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Why does the Delta Plan assume that the only answer to California's water needs is the Giant tunnel project? Shouldn't you include in the regulations a range of alternatives that should be considered before deciding on the tunnels? What about the west Delta Intake Concept? What about harvesting flood waters from the Yolo Bypass or Sacramento Weir instead of taking water out of the Delta?

There are other ways to harvest water for Southern California.....

1. Additional reservoirs from rainwater and snow which does not detract from the delta – but actually helps out during periods of large water run off (a lot like the Hoover Dam did)
2. Conservation
3. Why do we need giant and unproven tunnels to decrease the natural waterflow for the Delta? The adverse effects will outweigh the positive effects – at least for us Delta dwellers and the counties which rely on the fresh water from the Delta waterways for personal consumption
4. When you are talking about Delta Stewardship Council....that means the Delta Plan MUST be a very active part of the BDCP....any other way is a charade in attempting to protect the Delta.

You need someone who live and/or works in the Delta region on your council...and it needs to be inclusive and transparent, just like what the Governor says he does in his administration. As a resident....I would serve to protect our precious waterways....I've enjoyed these waterways as a child, parent and grandparent....as a fisherman, skier, a cruiser, waterlife lover, and a swimmer. Since most of the state does not even know what the Delta is....means we need to a better job in protecting this wonderful natural and historical resource.

Thank you & Best Regards

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