

August 15, 2012

Governor Jerry Brown  
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

The Town of Discovery Bay, located in eastern Contra Costa County, is the largest residential water based community on the environmentally sensitive California Delta. The Delta is the lifeblood of our community. The Delta and its ecosystem singularly sustain the largest estuary on the Pacific Coast and it is home to a myriad of fish, waterfowl, and mammals, many of them endangered. The Delta offers countless recreational opportunities as well, including boating, fishing, bird watching, hunting and many others. Most importantly, however, the Delta is also home to the farms and fields that feed America.

The Delta ecosystem continues to show signs of stress. Salt water intrusions have continued to move upstream for many years, more and more native species are being threatened, and increased water diversions have resulted in ever increasing water quality issues.

The Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District Board of Directors believe that the construction of the twin conveyance project, commonly known as the Peripheral Canal, would cause additional and significant deterioration of an already sensitive Delta ecosystem.

If the Peripheral Canal becomes reality, the draw on the Sacramento River will substantially upset the already fragile network of levee's, rivers and dams throughout the entire Delta region. Brackish water would move much further upstream, resulting in a clear degradation of not only the Delta itself, but also the destruction of a large portion of the rich agricultural industry that provides many of the food crops for America.

California's ongoing water issues will not be resolved by the construction and operation of the Peripheral Canal. We urge you to reconsider your support of the Peripheral Canal project and join the millions of Americans who believe water conservation and water storage projects are more environmentally preferable to the twin pipe conveyance project.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District

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