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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT,

PLEASE SAY NO TO THE DELTA TUNNEL PROJECT

MWD Hearing October 27, 2020

The Delta Tunnel

The Delta Tunnel is an environmentally destructive, expensive, unreliable boondoggle of a project. It would essentially build a giant tunnel that would divert water from the river system that feeds into the San Francisco Bay Delta (located adjacent to Stockton) to send south to the San Joaquin Valley farmers and urban users in Southern California.

The Delta is the largest estuary on the west coast of North America and is critical for fish and wildlife and a linchpin in the state's salmon industry.

Orcas are dying off due to the collapse of the salmon populations.

Local and regional projects should include improvements 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 inland brackish water desalination.

- DWR claims that the single tunnel project will offer water supply reliability with the least amount of environmental damage possible. But in reality, the tunnel project offers NO reliability, incurs MASSIVE environmental damage, decimates Delta communities, and results in HIGHER water costs for southern Californians.

- MWD's board should urge DWR to seriously analyze the "Commonsense" alternative in the environmental impact report for the tunnel that includes no construction of the tunnel and prioritizes investment in- and the use of- projects and technologies that reuse, recycle and conserve local and regional water supplies.
- Local and regional water supplies are the only supplies that are truly resilient to the uncertainties of climate change and seismic risks.
- Californians value the protection and preservation of our unique natural resources. A "commonsense" alternative protects the Delta by reducing the need for Delta exports and allowing more water to flow through the ecosystem for the benefit of Delta salmon, smelt and other fish species as well as all the wildlife that depend on the ecosystem.

Please say no to the Delta Tunnel Project,

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