



Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor  
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Honorable Mike McGuire  
Senate President pro Tempore  
California State Senate

Honorable Robert Rivas  
Assembly Speaker  
California State Assembly

Honorable Scott Wiener, Chair  
Senate Budget Committee  
California State Senate

Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair  
Assembly Budget Committee  
California State Assembly

Honorable Brian Jones  
Senate Republican Leader  
California State Senate

Assemblymember James Gallagher  
Assembly Republican Leader  
California State Assembly

### **RE: Support for Delta Conveyance Project Streamlining Trailer Bill**

Dear Governor Newsom, President pro Tempore McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Senators Wiener and Allen, and Assemblymembers Gabriel and Bennett:

On behalf of the State Building and Construction Trades Council and the undersigned unions, we write in strong support of the Delta Conveyance Streamlining trailer bill. Californians rely on water supplies funded and delivered through the California State Water Project—our state’s backbone water supply infrastructure. It is not only a critical source for 27 million people and 750,000 acres of farmland, but also one of the most affordable long-term options available to working Californians.

Every year of delay in constructing the Delta Conveyance Project costs water ratepayers—including nearly 8 million residents of disadvantaged communities—an estimated \$500 million. That translates to higher utility bills for families already burdened by housing costs, inflation, and

rising living expenses. This project is essential to preserving affordable water access for all Californians, especially blue-collar households and rural communities who are disproportionately affected by these cost increases.

Beyond cost savings, the Delta Conveyance Project represents a generational opportunity to create and sustain thousands of good-paying, high-road construction jobs. These are union careers with family-supporting wages, healthcare, and retirement security—benefits that uplift entire communities. Investment in this project directly translates into construction hours for California’s skilled trades and apprentices, supporting economic mobility and career pathways for working men and women.

The State Water Project was built for a 20th-century climate. Without modernization, its reliability will erode under the strain of megadroughts, rising seas, and seismic risks. The Delta Conveyance Project is not just a safety upgrade—it’s an equity investment. It ensures that all Californians, regardless of zip code or income level, have continued access to reliable and affordable water.

In working toward climate resilience and economic strength, this project checks every box: it modernizes essential infrastructure, reduces costs for ratepayers, creates thousands of union jobs, and reinforces our state’s ability to protect both natural resources and working-class prosperity.

We urge the adoption of the Delta Conveyance Project streamlining trailer bill as a critical step to securing California’s water future—one that is climate-resilient, economically sound, and built by California’s construction trades workforce.

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