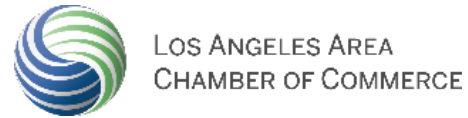




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California Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 942836  
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California Small Business Association



**Subject: Members of Californians for Water Security Support Proposed Delta Conveyance Project Notice of Preparation**

Dear Renee Rodriguez,



CA-NV Conference of Operating Engineers

Our growing coalition of citizens, labor unions, family farmers, businesses, local governments, water agencies, community groups and minority advocates strongly support the state's proposed Delta Conveyance Project. Failure to act on this project will result in a less secure water future for residents and businesses, the cost of water deliveries could increase, and the health of the Delta will continue to deteriorate.

More than 27 million Californians rely on outdated infrastructure to deliver water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to homes, farms, and businesses throughout the state. This aging water distribution system is vulnerable to the threats posed by climate change and natural disasters.



For far too long, we have failed to address these pressing issues, the status quo is no longer acceptable. Without action, water supplies through our main distribution system are at risk of collapse in the event of a major earthquake or flood. Breaches to our current dirt levee system could disrupt water supplies for up to one year for millions of Californians.



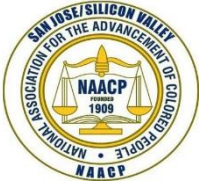
This system is unprepared to deal with our state's changing hydrology. Scientists agree snowpack is becoming less abundant and less predictable due to climate change. With an improved conveyance system, California will be better prepared to handle the challenges associated with prolonged droughts and more intense storm systems driven by climate change.



The proposed Delta Conveyance Project, a key component of the administration's statewide water reliability portfolio, will address many of California's complex water challenges. This project would:



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- Protect water security for two-thirds of the state
- Improve the reliability and security of our water system
- Protect water supplies from earthquakes, floods, and natural disasters
- Prepare for the impacts of climate change
- Promote more natural water flows
- Serve as a critical component of a comprehensive water portfolio

We support a proposed capacity of at least 6,000 cubic feet per second and encourage the state to evaluate even larger capacities as well. We must have sufficient water flow to ensure the project is financially viable and that it provides the water security we need. Wastewater recycling, groundwater recharge, and desalination need fresh water to be most effective. We must take an “all of the above” statewide portfolio approach to secure California’s water future.

Moving forward to modernize our water infrastructure is vital to protect our quality of life and our economy. Without this project, California’s economic growth could slow, water rates could rise as we’re forced to purchase water from less affordable sources, and the health of the Delta will continue to decline.

We must act now. California’s water security cannot wait.

Sincerely,

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