

Re: Item No. 12-1909-S1, Energy and Environment Committee

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Dear Councilmembers,

Sierra Club opposes the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan tunnels. Technology and commonsense can create water savings that will help meet California's water demand without building giant tunnels to divert water away from the San Francisco Bay Delta.

Sierra Club California has prepared a white paper "Clean, Sustainable and Reliable Water Supply: Alternatives to the Giant Bay Delta Tunnels' that demonstrates there are reasonable ways to meet California's water demand without building the tunnels.

California should pursue a range of strategies that together will sustainably meet water needs while protecting the environment. The state can meet its water demand sustainably and reliably by focusing investment in recycling, conservation, water efficiency and better groundwater management for both urban and agricultural users.

Please consider the alternatives detailed in the Sierra Club white paper as reliable options to the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan. If we gamble \$67 billion on building the giant tunnels, there will not be enough money to invest in local solutions that would improve water security throughout the state and create local jobs through investment in smaller infrastructure projects. Sierra Club Angeles Chapter encourages a cost-benefit analysis for the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Please see attached:

"Clean, Sustainable and Reliable Water Supply: Alternatives to the Giant Bay Delta Tunnels" http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/sites/angeles.sierraclub.org/files/docs/environmental_issues/BasicFactSheetSCCPositionBDCPAlts.pdf

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