



### **Delta Counties Coalition**

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*"Working together on water and Delta issues"*

## **Delta Counties Applaud WaterFix Termination and Support Alternatives Based on Science and Co-Equal Goal Principles**

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In response to the California Department of Natural Resources' announcement to withdraw proposed permits for the California WaterFix twin tunnel project and begin a new planning and review process for a smaller single tunnel that will move water north to south through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli, chair of the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), made the following statement on behalf of the Counties of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo:

"We thank Governor Newsom for rejecting WaterFix and appreciate his direction to include a wide range of stakeholders, including Delta counties, as his Administration contemplates options to improve the state's water delivery system.

The DCC recently met with Governor Newsom and we were pleased with his sincere desire to address California's water supply and flood control challenges without harming Delta communities in the process.

We applaud the Governor's announcement of his California Water Resilience Portfolio, which incorporates many of the DCC's long-advocated water solutions. The DCC advocates for a suite of solutions, including water use efficiency measures, ground water recharge, upgrades to existing key water delivery systems and infrastructure, levee restoration, and additional above and below ground storage. Together, these integrated actions will help make California's water supply more sustainable and climate resilient.

Any statewide water solution or through-Delta conveyance should be grounded in the best available science and must meet the Delta Reform Act's co-equal goals of water supply reliability and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem while protecting and enhancing the unique cultural, recreational, nature resource, and agricultural values of the Delta.

We look forward to partnering with the Governor and his Administration to enhance our statewide water supply, and protect California's natural resources and the Delta, including its communities and way of life."

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