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To: [DL-Board Support Team](#)
Subject: Public Comments on Delta Tunnels
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To Whom it Concerns,

I'm writing to comment on the plans for the Delta Tunnels.

In October's meeting, we learned that there were \$34 million in refunds from the failed CA WaterFix project reimbursed to MWD by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). I'm writing to urge you not to spend those funds on the Delta project, but instead to put the funds towards alternative projects that will reduce reliance on imported water.

Why won't anyone use the reimbursement money to look into alternatives MWD is hard to the Delta Conveyance project? In fact, no one, including DWR, is doing this research. Researching local alternatives to the Delta Conveyance will keep jobs local, offer reliable sources of water, and spare us the expense of the Delta Conveyance project.

Water demands have declined over the last four years and the trend is expected to continue. With the reduced demands, an increase in regional water recycling and potable water reuse ideas, new intakes will not be necessary.

On November 5 in their SEC meeting, DWR engineers repeatedly said that "there is no [Delta Tunnel] project" when questioned about the potential effects on communities, so what are we paying \$16 billion for if there's no project?

Please strongly and carefully consider all alternatives to the disruptive Delta conveyance ideas. We must get this right in order not to damage California.

Sincerely,

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