

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable John Laird, Secretary
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Penny Pritzker, Secretary
Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

The Honorable Gina McCarthy,
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20460

The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C St., NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Governor Brown, Secretary Laird, Secretary Pritzker, Secretary Jewell, and Administrator McCarthy:

California's water infrastructure is at a critical juncture. The state is experiencing historically low water levels, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta remains in fragile condition, and your administration has put forward a considerable new project – the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

The BDCP has the potential to dramatically alter California's water infrastructure, delivery, and ecosystems for decades. The recently released BDCP environmental impact statement/environmental impact review public comment document is nearly 40,000 pages. Your administration provided 120 days for public comment on this document. Although various versions have been available for review, those were drafts. A project as far reaching and complex as the BDCP deserves extensive oversight, and the public – including local governments, utilities, and other organizations and stakeholders deserve adequate time to analyze and comment on the plan.

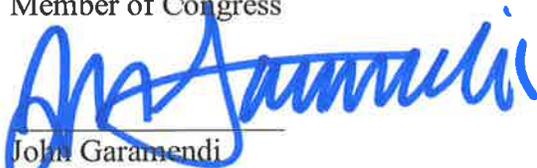
There is too much at stake for the families, farmers, and small business owners in California to rush this process. We believe that 120 days is an inadequate period of time for interested parties to respond, and we request that you to extend the public comment period for another 120 days. Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress



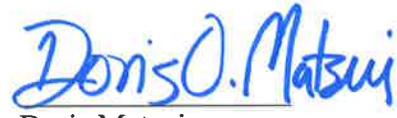
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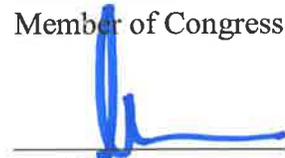
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