

## **Members of the DCC Respond to Governor's Off-Handed Remarks**

In response to Governor Brown's off-handed remarks yesterday that critics of his twin tunnel plan should "shut up" until they spend more time studying it, members of the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) issued the following comments:

"The proposed twin tunnel project is a frustration to many of us; because as much as the governor wants them built, we want them shelved. The studies are clear: twin tunnels won't create more water for drought-thirsty California," said **Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli**. "Rest assured, we will continue to voice our legitimate concerns and promote alternatives to the tunnels, including more storage, conservation and desalinization."

"Delta stakeholders have invested countless hours over the past seven years pouring through three separate versions of the Governor's tunnel plan and for him to tell us to 'shut up' and 'read it' is insulting to millions of people in our Delta communities and those whose livelihoods depend on protecting its fragile ecosystem," said **San Joaquin County Supervisor Kathy Miller**. "No matter what BDCP version is advanced, our message remains the same: this multi-billion dollar, taxpayer-funded twin tunnels plan doesn't pencil out from a scientific, economic or environmental standpoint. It's been negotiated without Delta input; it violates state and federal environmental law; it will cause irreparable harm to the Delta; and ultimately it won't deliver a single drop of new water."

"The tail is wagging the dog and misleading the Governor. The revised twin tunnel proposal still isn't viable, fails to create any new water, and would continue to deplete the Delta of critical water while degrading what water is left," said **Contra Costa Supervisor Mary Piepho**.

"Clearly the state water contractors, who receive export water based on junior water rights, are dominating the decision-making and clouding the State's judgment" added **Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff**."

The DCC has collaborated over the past seven years to advocate for protecting the interests of the Delta and California's water supply. To achieve a Delta that has economic and environmental balance, San Joaquin County and the DCC have repeatedly pursued a Delta plan that meets the criteria of the 2009 Delta Reform Act. Such actions include:

- 1) Improving the ability to move water around as needed with water system improvements.
- 2) Increasing storage capacity.
- 3) Reinforcing our levee system.
- 4) Local storage, increased conservation plans, water reuse and recycling and desalination.
- 5) Restoring the Delta's health.

*The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) was formed to better represent the nearly 4 million residents of the Delta and works collaboratively to give one voice to the Delta and better engage in the efforts to achieve three goals: improve the Delta ecosystem, provide a more reliable water supply for the state, and protect and enhance Delta communities.*

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