



# WATERFIX:

A VITAL PROJECT ON THE PATH TO CONSTRUCTION



California WaterFix is a landmark investment in the state's aging water infrastructure—and a vital project for California's future. WaterFix will modernize and upgrade a key section of the State Water Project, which serves as the state's primary water delivery system, by constructing two tunnels to move water supplies underneath the fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem rather than through it. A state-of-the-art water conveyance solution, WaterFix will ensure that nearly 27 million Californians will have clean, reliable and affordable water for generations to come.

## MOVING FORWARD WITH MOMENTUM

After more than a decade of extensive technical, environmental and academic review, WaterFix is clearing key project milestones and is advancing on the path to construction.

- ✓ Furthered technical design
- ✓ Completed environmental review
- ✓ Completed economic analysis
- ✓ Secured public water agency participation and funding
- ✓ Conducted more than 600 public meetings, working groups, and stakeholder briefings
- ✓ Received and addressed input from more than 31,000 individuals and organizations across California
- ✓ Established oversight agencies to finance and construct project
- ✓ Initiated contracting for executive director, engineering, right-of-way, real estate and geotechnical services

## Powerful Coalition, Strong Public Support for WaterFix

Our broad-based coalition recognizes the critical need to invest in the state's aging water delivery system for the benefit of all Californians. And the majority of California voters agree with us.

### OUR COALITION



Labor



Business



Water



Public Agencies



Nonprofits



Agriculture

More than **300** of **California's** most respected **statewide** and **regional** organizations stand in support of **WaterFix**.

**78%** Californians say WaterFix is important for the future quality of life and economic vitality of the state.

**86%** Los Angeles-area residents say WaterFix is important for the future quality of life and economic vitality of the state.

Source: Public Policy Institute of California, March 2018 survey.

Now is the time to demonstrate the strong momentum and breadth of support behind WaterFix to our decision-makers and regional stakeholders. Southern California needs WaterFix to survive and thrive.

## Modernize and Upgrade: Our Water Delivery System Needs WaterFix

California's water delivery system is old, vulnerable and in desperate need of improvement. WaterFix will make the state's primary water delivery system more safe, reliable and efficient while simultaneously restoring the Delta environment.

CA's Backbone Water Supply

**30 to 80%**  
COMES FROM  
**SIERRA NEVADA**  
snowmelt via critical  
STATE WATER PROJECT  
infrastructure.

Essential to CA  
**27 MILLION**  
CALIFORNIANS  
**750,000 ACRES**  
OF FARMLAND  
**5TH LARGEST**  
ECONOMY IN THE WORLD.

WaterFix will make our water delivery system more flexible and efficient, allowing us to capture more water during wet years and store it for use during dry years.

### RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is a real threat to California's water reliability — and ultimately our quality of life. Southern California needs a forward-looking water management solution that helps it prepare for and minimize the impacts of climate realities such as recurring droughts, which are likely to worsen in the future, and rising sea levels.

## CA's Most Affordable Water Supply Solution

**WaterFix** is the best and most cost-effective long-term solution for securing a safe and reliable water supply. While local supply projects such as recycling, desalination or stormwater capture are important investments for reducing our reliance on our State Water Project supply, these projects are not a cost-effective replacement for our primary source of water.

**For Southern California, the cost of WaterFix is significantly less than alternative water supplies like desalination, recycling and stormwater capture.**

#### Stormwater Capture



#### Desalination



#### Recycling



#### WaterFix



Source: Economic Analysis of CA WaterFix, September 2018; Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Finance & Cost Allocation Paper, August 2017.

## Investing in CA's Future

WaterFix is a cornerstone investment for ratepayers statewide. The project protects their most cost-effective source of water and the billions of dollars that have already been invested in the State Water Project to date.

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