



### **Delta Counties Coalition**

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## **DELTA COUNTIES SUPPORT REVIEW OF TUNNELS PROJECT SPENDING**

**SACRAMENTO, CA**—The Delta Counties Coalition (DCC) today voiced support for a request to evaluate state spending on the Governor’s proposed twin tunnels. Nine legislators are requesting the California Legislature’s Joint Legislative Audit Committee to audit how the California Department of Water Resources funds California “WaterFix” activities. The project would build two 45-mile long tunnels each more than 40-feet wide to take water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

“We thank the legislators who asked for this audit and commend their efforts to protect the interests of California taxpayers and ratepayers,” said Contra Costa County Supervisor Karen Mitchoff.

“We strongly support greater openness and accountability of this multibillion dollar tunnel plan,” said Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli, chair of the DCC. “This request is timely and will shed much needed light on spending for this project.”

The DCC has worked diligently for many years to protect the Delta. The coalition advocates for a set of approaches that will achieve balance for the economic and environmental health of the Delta while also improving water supply. These solutions include:

- Increasing opportunities for local storage, increased conservation plans, water reuse and recycling and desalination;
- Increasing storage capacity;
- Reinforce the levee system; and,
- 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.

Find more information about the DCC’s efforts to protect the Delta by visiting: [www.savingthedelta.net](http://www.savingthedelta.net).

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The DCC was formed to represent the nearly 4 million residents of the Delta. The Delta Counties Coalition works collaboratively to give one voice to the Delta and engage in efforts to achieve three goals: improve the Delta ecosystem, provide a more reliable water supply for the state, and protect and enhance Delta communities.