

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGREES VOTERS DESERVE A SAY ON THE GOVERNOR'S TWIN TUNNELS PLAN

**SACRAMENTO, CA**—Sacramento County applauds Tuesday's vote by the California State Assembly's Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife to pass a bill requiring a statewide vote on the Governor's ill-conceived plan to build twin tunnels to divert water from Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and send it south. Assembly Bill 1713 by Assemblymember Susan Eggman now moves to the Assembly Appropriations Committee where the state fiscal impact of the bill will be assessed.

"I trust the voters," said Supervisor Don Nottoli. "The proposed tunnels plan is conceivably one of the largest proposed public works project in the history of California that will irreversibly alter the largest estuary in the western U.S. and a generations' old way of life. A project of this size and magnitude deserves the greatest scrutiny."

"The Governor's tunnel plan illustrates a rejection to an open and transparent process and to a more well-rounded approach for spending at least \$15 billion or more to address both the health of the Delta and water supply demands, said Supervisor Patrick Kennedy. "More transparency and public vetting of this project is needed and Assemblymember Eggman's bill will do just that by giving a voice to Californians."

Sacramento County, working with several other Delta counties, has advocated a set of approaches that will achieve balance for the economic and environmental health of the Delta while also improving water quality and supply. Those solutions include:

- Conservation, wastewater reuse, recycling
- The broad range of surface and groundwater storage options (including local storage);
- System-wide Delta levee improvements to better facilitate a through-Delta alternative;
- Regional self-reliance/reuse, which reduces reliance on the Delta;
- Restoration of the Delta's environmental, cultural, and economic framework, including Delta flows based on best available science.

For more information on the twin tunnels project and stakeholder concerns, visit <http://www.delta.saccounty.net/>

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