



The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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WHAT IS CALIFORNIA WATERFIX?

Providing Southern California with a reliable water supply always has been a challenge. Just remember the recent drought and how everyone joined together to save water, which is something we should always do.

There is a plan, however, that would make water reliability much more secure. It's called California WaterFix, or the Delta tunnels.

Our region gets about one-third of its water from Northern California through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, where the California WaterFix project would be located. It would modernize the system that provides us water.

The plan includes building new water intakes and two large underground tunnels to move water under the Delta to the distribution system that supplies water to the Bay Area, the Central Valley and the Southland. This modern and innovative water system would reduce environmental conflicts in the Delta and help endangered fish, while also delivering high quality water.

California WaterFix is about reliably moving, capturing and storing water when it's available in wet times so we can use it in dry times. It's also about providing water to grow food that we eat and supporting lives and jobs across the state.

It is an investment we must make to help ensure our quality of life. We cannot survive without water, and we cannot take it for granted.

California WaterFix is a once-in-a-lifetime decision that will benefit our children and grandchildren, so it's important to know the facts.

NEXT: The Cost of California WaterFix

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving nearly 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.