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DELTA COUNTIES CALL METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT VOTE FOR TWIN TUNNELS A BAD DEAL FOR RATEPAYERS AND THE DELTA

SACRAMENTO, CA— The Delta Counties Coalition issued the following statements in response to Metropolitan Water District's vote to finance the State of California's proposed Twin Tunnels project (known as "WaterFix"):

"MWD's vote disregards the Delta, its environment, and community, and ratepayers of Southern California will be on the hook for this risky project," said Contra Costa County Supervisor Diane Burgis, who spoke at the MWD meeting. "The MWD board ignored more viable alternatives and chose to waste billions of dollars on a project that does more harm than good."

"The vote yesterday is purely a 'water grab' and will bring about further devastation to the Delta, the environment, and our communities," said Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli.

"MWD's vote is irresponsible and short-sighted," said Kathy Miller, San Joaquin County Supervisor. "This vote risks ratepayer dollars on an ill-conceived, fiscally irresponsible project, and permanently endangers the fragile Delta ecosystem. There is still no assurance of adequate funding for the project. It fails to include any meaningful safeguards to protect the environment or guard against future rate increases. It's disappointing to see the State submit to MWD rather than show the political courage to move away from the divisive WaterFix and find genuine solutions that unite Californians and make our state a leader in water stewardship and delivery. This tunnel fight isn't over...not by a long shot."

Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas stated, "The split vote clearly demonstrates that the purported project beneficiaries cannot agree that the tunnels will indeed provide sufficient benefit. The concerns of Met's member agencies regarding the fiscal and environmental feasibility of the project echoes the same concerns the DCC has raised for years. It is time to focus on real water solutions."

The DCC is an alliance of the counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo. The DCC advocates for protecting the interests of the Delta and California's water supply and has produced a set of approaches that will achieve balance for the economic and environmental health of the Delta while also improving water supply stability.

For more information regarding the DCC and its ideas for fixing California's water issues, please visit sharedwatersolutions.com.

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