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Laura & Paul,

No doubt a lot of time and resources have been devoted to compiling data and mapping out a path forward as presented in this detailed report. As a lay person quite frankly the report misses the mark. Of all the maps presented there was a glaring omission. To the left of the state is a large body of water we all know as the Pacific Ocean which holds somewhere in the neighborhood 332,519,000 cubic miles of water according to NOAA <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/oceanwater.html> Quite frankly we should admit that it is quite embarrassing that The State of California has a water problem at all. Let us make a couple of assumptions:

1. Some of the smartest and most educated people call California home.
2. No doubt some of the strongest research universities are located in our great state.
3. Once again some of the strongest private research facilities reside in our state.
4. We have a need for constant sustainable water supply.

If we accept the above as fact than there is no reason that using the talent that already resides in this state to champion a better solution than this report provides is beyond comprehension. As a lay person I could imagine the world's largest desalination plants powered by safe nuclear power plants. Heck we could produce so much water that we could sell water to other states and recoup our entire investment. If I can think of this, just think of what our smartest minds could come up with? A report with 10,000 oversight boards and massive conservation efforts just to get us to the year 2100 is short sighted at best. Governor Newsome gave you the authority in his directive to produce a report offering alternative methods to further our water supply. It has been disappointing that this is the best that the California Water Commission could produce.

Respectively,

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**Subject:** California Water Commission - Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs

Thank you for participating in the California Water Commission's public workshops on assessing a state role in financing conveyance projects to help meet needs in a changing climate. Below you will find a link to a draft of the white paper with the Commission's findings and conclusions on this topic. We encourage you to provide comment on the draft document before or at next week's Commission meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*Apologies if you are receiving this email in duplicate.\*\***

Sincerely,

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### **Draft white paper includes preliminary findings, conclusions on State's role in financing conveyance needs**

As part of the California Water Commission's work assessing a state role in financing conveyance projects, Commission staff will present a [draft white paper](#) containing preliminary findings and conclusions for Commission discussion at the May 19, 2021, [meeting](#).

As directed by the [Water Resilience Portfolio](#), the Commission assessed a state role in financing conveyance projects to meet the needs of a changing climate. The Commission hosted expert presentations at Commission meetings and regional public workshops, and used the information gathered from experts and public stakeholders to inform a white paper describing key issues and findings and conclusions for state policymakers to consider as they weigh the financing options for water conveyance infrastructure. In developing its findings and conclusions, the Commission considered:

- The characteristics of resilient conveyance and how a conveyance project demonstrably contributes to climate resilience.
- The public benefits associated with conveyance projects, which ones the state may want to fund, and how the state might value those benefits.
- Financing mechanisms that project proponents may use to help advance conveyance projects that help meet needs in a changing climate.

Commission staff will incorporate feedback received from the Commission and the public to produce a final draft of the white paper that will be presented to the Commission at the June meeting for approval. The paper focuses on conveyance other than the pending proposal to improve State Water Project conveyance through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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The nine-member California Water Commission uses its public forum to explore water management issues from multiple perspectives and to formulate recommendations to advise the director of the California Department of Water Resources, and as appropriate, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Governor and Legislature on ways to improve water planning and management in response to California's changing hydrology. For more information regarding the California Water

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