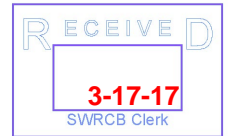


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PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY MY DELTA!!!

I have lived off and on in this area (Bethel Island/Discovery Bay) since I was a child. I have incredible memories of boating adventures with my family. It is a unique paradise, filled with character. It is a gem and treasure of California and the United States. And it should be treated with respect and the love it deserves. Unfortunately I have seen the quality of the environment slowly deteriorating. And after reading about the impacts of the tunnels, from both sides, I am convinced that this plan will destroy this piece of God's incredible creation.

If you take water from upstream of us, then less fresh water comes our way. Gravity will force the channels and tracts to back-fill with water from the bay, which will increase the salinity of our water and kill fish populations, and ruin boats, docks and levees. We already suffer from horrendous algae blooms that seem to worsen every year. What do you think will happen when less fresh water flows thru here?

Even the current water export is too much for our Delta. And from my understanding already exceeds the promised maximum set in the 70's and flows at 110% of that maximum. These tunnels will only be a grab for more water. And it's appalling that the majority of this water doesn't even go to consumer homes, but to commercial enterprises that don't even benefit California in any direct way. Leaving our own small Delta farmers to suffer from lack of water for their own crops. Stop allowing big business to take our precious water resources. Let them truck water down from Oregon, or build a pipeline. Because lord knows that water is going to become more valuable and scarce than oil.

Current plans for construction include shutting off vital waterways which will severely damaged local businesses. Marinas will go out of business, recreational areas will be cut-off from each other, property values will diminish rapidly. I have neighbors who are already considering selling their homes. And I understand muck ponds will be created, leaving stinking rotting piles peppered throughout the Delta.

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!!! There are alternatives to destroying the environment, that probably will cost a lot less money.

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