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LVMWD Supports Governor's Efforts to Ready Delta Conveyance Project for Construction

Governor Newsom's recent proposal to expedite approval processes for the construction of the Delta Conveyance Project is good governance.

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Calabasas, CA – Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) strongly supports Governor Newsom's efforts to remove unnecessary or redundant bureaucratic roadblocks inhibiting the construction of the vital Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) that will increase long-term water supply reliability for millions of Southern Californians.

After the shelving of the twin tunnel concept to advance a single tunnel proposed project, progress on the DCP has been stymied for years due to bureaucratic red tape and a lack of political will. Urgency to complete this project cannot be overstated as climate change impacts continue to cause water reliability concerns throughout California.

The smaller design is more environmentally sustainable, less disruptive to the sensitive and important Delta ecosystem, creates thousands of jobs, bolsters local economies, and provides relief for water agencies dependent on imported water by enhancing the delivery process to farmers, businesses, manufacturers, and residents.

"The time is now to call on our members of the State Legislature and urge their support for Governor Newsom's proposal to prepare the Delta Conveyance Project for construction," said LVMWD and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board member Jay Lewitt. "This is a generational investment to ensure California's water supply reliability."

The recently introduced DCP budget trailer bill is meant to better align strategic priorities of providing a reliable water supply, ensuring protection of the sensitive Delta ecosystem, minimizing or eradicating duplicative process reviews, and saving taxpayers millions of dollars in unnecessary costs associated with bureaucratic impediments.

"Many water agencies in Southern California are dependent on imported water for a significant portion of their water supply, said LVMWD General Manager Dave Pedersen. "This proposal will benefit not just those agencies and their customers, but all critical industries throughout the State by creating a more reliable water supply."

Be sure to follow LVMWD on Facebook, X @lvmwd and Instagram @LasVirgenes_MWD for updates and more information on upcoming projects.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides potable water, wastewater treatment, recycled water and biosolids composting to approximately 70,000 residents in the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, and unincorporated areas of western Los Angeles County.

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