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Folks,

I think going ahead with the Delta Tunnel is a mistake.

It is supposed to insure water deliveries to the south, but it is relying on the Sierra snowpack runoff, and climate change/global warming is continually reducing that snowpack, year after year. Unless there is a way to guarantee that snowpack will be available for the foreseeable future, the Tunnel will be relying on a constantly diminishing water supply, and will never be able to deliver water south on a consistent basis without destroying the San Francisco Estuary and the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta ecosystem, which is a major source of recreation and the water supply for all local communities.

Agriculture is only 2% of California's GDP, while outdoor recreation is 2.4% of GDP. From a purely economic perspective, sacrificing the Estuary and the Delta to give water to southern San Joaquin farmers doesn't make sense.

No matter how many "guarantees" are written to protect the Estuary and Delta, once the Tunnel makes Sierra water available to those farmers, they will find a way to get more, even at the expense of their northern neighbors. History has show us how little protections have meant in the recent past.

The monies proposed for the Tunnel would be much better spent on developing sustainable water use practices statewide, and on buying out the farmers who are rushing to plant more and more water-intensive crops, mostly for export.

When you find yourself in a hole, the first thing you do is stop digging.

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