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DELTA COUNTY SUPERVISORS SAY BROWN'S TUNNEL PLAN NOT IN LINE WITH CLAIM TO "FISCAL DISCIPLINE"

SACRAMENTO, CA—In response to the State of the State address delivered this morning by Governor Jerry Brown, the Delta Counties Coalition released the following comments regarding the discrepancy between the Governor's claim to maintain fiscal discipline while using taxpayer dollars to further his plan to build a multi-billion dollar, rate-payer funded, twin tunnel project in the Sacramento San-Joaquin Delta:

"The governor stressed fiscal discipline but his continued call for funding Delta tunnels flies directly in the face of that," said Sacramento Supervisor Don Nottoli. "Spending \$15 billion, and possibly much more, without creating one additional drop of water is the opposite of fiscal discipline."

"The Governor got one thing right today in his comments related to water and that is there's no magic bullet for solving California's water challenges," said San Joaquin County Supervisor Bob Elliott. "Governor Brown's twin tunnels plan is certainly not a magic bullet. It will cost the State and ratepayers billions of dollars, it will devastate the Delta and its surrounding communities, and ultimately, it will not provide a single drop of additional water during times of shortage, nor will it provide a long-term water solution for California."

"The Delta Counties wish to be part of the solution to solve California's water crisis," said Contra Costa Supervisor Mary Piepho. "But putting all resources and revenue into one massive project that does not create a single drop of new water does not make good fiscal, environmental or political sense."

The Delta Counties Coalition has advocated for a set of approaches that will achieve balance for the economic and environmental health of the Delta while also improving water supply and stability. These solutions include:

- Increasing opportunities for local storage, increased conservation plans, water reuse and recycling and desalination.
- Increasing storage capacity.
- Reinforcing our levee system.
- Restoring the Delta's health so that it can continue in its role as an economic, agricultural, recreational and environmental engine for the region and state.

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