

## **Delta Counties Coalition**

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## Delta Counties Respond to Governor's Water Supply Strategy to Prepare for Long-Term Climate Change Impacts

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Today, Don Nottoli, Chair of the Delta Counties Coalition (DCC), which is comprised of Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo Counties, responded to Governor Newsom's new water supply strategy to adapt to hotter, drier conditions caused by climate change:

"Many of the measures included in the Governor's climate change strategy are right on point and the DCC has advocated for and supported these for more than a decade. The DCC does have serious concerns, however, with the Administration's ongoing proposal to construct new isolated Delta conveyance. In addition, any "modernization" of water rights must respect water rights priorities in areas of origin, such as the Delta.

If tunnel proponents had focused efforts on sensible water solutions rather than a massive multi-billion dollar Delta tunnel project that would not provide a single drop of additional water, California would be better positioned to address the impacts of climate change.

In light of this new water strategy, the DCC strongly urges the Governor to permanently shelve the Delta tunnel proposal and concentrate all efforts on strategies, which will secure resilient, equitable, long-term water supplies while preserving natural resources for future generations.

The DCC is prepared to work together with the Administration on measures that will fix our existing infrastructure and expand water supply so that a Delta tunnel is no longer part of the equation."

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