

November 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
Public Comments on Item 7.2

From: [Andrew Sugerman](#)
To: [April Jacobs](#)
Subject: Delta Conveyance Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:03:34 PM

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Agency,

I expressing my disapproval of the project and urge all to vote against any funding to continue it..

Thank you,

Andrew Sugerman

Sherman Oaks, CA

Sent from my iPad
Andrew@pantheonentertainment.com

April Jacobs

From: Kelly Christ <christ.kelly.j@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:39 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Vote NO on Delta tunnel funding

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

Please vote NO to fund the next phase of the Delta tunnel. I want my city and state planners to develop sustainable water systems through groundwater cleanup, conservation, efficiency improvements, stormwater capture, recycling and reuse, among other strategies. We need to take care of our earth that provides us with water and food resources. Please work with environmental groups to find more sustainable solutions.

Kelly Christ
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Santa Clarita, CA 91350

April Jacobs

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April Jacobs

From: Mary Hayden <maryhaydenphd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:28 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Delta tunnel

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As a citizen with deep concerns about California's future water supply, I urge you to reject the proposed Delta tunnel plan. Not only would it be prohibitively expensive, but also it would devastate the salmon and other species that depend on the rivers that would feed into the tunnel.

Southern California communities need to invest immediately in sustainable strategies involving groundwater cleanup, storm water catchment, efficient supply management, etc. These approaches will prove less costly and much more effective in the long run.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important matter.

Mary Hayden, PhD
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626 993-7209 cell, 626 792-9747 home
Sent from my iPad

April Jacobs

From: Joseph Hardin <joehardin@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:56 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: agenda item: 7.2. Please vote NO!

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

To Whom It May Concern,

Please vote No on agenda item: 7.2. * Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Cost Sharing Agreement for Planning Activities for a Delta Conveyance Facility and Authorize SCV Water's Membership in the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority. We need a more sustainable plan that doesn't involve Costly Tunnel Projects.

Thank you,

Joseph Hardin

April Jacobs

From: Michelle Mata <mmata0818@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:23 AM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Public Comment on Funding Delta Tunnel

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello SCVWA,

VOTE NO on the next phase of the Delta Tunnel.

Do not build this Delta Tunnel! Our ecosystem/climate has endured enough of mass human manipulation on our environment. I implore SCVWA to invest in environmental impact studies and find local solutions to our water ways.

I understand water is a huge concern for SoCal, especially as the area further becomes a desert and I implore my leaders managing earth's resources to find nature based solutions instead of bandaid solutions that hurt our Earth.

Stop facilitating irreversable climate damage, don't build the Delta Tunnel!

Thank you

April Jacobs

From: Stacy Fortner <s_fortner@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:51 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Delta Tunnels Agenda Item tonight - OPPOSED

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

The San Francisco Bay Delta, a freshwater body formed where the Sacramento, San Joaquin and several smaller rivers meet, near the city of Stockton, is the largest natural estuary on the West Coast. It covers more than 1,100 square miles, an area about three times the size of the City of San Diego. It provides breeding grounds and habitat for a range of animals, including Chinook salmon and the endangered Delta smelt.

The Bay Delta's ecosystem has dramatically declined because of excessive water diversions, introduced nonnative invasive species, and water pollution.

Now the Bay Delta's future and function is threatened by a proposal to build a single tunnel that would divert millions of acre-feet of fresh water from above the Delta to parts below the estuary. Sierra Club California opposes the construction of the single tunnel project. Instead, we believe Californians should pursue a range of other strategies that together will sustainably meet water needs while protecting the environment.

I am opposed to the Delta Tunnel Conveyance project. I feel that because this project's growing expenses is hugely burdensome to the taxpayers of CA, that this should be a CA ballot initiative, and the public should have an opportunity to vote on a referendum relating to the Delta Tunnel Project.

Please oppose this initiative.

Blessings,

Stacy Fortner

April Jacobs

From: charlotte1e@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:28 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: No vote on Delta conveyance Project

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

To the Board,
I oppose the Bag Delta conveyance project. I urge the board to vote no on this project.
Charlotte Edginton

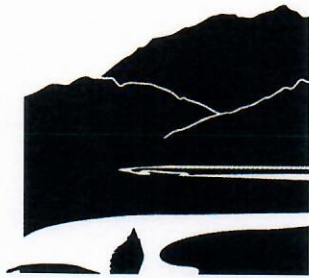
April Jacobs

From: Deirdre Des Jardins <ddj@cah2oresearch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:32 PM
To: April Jacobs
Cc: Delta Legacy Communities Inc.; Dan Whaley
Subject: Comments on Agenda Item 7.2 -- Participation in Delta Conveyance Project
Attachments: DLC ltr to SCV Water Agency re tunnel funding.pdf

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Don't let the State Water Project become the next PG&E -- please see attached.

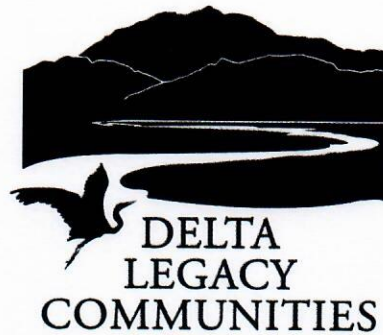
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November 17, 2020

Via email

President Gary Martin and Board of Directors
Board Secretary April Jacobs
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
27234 Bouquet Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Re: Don't let the State Water Project become the next PG&E

Dear President Martin and Directors,

Delta Legacy Communities, Inc. supports and advocates for the eleven Delta legacy communities from Freeport to Knightsen, recognized in the Delta Reform Act of 2009 (PRC 32301(f.)) Our Board includes a Director from each Delta legacy community.

Delta Legacy Communities, Inc. ("DLC") is writing this letter to formally object to the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board of Directors approving funds for planning and engineering design for the Delta tunnel boondoggle when the State Water Contractors have not dealt with the issues of liability for failing to adequately maintain Oroville dam. We write to urge the SCV Board not to let the State Water Project become the next PG&E.

The Oroville dam cases are scheduled to go to trial in April 2021. The State Water Contractors have no plan on how to pay for any judgement. Jennifer Pierre, the General Manager for the State Water Contractors, stated in a declaration:

DWR has stated that it will seek to pass off any penalty assessed against it to Contractors. While the SWC does not agree that this penalty should be assessed against the Contractors, I am not aware of a plan or proposal by DWR to pay the penalty using its

other revenues. Regardless of if it is able to pass off the penalty to Contractors or not, it is questionable if it would be financially able to do so given the amount of penalties sought. This amount far exceeds the SWP budget regardless of the source of funding. It is therefore possible that, if DWR is required to pay the penalty, it might not be able to adequately operate, maintain, or repair the SWP, or it may need to defer maintenance of SWP facilities.

Under law, State Water Project water sales revenues are pledged first to operations, maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of the existing State Water Project facilities. (Wat. Code § 12937(b).) Oroville is the tallest dam in the United States. San Luis is the largest offstream dam. The Department of Water Resources is also legally required to assess adequate rates to pay for reasonable costs of maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of State Water Project facilities. (Wat. Code § 11455.)

Delta Legacy Communities, Inc., has filed to suit to ensure that all applicable laws are fully complied with, prior to issuance of any revenue bonds for new projects. We urge the Santa Clarita Water Agency Board to exercise proper fiscal responsibility, and not approve expenditures for new projects until the issues with funding for maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of existing facilities are fully resolved.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Whaley

Dan Whaley, Chair
Delta Legacy Communities, Inc.

/s/ Dave Stirling

Dave Stirling, Vice Chair
Delta Legacy Communities, Inc.

April Jacobs

From: graybayne film/media <graybayne@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 3:34 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Comments Regarding the Delta Tunnel - Nov 17, 2020

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

Hello,

I'm a Los Angeles resident and I have been following this proposal for several years. It feels like déjà vu to still be discussing this issue when Southern California residents have voted against it time after time.

It's alarming and disheartening to see that our voices are being ignored after 80 years of opposition to the construction of a tunnel from Northern California. Call it what you want, the CA Water Fix or the Delta Tunnel. Tax payers have already said, "No." This plan is outmoded and out of touch. It's time to update and evolve.

Spending billions of dollars on decades of construction for a project that will make us more dependent rather than independent makes no sense. As water resources up state dwindle in the coming years, the logical solution is to invest in infrastructure. We need to make better use of the water we have here in Southern California. It's time to invest in ways to capture the water we lose to runoff and leaky pipelines each year.

Tax payers have spoken. We don't want to pay for a tunnel that won't benefit us. The tunnel will provide water to industry, not residents, at the expense of taxpayers, wildlife and natural habitat. This is a lose-lose situation that is both negligent and a betrayal of public trust. Stop this proposal and vote "no" to funding the Delta Tunnel.

Best,

Elizabeth

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[graybayne film/media](http://graybayne.com) specializes in film and digital media production, as well as communication strategy for nonprofit and health organizations. With over ten years of public health, community outreach, and visual communications experience, we develop strategic messaging, online content, and media campaigns to advance local and national causes.

April Jacobs

From: Wesley T. Chuang <wtchuang@uci.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 4:08 PM
To: April Jacobs
Subject: Public comment on Agenda Item 7.2

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

RE: Public comment on Agenda Item 7.2: "Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Cost Sharing Agreement for Planning Activities for a Delta Conveyance Facility and Authorize SCV Water's Membership in the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority." Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) Water Agency Regular Board Meeting. November 17, 2020.

To the SCV Water Agency Board,

As a resident of California, I am urging the board to vote AGAINST funding the next phase of Delta Conveyance (aka Delta Tunnel Project) planning. The board should push the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for a scenario that does NOT include a tunnel, but does include investment in local and regional projects that will result in less dependence on Bay-Delta water. Those projects would include improvements made to existing infrastructure around the state, and investments in local, sustainable water sourcing like conservation, groundwater remediation and recharge through water recycling, stormwater capture, and brackish water desalination.

The Delta Tunnel project is estimated to cost \$16 billion, before inflation, and up to \$40 billion. Ratepayers will see higher water bills and property

taxes with no guarantee of a sustainable water supply. The proposed expenditure request from the DWR is made at a time when the state is struggling with the pandemic and economic recession. It also comes at a time when climate change suggests that dependence on imported water is less viable and less sustainable than ever. This year's climate change related disasters show we need to plan for resiliency, not short-term gains.

The Delta Tunnel project will harm our environment, biodiversity and wildlife that provide us with natural resources, ecosystem services, tourism and recreation, etc. It will prevent water to flow through the ecosystem for the benefit of Delta salmon, smelt, other fish species and wildlife as well as humans that depend on the ecosystem.

Our state and planet will be better off without the Delta Tunnel project, so please do everything in your power to stop it.

Sincerely,
Wesley Chuang
California resident

Additional Item 7.2 Public Comment Received after 5:00 pm

From: [April Jacobs](#)
To: [Lisa M. McDougald](#)
Subject: RE: Stop the Delta Tunnel Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:10:00 PM

Thank you, your email was received and distributed to the Board and appropriate staff. It will be posted on the SCV Water Website tomorrow. Thank you.

From: Lisa M. McDougald <lmcdougald@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:07 PM
To: April Jacobs <ajacobs@scvwa.org>
Subject: Stop the Delta Tunnel Project

CAUTION - EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear SCV Water District Staff,

I am a resident of Valencia and am deeply troubled to learn of the Delta water diversion project. I do not approve of this project as it will negatively impact the residents of our community for wealthier business interests. Please do not approve this project. It will increase the rates and burden those most vulnerable in our community. I do not approve and ask that you cancel this project and any future projects like this.

People must come first. Sustainability and responsible water usage is the future for Santa Clarita and must be going forward.

Most Respectfully,

Lisa M. McDougald
Valencia Resident
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