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PCL INSIDER: News from the Capitol

GOVERNOR BROWN PLANS TO ENDORSE BILLION DOLLAR DELTA BOONDOGGLE

Rally Set for Wednesday at Noon to Protest Delta Plan

On Wednesday, Governor Jerry Brown is expected to announce the preferred project alternative for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Materials that were [leaked](#) last week show that the Governor plans to endorse a project that will put construction before science and politics before planning. Moreover, this project will put Californians on the tab for the largest water tunnel infrastructure project in history.

This proposal will allow the State to build a massive twin tunnel system to carry water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to Central Valley farmland and cities. Only after the infrastructure is built will we get around to governance and operations. Overwhelming scientific consensus shows that fish in the Delta Ecosystem need more fresh water; yet this proposal could divert more water from the already-failing ecosystem that supports critical habitat and a multi-million dollar fishing industry. The most egregious assertion in the proposal is that water exporters (the people that make money from selling this water) have key control over hiring, budget, science program, and even a veto power over improvements to biological goals and objectives. Furthermore, the State [continues to refuse](#) to do a cost benefit analysis for this project that, if it moves forward, will cost taxpayers and water customers in the tens of billions of dollars!

This announcement will resurrect a new version of the once-rejected Peripheral Canal proposal that will reignite water wars and the North-South divide of Brown's previous of term as governor. There are a number of serious concerns with this new proposal, most of all the blatant defiance of the legal obligation to develop a plan for the Delta that balances the co-equal goals of "providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem (CA Water Code §85054)."

Tomorrow (Wednesday), July 25th, join farmers, fishermen, environmentalists and consumer advocates to [protest](#) the Governor's environmentally destructive and exorbitantly expensive project. The rally will begin at Noon at the California State Capitol west steps. For more information contact [Evon Willhoff](#), Water Program Manager.

JOIN PCL AT ANTI-FRACKING RALLY TOMORROW

PCL says no to hydraulic fracturing ('fracking') in California until we better understand its impacts on our environment and communities! Join PCL and nearly a dozen other environmental groups at a rally tomorrow (Wednesday), July 25 at 5:30 pm in front of the California EPA building, located at 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95812. The rally, being coordinated [Clean Water Action](#), is aimed at sending a strong message to the Department of Conservation Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) prior to their final public workshop to gather information to

develop fracking regulations. Following the rally will be the DOGGR workshop from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Byron Sher Auditorium inside the CalEPA building. Join us at the rally and workshop and make your voice heard! For more information [click here](#) or contact [Andrew Grinberg](#) by email or phone (415)-369-9172.

THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE SEEKS NEW LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE!

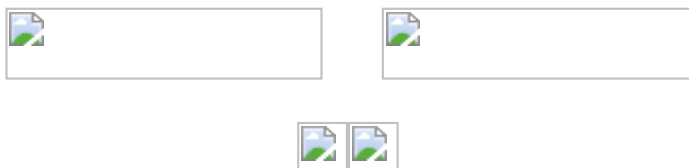
PCL's Legislative Director, Jena Price, will be moving on at the end of this legislative session, which means that PCL is looking to hire an energetic, self-motivated individual with environmental policy experience to direct the Planning and Conservation League's legislative program! The Legislative Advocate will oversee PCL's legislative agenda, track all PCL priority bills and develop new legislation, as well as act as the primary spokesperson for PCL in the State Capitol. For a more detailed job description, please [click here](#). Resumes should be submitted to <mailto:resumes@pcl.org> by Friday, August 3.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CEQA AND INFILL

CEQA has long been one of California's most important – and contentious – environmental laws. In recent years, even some of PCL's traditional allies have raised concerns about CEQA – specifically, questioning whether this important law makes it difficult to pursue needed infill projects. To learn more about PCL's thoughts on CEQA and infill, including a recent Office of Planning and Research report that touched on this topic, read Bruce Reznik's most recent [blog](#) on the subject.

GET READY FOR MORE INSIDE NEWS

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