



## GALLINAS WATERSHED COUNCIL

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The Gallinas Creek Watershed in Marin County is part of the greater San Francisco/San Pablo Bay watersheds, all of which are influenced by the Delta Estuary, “the largest and most unique estuary on the Pacific Coast of the Americas.” The health of our larger watershed is greatly dependent on the health of the Delta and on a viable supply of fresh water from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. Exports of fresh water must not be at the expense of the health of the Delta Estuary, its wildlife habitats, its fish, and its many human activities.

We oppose the California Water Fix and its proposed Twin Tunnels Plan, which fails to increase fresh water supplies or reduce demand.

Stopping the Twin Tunnels and advocating for the implementation of the Environmental Water Caucus’ (EWC) Sustainable Water Plan for California is in alignment with our mission statement, namely to “connect the people who live and work in Las Gallinas Valley with their creek and watershed; advance local conservation action; and promote watershed restoration, protection and education.”

The Gallinas Watershed Council strongly supports the Vision Statement of the EWC’s Sustainable Water Plan as an alternative to the Twin Tunnels plan.

- California must respect and adjust to meet the natural limits of its waters and waterways, including the limits imposed by climate change.
- California must overhaul its existing piecemeal water rights policies, which already over-allocate existing water and distribute rights without regard to equity.
- California’s ecosystems and the life they support have a right to clean water and to exist and thrive for their own benefit and the benefit of future generations. The GWC strongly supports the 13 recommendations summarized in the EWC Water Plan especially:
  - Implement the EWC Sustainable Water Plan as an alternative to the BDCP twin tunnels.
  - Reduce Delta exports to no more than 3 million acre feet of water in all years.

The GWC believes that this multi-year drought is an opportunity that must not be squandered to sustainably address our water allocation in an efficient, ecologically sound, and equitable manner consistent with California law.

Respectfully submitted,

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