to hearings  
9 for Sites Reservoirs. We've been to  
10 hearings for the Twin Tunnels. We've  
11 been to hearings for the One Tunnel.  
12 We've been to hearings for the Lower  
13 Klamath Long-Term Plan, so many, and  
14 they never happen within our  
15 community. Still we had to go three  
16 to four to five hours to get here  
17 today, and the only reason we're even  
18 having this hearing is because the  
19 High School Water Protector's Club and  
20 other people went to Sacramento to ask  
21 for this hearing, and the Delta Tribe  
22 backed them up and also asked for the  
23 hearings, and I think it's -- I think  
24 it's bull.  
25 These maps show the reservoirs, but

1 they don't show the rivers for this  
2 project. Trinity River goes to water  
3 poisoned soils that then puts  
4 pesticides and selenium.  
5 It's not a reasonable use of water,  
6 and it's against the California  
7 Constitution, and it's against the  
8 public trust of the people of  
9 California, and it's not Westlands'  
10 water. They are junior water right  
11 holders, and tribes are senior water  
12 right holders. First in line, first  
13 in right.  
14 So I think that Governor Newsom needs  
15 to think about that. I think he needs  
16 to think about saving the salmon. I  
17 think he needs to think about who the  
18 original people of this land are and  
19 how to protect their water sources  
20 because their water sources are not  
21 just there for the salmon. They're  
22 also what's eating the drinking water  
23 supply of the whole state.  
24 And it is not Southern California, LA  
25 that is looking for this water. Those



1 folks are saving water. The people in  
2 the cities want to protect the  
3 environment. It is rich agricultural  
4 interests like Westlands Water  
5 District. It is truly the one percent  
6 that is getting this water, and we're  
7 sick of traveling six hours so we can  
8 testify for our rivers when the people  
9 who are getting the water don't have  
10 to do the same thing. They just take  
11 and take and take.

12 So no water for the one percent. And  
13 it's time for Governor Newsom to start  
14 coming into our communities and  
15 listening and thinking about climate  
16 resilience and thinking about the  
17 people who depend on water and  
18 thinking about the people whose land  
19 he's on.

20 Thank you.

21 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you, Regina.~~

22 ~~Okay. I think our next speaker is~~

23 ~~JoAnne Lee.~~

24 ~~JOANNE LEE: Hi, my name is JoAnne Lee. I am with~~

25 ~~the California Indian Environmental~~

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1                   ~~voice just like everybody else in~~  
2                   ~~here. You know, it's -- it really~~  
3                   ~~feels good to me to see all of you~~  
4                   ~~guys in here. You know, especially~~  
5                   ~~these native groups. Like I've sat in~~  
6                   ~~the lodge with you and heard you sing,~~  
7                   ~~and there's nothing like it. And~~  
8                   ~~that's -- maybe you guys need to come~~  
9                   ~~and sit in the lodge with us and hear~~  
10                  ~~us sing and see if you can -- you~~  
11                  ~~know, maybe you need to do that.~~  
12                  ~~That's all I got to say.~~

13 FACILITATOR:   ~~Thank you, Mr. Franklin.~~

14                  ~~Our next speaker is Willard Carlson.~~

15 WILLARD CARLSON: Hi, there. I'm Willard Carlson. I'd  
16                  like to thank the Winnemen Wintu  
17                  people and all other peoples for being  
18                  here. I live on Blue Creek on the  
19                  Klamath River.

20                  If you -- if you're -- if anybody can  
21                  remember, there's this book out called  
22                  Cadillac Desert. I don't know if any  
23                  of you are familiar with this. Well,  
24                  they talked about the great California  
25                  Water Diversion Project. I have the

1 book. I was warned by a Yurok  
2 medicine man back in the '70s about  
3 this proposed dam.  
4 So I happen to live at a place called  
5 Blue Creek. It's a refugee for a lot  
6 of king salmon on the Klamath River  
7 like a very main tributary, and also I  
8 live at a place called Apa, which is  
9 right there by Blue Creek.  
10 In Cadillac Desert they talk about  
11 800 -- 1,816 foot high mega dam, and  
12 that's built right there where my --  
13 the land of my grandfather where I  
14 live right now. That -- that proposed  
15 dam was -- would raise the river level  
16 in Hoopa to 400 foot under water.  
17 There was going to be a tunnel put  
18 through the Tehachapi Mountains and  
19 was going to go to Arizona, the  
20 fastest growing state of the union  
21 because in a heavy February rainfall  
22 day, they said look at all this wasted  
23 resource going to the Pacific Ocean.  
24 Well, that's kind of like the mindset  
25 right now. This water is going into

1 the Pacific Ocean when we could be  
2 sending it to making oasis out of the  
3 desert. This past year was a very  
4 poor fishing season. Usually you have  
5 a very good size salmon. Well, I  
6 hardly caught any salmon this past  
7 year, but there was some Trinity River  
8 fish. These were like adult salmon  
9 that were only the size of half-pound  
10 steelhead. So we have ocean  
11 conditions. We have offshore. We  
12 have fish farms. And it's okay to  
13 kill all the native stocks in salmon  
14 because we can have aqua farms coming  
15 in, so that's going to take care of  
16 the fish, but we live along -- we live  
17 along these rivers.

18 Coming up here along the Trinity River  
19 I see all these little resorts, places  
20 where people come raft, recreational.  
21 There's offshore fishermen. There's  
22 trout fishermen. There's fly  
23 fishermen, and we -- we rely on this  
24 resource, so I -- I was hoping that we  
25 could come to a conclusion here, work

1 something, maybe resolve this, and  
2 hopefully you can -- hopefully you can  
3 come to a good decision. If not, I  
4 respectfully ask you to withdraw this  
5 process.

6 ~~FACILITATOR:~~ Thank you.

7 ~~Next speaker is Clark Tuthill.~~

8 ~~CLARK TUTHILL:~~ Okay. My name's Clark Tuthill. I've  
9 lived up here in Shasta County,  
10 Trinity County area since 1970. A lot  
11 of things have been said here this  
12 evening, and I would be redundant to  
13 try to repeat any of them. I think  
14 what Mr. Stokey said and the fellow  
15 from Mount Shasta spoke here just a  
16 few moments ago pretty much hit the  
17 nail on the head. Oh, okay. Can you  
18 hear me all right? What Mr. Stokey  
19 and the gentleman from Mount Shasta  
20 mentioned here just a few moments ago  
21 pretty much hit the nail on the head.  
22 A lot of things have been said about  
23 personal things, but the bottom line  
24 is there has been a water grab in  
25 California since the 1920's when

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1 ~~name. (Tribal language song.)~~  
2 ~~That's why I don't have a phone~~  
3 ~~because, you know, you're not supposed~~  
4 ~~to have phone when you're doing dance,~~  
5 ~~you know, because if you don't know~~  
6 ~~what they're saying, how you supposed~~  
7 ~~to know because you're always like on~~  
8 ~~your phone and you're not knowing what~~  
9 ~~they're saying. (Tribal language~~  
10 ~~spoken.)~~  
11 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you.~~  
12 ~~Please proceed. Tip that back up.~~  
13 ~~Yeah.~~  
14 ~~LEONA CHARLES: My name is Leona Charles.~~  
15 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you.~~  
16 **LEONA CHARLES:** I was directly involved with the  
17 Record of Decision from 2000. I'm  
18 happy for this great -- it brings me  
19 great privilege to be here. It's a  
20 pleasure to be here. Now I'm going to  
21 cry. Remember to breathe, you know,  
22 clean air. Remember to breathe.  
23 And I study indigenous people, and I  
24 see all of this here, and I don't see  
25 anything about people, and I happen to



1 be one, and I'm a people. I don't --  
2 I don't really know what to say.  
3 This is a undertaking project, and  
4 it's -- it's an undertaking. It's an  
5 undertaking. There's no doubt in my  
6 mind it's an undertaking.  
7 I don't know, maybe we should tell the  
8 president that there's immigrants  
9 coming through the tunnel.  
10 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.~~  
11 ~~JENEL McCOVEY: That's a hard act to follow.~~  
12 ~~My name is Jenel McCovey. My~~  
13 ~~granddaughter is Jeanne McCovey. This~~  
14 ~~is a moral issue. It -- it's between~~  
15 ~~an anadromous fish versus the seeds~~  
16 ~~that can be germinated elsewhere.~~  
17 ~~Age-old gardens have been sold to~~  
18 ~~almond orchards who forgot the senior~~  
19 ~~water rights with it. We talk about~~  
20 ~~the senior water rights of Humboldt~~  
21 ~~County and the Trinity River, and they~~  
22 ~~were a deal at the same time.~~  
23 ~~California water's hierarchy is~~  
24 ~~issuing paper water. It's not real.~~  
25 ~~It's on paper. Over allocation is to~~

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1 ~~say hey, what did grandpa do for you~~  
2 ~~to try to bring the fisheries back,~~  
3 ~~protect everything here? He did as~~  
4 ~~much as he could.~~

5 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you.~~

6 ~~ROBERT WEESE DUHN: So hold these people accountable. I~~  
7 ~~oppose it, but I open dialogue to~~  
8 ~~improve our current system.~~

9 ~~FACILITATOR: Great. Thank you for your comment.~~

10 **ROSIE CLAYBURN:** (Tribal language spoken.) So my name  
11 is Rosie Clayburn. I come from the  
12 Village of Yurok which is right along  
13 the Klamath River. My family's lived  
14 there since time of memorial. I live  
15 less than a quarter of a mile from  
16 where my family has come from.  
17 The Klamath River is important to me.  
18 It's important to my family. My  
19 family's a fishing family, and it's  
20 really disappointing to see these  
21 projects come again and again that  
22 don't take in the cumulative effects  
23 of the real damage that it can do. I  
24 also serve as the tribal heritage  
25 preservation officer for the Yurok

1 Tribe, a role that I take very  
2 seriously. I actually started working  
3 with my tribe when I was 16 years old  
4 the cultural resources. So my whole  
5 life, my whole career, everything that  
6 I do is dedicated to the culture of my  
7 people and protecting those resources.  
8 I'm very knowledgeable in AB52. I'm  
9 very knowledgeable in the National  
10 Historic Preservation Act Section 106.  
11 I actually meet the Secretary of  
12 Interior standards for archeology,  
13 which is pretty rare for a native  
14 person to have. So I can do this  
15 thing, and I want to know why this is  
16 not addressed, why you did not take  
17 into the cumulative effects in your  
18 APE for the Trinity River, for the  
19 Klamath River because we know those  
20 are going to impact our cultural  
21 resources. Our salmon are our  
22 cultural resources. Our sites are our  
23 cultural resources. Our fishing holes  
24 are our cultural resources. The  
25 materials we gather along -- along the

1 river, you see people in this crowd  
2 wearing basket hats. Those materials  
3 come from the Klamath River, the  
4 Trinity River, the Sacramento River.  
5 All these rivers where people wear  
6 these baskets, those are ceremonial  
7 items. We don't just bring those out,  
8 but we bring them because they  
9 represent that river. They represent  
10 the materials, and they represent who  
11 we are as people, so yes, I am opposed  
12 to this project, and I hope that you  
13 guys actually do a good job in the EIR  
14 and actually take into account the  
15 cultural resources that will be  
16 impacted.

17 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you.~~

18 ~~MAHLIJA FLORENDO: I first want to thank the Winnemen~~  
19 ~~Wintu as we're standing on their land~~  
20 ~~today, and I just want to acknowledge~~  
21 ~~that. I am from the mouth of the~~  
22 ~~Klamath River, specifically the~~  
23 ~~Villages of Soquel and Quapaw.~~  
24 ~~The Klamath River is sacred to me~~  
25 ~~because it is a lifeline for the~~

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1 behind her behind the audience. She  
2 turned around and she didn't see  
3 anything. But when the dancers  
4 started to dance and sing, the spirits  
5 behind her in the lagoon began to  
6 sing. She turned around, and she saw  
7 a thousand spirits.

8 The nineteenth time I told this story  
9 I was telling my niece, and I says I  
10 think those thousands of spirits are  
11 the ones who are coming after us.  
12 So we are walking in humanity on  
13 Mother Earth as Mother Earth's  
14 children, and we need to walk better  
15 because with climate change and the  
16 degradation of our air, our water, and  
17 our fertile soil is -- we need to do  
18 better, and it starts here. It's been  
19 ongoing, and we're collecting momentum  
20 with our prayers and our love in our  
21 heart for humanity.

22 FACILITATOR: Is there a Danya or Dania Colegrove.  
23 Dania Colegrove. Okay. Thank you.  
24 Whenever you're ready.

25 DANIA COLEGROVE: I apologize to you guys because I know

1                   you guys are just messengers.  
2                   Before when I questioned you guys'  
3                   plan here, I didn't see Trinity River  
4                   or the Klamath River on your guys' --  
5                   on your map. Very concerning.  
6                   I'm opposing your guys' plan. You  
7                   guys -- your twin tunnel was a dump.  
8                   Now your single tunnel's going to be a  
9                   dump. We need to go it zero tunnel.  
10                  You guys aren't thinking about -- you  
11                  aren't thinking about north of the  
12                  north state. You guys are all just  
13                  thinking about Southern California  
14                  where everybody's at. Well, what are  
15                  they going to do when they run out of  
16                  water because we're going to cut them  
17                  off?

18 ~~FACILITATOR: The next three people are Thomas~~  
19 ~~Joseph, Jack Trout and Chief Caleen~~  
20 ~~Sisk.~~

21 ~~So Thomas.~~

22 ~~JACK TROUT: This way?~~

23 ~~FACILITATOR: Yeah.~~

24 ~~JACK TROUT: Okay. Hi, my name's Jack Trout. I've~~  
25 ~~been a fly fishing outfitter up in~~



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24 **COREY COLLIER:** I'd like to second the

25 acknowledgement that this is the

1 Winnemen Wintu land. I live down in  
2 Chico but in the Mechoopda Maidu land.  
3 I'd like to point out that one season  
4 of rain did not end the drought. We  
5 are still in the drought. We are  
6 still in drought conditions. The  
7 drought is continuing. There doesn't  
8 look like there's going to be much  
9 more pain or precipitation this  
10 Spring. Water is not -- rivers are  
11 not inert sources of water. They're  
12 living beings, living ecosystems. If  
13 you move the water south, it  
14 becomes -- turns into farms. It turns  
15 into tomatoes and turns into almonds  
16 and turns into grapes which then are  
17 packed up, shipped out of California  
18 to leave the ecosystem forever. This  
19 is not sustainable. This is going to  
20 continue to not be sustainable. This  
21 must not happen. This cannot happen.  
22 Please listen to the indigenous people  
23 who have been stewarding this land for  
24 thousands of years. They will not  
25 stand alone if this project continues.

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1 because I've been to several, be  
2 answered? And how will they be  
3 answered. So far none of my questions  
4 have come up with an answer. No one  
5 has come back to me and said oh, we  
6 took that comment that you made and we  
7 found out about it. All we're doing  
8 is speaking to you guys who have these  
9 little jobs who you probably don't  
10 even know who is making the major  
11 decisions. But see this water here,  
12 this is from Mount Shasta, and we are  
13 the people who pray for that water,  
14 and that water goes all the way to LA  
15 and San Diego. And so these things  
16 need to be considered when you're  
17 taking our cards, taking our notes.  
18 How are you going to get back to us,  
19 and you need to reschedule a meeting  
20 here.

21 Thank you.

22 MOLLY CULTON: Hello.

23 FACILITATOR: Tip that up, if you would. Yeah.

24 MOLLY CULTON: Good evening. My name is Molly  
25 Culton. I'm speaking on behalf of

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1 Sierra Club California and our more  
2 than half a million members and  
3 supporters statewide.  
4 This project will have detrimental  
5 impact on California salmon population  
6 that many indigenous and nonindigenous  
7 communities depend on.  
8 Capturing and averting more fresh  
9 water from an already collapsing  
10 ecosystem will only worsen conditions  
11 and will not provide the project  
12 proponents with any new water that is  
13 beneficial or cheaper.  
14 As such, we encourage your department  
15 to ensure that the EIR thoroughly  
16 consider a no tunnel alternative that  
17 analyzes the state's use of and  
18 investment in local programs and  
19 projects relating to water  
20 conservation and efficiency measures  
21 along with others that achieve the  
22 same water reliability goals and  
23 expend less energy as the proposed  
24 project. Doing so will ensure that  
25 enough water continues to run through

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1 the ecosystem so that communities that  
2 depend on these ecosystems will once  
3 again have the opportunity to thrive.  
4 Thank you.

5 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you.~~

6 ~~VERNON WILSON: Vernon Wilson. Cohto Tribe, Northern~~  
7 ~~Mendocino County.~~

8 ~~I don't think our tribe was actually~~  
9 ~~notified. I accidentally came upon~~  
10 ~~this notice through one of the local~~  
11 ~~papers in my community, so that right~~  
12 ~~there is wrong, but what I want to --~~  
13 ~~first what I want to do is honor our~~  
14 ~~Wintu Tribe for being on their~~  
15 ~~ancestral turf here. I was brought up~~  
16 ~~to, you know, address that when you~~  
17 ~~come into somebody else's homelands is~~  
18 ~~that you show respect, and you honor~~  
19 ~~them in a good way, so I honor the~~  
20 ~~Wintuan people here and all the other~~  
21 ~~nations represented here.~~

22 ~~I have a lot of friends on all these~~  
23 ~~rivers that you people are talking~~  
24 ~~about. I have friends and relatives~~  
25 ~~that live on these rivers, and they~~

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1 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you. So before you start, I~~  
2 ~~have -- I'd like to call the next~~  
3 ~~three people. James Sparmin, Rosie~~  
4 ~~Clayburn and Mahlija Florendo.~~

5 **ROBERT WEESE DUHN:** I'd like to thank everybody for  
6 coming tonight. My hat's off to you.  
7 So much respect for people coming out  
8 and speaking on behalf of the American  
9 people. I came here tonight -- I've  
10 been -- I kind of retired from this  
11 type of thing. I fought the battle of  
12 the DWR at the collapse of the dam in  
13 Orville. Worked really hard on that  
14 project. Learned a lot of things  
15 about DWR that I'm going to share with  
16 you here in a minute, but I came here  
17 tonight to see Caleen Sisk. She's --  
18 I've seen her speak. I've met her a  
19 few times. She's inspired me to come  
20 back and start fighting for you again.  
21 Thank you very much.  
22 Again, my name is Robert Weese Duhn.  
23 Done over 40 years of studying the  
24 river. I'm a professional sport  
25 fisherman. My first meeting started

1 as a young boy in my twenties trying  
2 to save our fisheries. I met with  
3 Pete Wilson in 1991. Do you guys know  
4 who he was? He was our governor, and  
5 I saw then in 1990 that was one of our  
6 largest collapses of our fisheries. I  
7 couldn't have that. Couldn't stand  
8 it. So I went to meetings as a young  
9 boy, learned the tricks of the trade.  
10 Learned these meetings well. Tried to  
11 hold the public servants accountable.  
12 I want to share a little secret with  
13 you guys that DWR probably doesn't  
14 because you're all new people here,  
15 but I made some deals with them to  
16 raise more fish, one million fish.  
17 They were lost. They were destroyed  
18 on the Feather River due to the  
19 incompetence, maintenance of the  
20 Orville Dam. Met with the directors.  
21 Worked with the agencies. Actually  
22 acted as a liaison to achieve the  
23 permitting process in an expeditious  
24 fashion because DWR was overwhelmed  
25 with repairing the dam in an emergency

1 situation.

2 So to make a long story short, met  
3 with DWR. Promises were made, and one  
4 million fish would be raised. They  
5 were going to buy another truck for  
6 the Fish and Game Department which  
7 they said they needed to adequately  
8 transport these fish. They needed  
9 money to fund the fish. The agreement  
10 was struck \$325,000 ago for this  
11 project. They shafted me out of the  
12 truck. When it came time to truck  
13 these fish, they had no truck. They  
14 had to wait. They put them on a  
15 truck. Guess what? They died when  
16 they put them out of the truck. We  
17 trust these guys to work for us and do  
18 this project? No.

19 Governor Wilson told me in 1991, he  
20 said, hey, Robert, don't rock the  
21 boat. We got something coming for  
22 you. Central Valley Improvement Act  
23 addresses water issues passed by  
24 congress. I don't hear anybody  
25 talking about this. You guys have not

1 honored this. You have not attempted  
2 to bring back our fisheries. You  
3 can't even get a license to run the  
4 dam in Orville. Come on now. How  
5 long has that been? 26 years you  
6 can't get a license. You can't run  
7 this project. You can't build it.  
8 Fix your existing project. Listen to  
9 these people that keep coming to your  
10 meetings. History keeps repeating  
11 itself. I've seen it come and go and  
12 come and go. You people come and go,  
13 but the same mentality exists. Who is  
14 coming up with this garbage?

15 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

16 ROBERT WEESE DUHN: It keeps coming back around again.  
17 Our governor in 1991 didn't have a  
18 clue. Lied to me personally. DWR has  
19 lied to me. This is not hearsay.  
20 This is personal experience of a  
21 lifetime of trying to preserve our  
22 fisheries, our environment for  
23 everybody.

24 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

25 ROBERT WEESE DUHN: My grandson. I look at him today and

1 say hey, what did grandpa do for you  
2 to try to bring the fisheries back,  
3 protect everything here? He did as  
4 much as he could.

5 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

6 ROBERT WEESE DUHN: So hold these people accountable. I  
7 oppose it, but I open dialogue to  
8 improve our current system.

9 ~~FACILITATOR: Great. Thank you for your comment.~~

10 ~~ROSIE CLAYBURN: (Tribal language spoken.) So my name~~  
11 ~~is Rosie Clayburn. I come from the~~  
12 ~~Village of Yurok which is right along~~  
13 ~~the Klamath River. My family's lived~~  
14 ~~there since time of memorial. I live~~  
15 ~~less than a quarter of a mile from~~  
16 ~~where my family has come from.~~  
17 ~~The Klamath River is important to me.~~  
18 ~~It's important to my family. My~~  
19 ~~family's a fishing family, and it's~~  
20 ~~really disappointing to see these~~  
21 ~~projects come again and again that~~  
22 ~~don't take in the cumulative effects~~  
23 ~~of the real damage that it can do. I~~  
24 ~~also serve as the tribal heritage~~  
25 ~~preservation officer for the Yurok~~

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1 river, you see people in this crowd  
2 wearing basket hats. Those materials  
3 come from the Klamath River, the  
4 Trinity River, the Sacramento River.  
5 All these rivers where people wear  
6 these baskets, those are ceremonial  
7 items. We don't just bring those out,  
8 but we bring them because they  
9 represent that river. They represent  
10 the materials, and they represent who  
11 we are as people, so yes, I am opposed  
12 to this project, and I hope that you  
13 guys actually do a good job in the EIR  
14 and actually take into account the  
15 cultural resources that will be  
16 impacted.

17 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

18 MAHLIJA FLORENDO: I first want to thank the Winnemen  
19 Wintu as we're standing on their land  
20 today, and I just want to acknowledge  
21 that. I am from the mouth of the  
22 Klamath River, specifically the  
23 Villages of Soquel and Quapaw.  
24 The Klamath River is sacred to me  
25 because it is a lifeline for the

1 indigenous people. The people depend  
2 on this river for gathering for  
3 ceremony for life. The people who are  
4 proposing and funding this project  
5 don't understand that this project is  
6 genocide on indigenous people, the  
7 rivers and the lands. The diversions  
8 of these rivers is displacement on  
9 indigenous people, all indigenous  
10 people because we are all connected by  
11 these lifelines. Every river is  
12 interconnected. And maybe you do  
13 understand what they're doing to  
14 indigenous people and indigenous land  
15 and water, but we are here as living  
16 proof of indigenous resiliency.  
17 Living proof of the fight of our  
18 ancestors, and we will continue to be  
19 here for future generations. We will  
20 not be forced to assimilate to a  
21 civilization built on capitalism,  
22 patriarchy and genocide. We are these  
23 rivers, and when you displace these  
24 rivers, you displace us, and we aren't  
25 going anywhere. So to those who are



1 proposing these projects, funding  
2 these projects and supporting these  
3 projects, you don't have a right to  
4 these rivers, and I hope you recognize  
5 your colonial actions and check  
6 yourselves before we really come for  
7 you. I'm here -- I'm here with my  
8 mother and myself and my little  
9 sister, and there's going to be more  
10 of us coming so just be prepared.  
11 (Tribal language spoken.)

12 ~~FACILITATOR: Thank you. Okay. The next three~~  
13 ~~speakers are David Robbins, Raven~~  
14 ~~Stevens and Malissa Tayaba, if you~~  
15 ~~could get lined up and prepared to~~  
16 ~~speak, that would be great. And then~~  
17 ~~the very next speaker is James~~  
18 ~~Sparmin. So, again, James Sparmin and~~  
19 ~~then David Robbins and then Raven~~  
20 ~~Stevens and then Malissa Tayaba.~~  
21 ~~Mr. Sparmin, are you here? Okay. We~~  
22 ~~will move to the next one. David~~  
23 ~~Robbins. Raven Stevens, please come~~  
24 ~~up. There you go. All right. Raven~~  
25 ~~Stevens, and then Malissa Tayaba, can~~

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