

Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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The Honorable Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly
California State Assembly
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mike McGuire
President Pro Tempore
California State Senate
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom, Speaker Rivas and President Pro Tempore McGuire,

As Representatives of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta), we are writing to express our continued concern and opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project (Delta Tunnel), including our strong opposition to renewed efforts to expedite its approval and construction. Throughout the process of this proposed project, we have consistently voiced our opposition based on the economic and environmental damage the Delta Tunnel would have in our districts.

The Delta Tunnel poses a grave threat to the environmental, economic, and cultural well-being of communities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region. The Bay-Delta is one of the most ecologically significant estuaries on the West Coast and supports thousands of fishing jobs, vital agricultural lands, tribal and environmental justice communities, and some of the most vulnerable ecosystems in the state. From exacerbating water quality issues for our local agriculture and wildlife to creating water scarcity, this project's unintended consequences will be a calamity in our communities.

In addition, with an estimated cost of over \$20 billion, this project would put a significant financial burden on our state. As the impact of climate change continues to grow, we support responsible and effective actions to address our state's water management challenges. Instead of revising a decades-old proposal such as the Delta Tunnel, we must invest in forward-thinking alternatives that cost less and can be completed faster. This includes increasing our water storage capacity, modernizing our existing conveyance infrastructure to limit evaporation, increasing our water use efficiency, and more, which have all seen significant federal interest and investment. Projects such as the Sites Reservoir, as well as continued efforts to replenish our groundwater aqueducts, will yield significant water storage without putting a strain on the environment.

Please know that we stand ready to work with you to address these concerns as well as continue to ensure federal resources are provided to improve our water infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Mike Thompson
Member of Congress



John Garamendi
Member of Congress



Mark DeSaulnier
Member of Congress



Josh Harder
Member of Congress



Doris Matsui
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