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Subject: Constructing the Scary Tunnel through Delta gas wells and pipelines
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The following comment is to provide input to the Delta Conveyance Environmental Report (EIR) and California Water Commission (CWC) and 19 Feb 2020 meeting agenda item #9 "Delta Conveyance".

Bill Wells, my friend and a great investigative journalist, sent me this link last night which got me to thinking. This article describes a methane gas explosion accident that killed 17 during construction of a water tunnel by Lockheed for one of the Delta Conveyance partners in Southern California.

<https://www.latimes.com/visuals/photography/la-me-fw-archives-blast-in-sylmar-water-tunnel-kills-17-htmlstory.html>

The following graphics from your 2015 Conceptual Engineering Report document known gas pipelines and wells in the Delta, recent experience shows there are unknowns.

SECTION 13.0 UTILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE CROSSINGS

13.1.3 Natural Gas Pipelines

Most of the natural gas pipeline crossings are near the surface (less than 30 feet below grade) and within the tunnel portion of the alignment. Since the tunnels are located in excess of 100 feet below grade, minimal conflicts are anticipated.

13.1.4 Natural Gas Wells and Fields

The gas fields crossed by the ROW include the Snodgrass Slough, Merritt Island, and River Island fields. Figure 13-1 shows the approximate location of known gas wells and gas fields. These gas fields lay 1,200 to 9,000 feet bgs, and no conflicts with the fields are anticipated.

Available information indicates plugged and abandoned natural gas and oil wells in the conveyance footprint and within borrow, spoil, or muck areas.

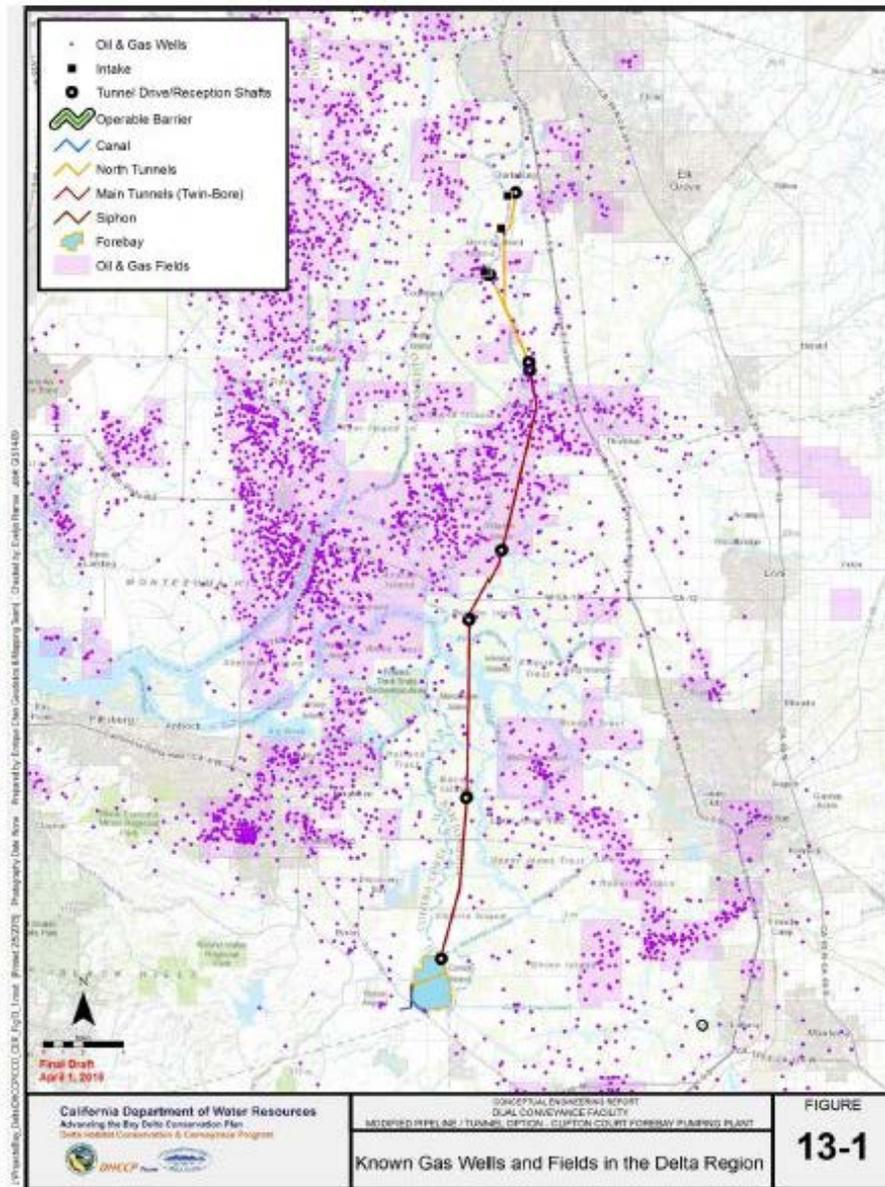


Figure 13-1: Known Gas Wells and Fields in the Delta Region

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Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA)

- Exhibit A
- Exhibit B
- Exhibit C
- Exhibit D
- Exhibit E
- Exhibit F
- 2017 Final Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- 2015 Conceptual Engineering Report

The high cost and risk of constructing the Scary Tunnel through Delta gas wells and pipelines needs to be thoroughly and

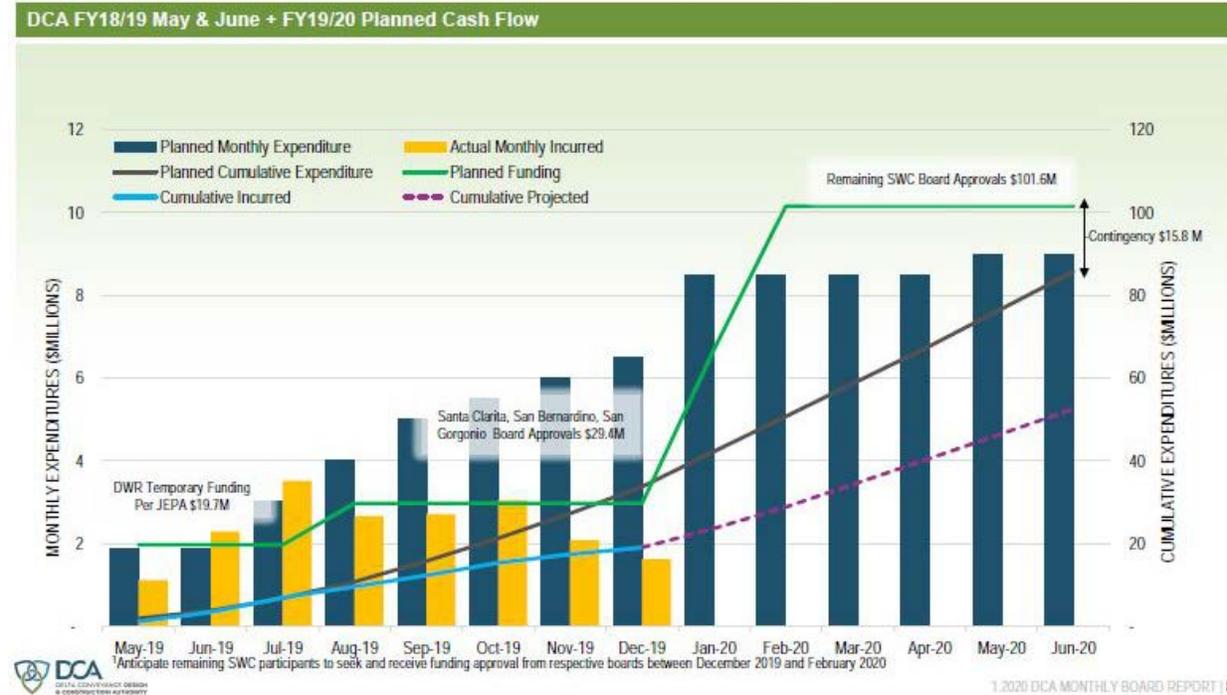
publicly vetted through the EIR process. After all the costs and risks are dialed in desalinization at point of use in Southern California may be a very attractive alternative.

Additionally contractual review of the Delta Conveyance Joint Powers Authority, State Water Contractors and vendor agreements is required to purge all indemnification and liability limitations to simplify the work of a future judge and jury to award of damages and hold the managers, executives, board members accountable when an construction accident occurs as referenced in the LA Times article link above.

I believe the \$1.1 Billion for Oroville spillway repairs are still being funded by the good citizens of California that money needs to be paid back immediately. The \$19.7M in DWR temporary Delta Conveyance Joint Powers funding needs to be paid back. Did you know Delta Stakeholders Engagement Committee members meet twice a month and are each paid a \$250 stipend? That is \$500 per person per month a California Water Commissioner is paid a \$100 stipend per month. Did you know we are billed \$47,250 monthly for Delta Conveyance Executive Director Kathryn that is 2.5 times Governor Newsom's salary? I get no value out of this work please ask your State Water Contractors to immediately pay it back to the state general fund.

Section 5 | Budget *continued*

Budget Change							
WBS	Current Budget	Change Request	% Change	Revised Budget	Description	Budget Source	Status (Pending, Approved)
Stakeholder Engagement							
AP42	\$	-	\$ 131,100	NA	\$ 131,100	Communication Support Outreach Allocation Transfer	Approved





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INVOICE INV07630

INVOICE DATE	PLEASE PAY	DUE DATE
8/14/2019	\$47,545.71	9/13/2019

Payment Terms:
Agreement Number: 19005

DCA Executive Director Services through 13-Aug-2019

CATEGORY	NET AMOUNT
Expenses	
P003257-001:DCA Executive Director Services	\$295.71
Subtotal for Expenses	\$295.71
Milestone Payments	
Monthly Fees for Executive Director Services provided by Kathryn Mallon (July 14 to Aug 13, 2019)	\$47,250.00
Total	\$47,545.71

Thank you for reading my comments,
Leland Frayseth
Concerned Citizen