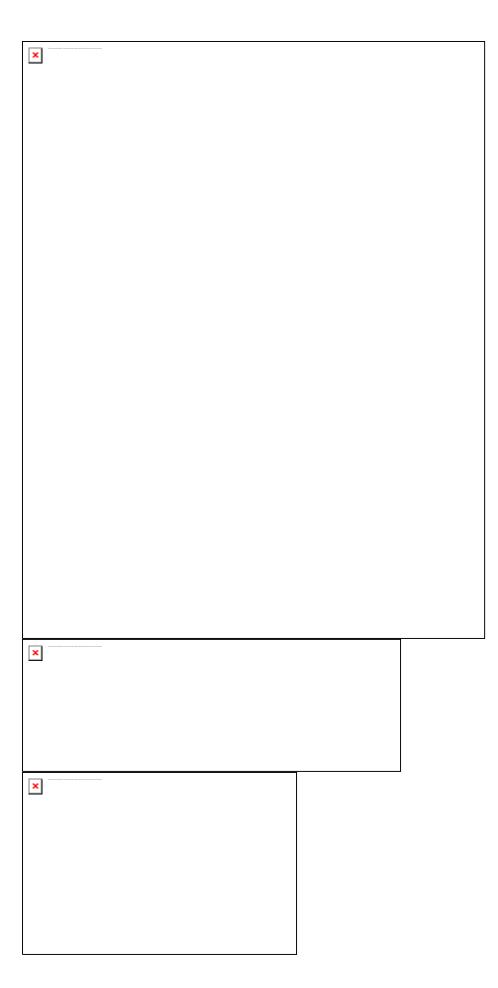
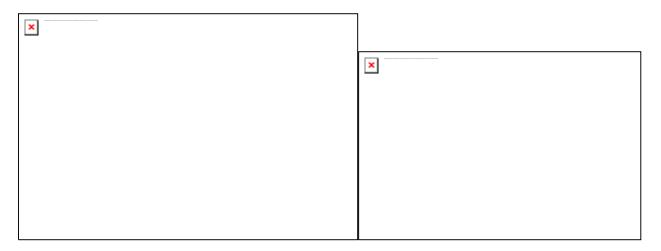
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Dear Tam

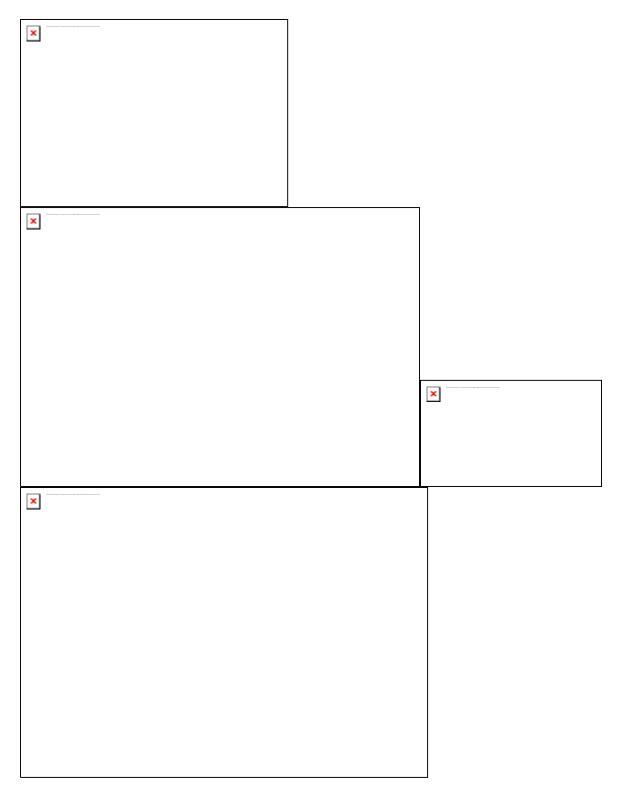
The people of California are enraged at corporate water grab and we demand the Water Resources Control Board to serve the public interest and kill Jerry Brown's controversial "California WaterFix" project, or "Delta Tunnels" NOW. This is yet another Brown-sponsored public works boondoggle with total price tag ranging to over \$65 billion that waste OUR taxpayer money, destroy our delta ecosystem, and raise our water rates to favor corporate agribusiness and oil interests that Brown work for.



This project sucks and must never be funded because it seems to address only one of the symptoms of California's water crisis while completely ignoring the overall illness which is the complete inflexibility of the <u>Endangered Species Act</u>. While the twin tunnels may limit the number of smelt getting ensnared in the Delta pumping stations it does nothing to address the salinity issues when too much fresh water is removed from the system. Maybe we're a little dense, but it's unclear to us how moving upstream to divert fresh water flows from the Sacramento River, a river which otherwise empties into the Delta and accounts for 85% of the total fresh water flows into the system, rather than pulling it directly from the existing pumping stations would have any impact on overall salinity levels in the Delta.



Without addressing the inflexibility of the Endangered Species Act this is simply another opportunity to squander OUR taxpayer money on more water infrastructure that will never actually be used because of leadership's inability and/or lack of desire to stand up to California's environmentalists in favor of practical solutions. The Delta Tunnels project calls for diverting a portion of the Sacramento River's fresh water flow via new gravity-fed intakes more than 30 miles upstream, between Clarksburg and Courtland. The water would then flow south via two 40-foot-wide pipes buried 150 feet underground and ultimately feed into the existing state and federal canal systems.



Proponents argue that the tunnel plan is better for the Delta Smelt population as it reduces reliance on large pumping stations at the south end of the Delta that often entrap the small fish. But we view the tunnels simply as a form of corporate welfare for large corporate ag and oil interests, and we say that human lives matter much more than some fish. We know full well the tunnels will do nothing to actually increase water flows to southern California without relaxing rules under the Endangered Species Act. This project must be killed NOW because California voters in November will be presented with a ballot initiative that would torpedo the tunnels plan. Proposition 53, would require a statewide vote on any public works project financed with at least \$2 billion in revenue bonds.

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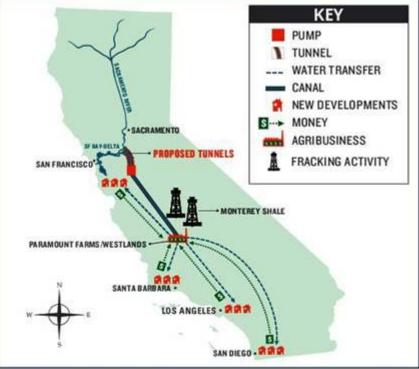


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Under the guise of the so-called "Bay Delta Conservation Plan,"

Govemor Brown and California's most powerful corporate agribusinesses and oil companies are pushing two massive 30-mile water tunnels to divert the Sacramento River and increase exports from the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary. The tunnels are estimated to cost over \$50 billion, which would force higher water rates for millions of Californians and devastate the ecosystem of the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary.

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