

Policy Statement from
California Delta Chambers & Visitor's Bureau

The California Delta is a national treasure and the largest estuary on the West Coast of the Americas since the Colorado River Delta was destroyed by excessive water exports.

We strongly oppose creating new diversion points on the Sacramento River known as the California WaterFix. In human history there has never been a diversion of this scale that has not destroyed the parent waterway. Examples abound in California - Tulare Lake, Buena Vista Lake, Owens "Dry" Lake, & Mono Lake to name a few. The Colorado River was once navigable to Yuma and beyond, now after decades of water exports the Colorado Delta is a desert filled with invasive plant life and brackish water. We have asked the Department of Water Resources numerous times to provide a few examples where a plan like this has worked and they have never answered because there are no examples.

The above are the obvious problems, there are many more problems and concerns and we see no benefit to any business, resident, or visitors to the region. Construction will take some ten years or more with hundreds of tons of diesel exhaust and soot blanketing the area. The noise will be very disruptive to residents with construction going on day and night. Residents and visitors will be competing with project trucks on narrow Delta roadways, traffic jams will be endemic along with the potential for more traffic accidents.

The only groups that will benefit from this mother of all boondoggles will be the contractors working on the plan and the water exporters that have developed a dependency on Delta water. We urge a complete stop to the project until other more practical alternatives are considered.

The Water Fix will have a devastating effect on the already weak economy of Northern California as well as put most of California's water into the hands of a select few powerful people. In addition to wiping out farmers, fishermen, business owners, and Delta residents, as well as an entire eco-system we will be leaving a horrendous debt on our children and grandchildren.

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