

Policy statement for the SWRCB
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As a Clarksburg resident since 1981, I am very concerned about Governor Brown's plan to build two massive tunnels to divert Sacramento River water near our historic agricultural community. My wife was raised in Clarksburg, and once we married we decided to move from Sacramento to Clarksburg to enjoy it's quant community and scenic agricultural areas. Much more pleasant than city life to say the least. Much has been said from you folks in your comments on the BDCP in the recent past, some of which that deals with Clarksburg I agree with and will repeat.

I believe the impacts from the construction of the Twin Tunnels will be significant to the character and culture of Clarksburg. I can't imagine any of our residents will be happy listening to the pile driving and other construction activity involving the Water Intakes, especially the one across the River from our town. It will involve a massive industrial water complex, stretching up to 1/2 mile long with three of these located between Clarksburg and Hood along the Sacramento River. That will also impact tourists coming here to enjoy wine tasting at the Sugar Mill and the Bogle Winery, or to do some Salm- on or Striped Bass fishing in the Sacramento River nearby. Not a positive thing to the Clarks- burg or Hood community in my opinion. We need continuous flows of river water to support the fishery habitat, and to replenish the ground water that many of our residents rely on for fresh water.

In your review of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, you had mentioned that the North Delta included 9 Historic Legacy Towns, as well as some Native American sites. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act does indeed requires a thorough discussion of impacts to those resources prior to approving any planned activity that would create the impact. That should happen before the Board considers even approving the permits.

This whole issue would not have surfaced if it weren't for the desires of Southern Central Valley for more water to irrigate the historically desert land they purchased cheap to convert to farmland. Hence, the idea of a "Water Grab" they want from our Northern Central Valley farmlands.

With the Governor concerned about building the twin tunnels, as well as the high speed railroad, we taxpayers are on the hook to finance these two boondoggles. Enough already!

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