

June 15, 2020

Governor Gavin Newsom  
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (TLBWSD) objects to any further temporary funding of the Delta Conveyance Facility (DCF) by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). Given the current economic conditions and uncertainty surrounding the stability of State Water Project (SWP) water supply, it is not appropriate for the State to continue such financing at this time.

As you recall, financial review of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) anticipates \$101.6 million of funding from the State Water Contractors through June 2020. DWR provided temporary funding in the past and we are concerned about DWR continuing to fill the gap since a number of Contractors have yet to fund this most recent request. The most recently negotiated Agreement in Principle (AIP) for the SWP Delta Conveyance Contract Amendment was opposed by TLBWSD and at least one-third of the SWP Contractors. While we appreciate DWR and other State Water Contractor efforts, the project as currently contemplated will negatively impact TLBWSD and many others.

Aside from the project at issue, other circumstances warrant reconsideration of efforts to move forward at this time. Lawsuits surrounding the Federal Biological Opinions and the State's Incidental Take Permit, create additional uncertainty regarding water supply and its relation to the DCF.

The Department of Finance issued a letter to all agencies stating: "Now, it is even more critical than before that state government be efficient, effective, and conducted in the most economical manner possible. Accordingly, all state agencies and departments must take immediate actions to reduce expenditures and identify operating savings." We ask that you exhibit the same fiscal restraint.

The below signatories are State Water Contractors and have incurred an average increase of 20% in State Water Project costs. The County of Kings is facing massive budget cuts and inevitable cutbacks. We do not want to participate in the DCF, and we object to DWR loaning our money to sustain the project. Given the State faces its harshest economic time in history, we ask that DCF funding by the State be placed on hold.

Sincerely  
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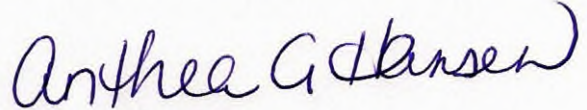
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County of Kings



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cc: Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, Natural Resources Agency  
Karla Nemeth, Director, Dept. Water Resources  
Senator Melissa Hurtado  
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Senator Shannon Grove  
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