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Sierra Club California Condemns Governor Brown's Latest Delta Plan

SACRAMENTO—Governor Jerry Brown today released updated plans for construction of tunnels through the San Francisco Bay Delta. The plans include reduced restoration proposals for parts of the Delta system.

Sierra Club California Director Kathryn Phillips released the following statement:

“On the one hand, the Governor and federal officials say they want to restore the Delta and help recover wildlife and habitat in the Delta. On the other hand, they propose dramatically reducing restoration projects by 70 percent.

“In addition, Governor Brown proposes a massive construction project bisecting that habitat that will also likely drain water flows from the Delta. That construction project, the Delta tunnels, will siphon public and private funds *without* delivering new water, a better water system, or improved local self-reliance and resilience.

“You can’t tunnel your way out of a drought. And continuing to build California’s water policy around this rehashed version of the peripheral canal is a distraction from the needed work to adapt California’s water use to the new reality.”

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