



April 2, 2019

Dear Interested Sportsmen Members,

Restore the Delta is hosting a fundraising celebration at Wine and Roses on May 29, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Keynote speakers will include Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis and Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs.

We are asking you to become a sponsor of this fundraiser which will help Restore the Delta through its next effort. We are at the halfway point in our effort to protect our local Delta communities, environment, and economy. Your support over the years has helped get us this far. Now we need to finish the job and protect the Delta for future generations.

We stopped Governor Brown from moving forward with the construction of the tunnels before he left office. Governor Newsom is not advancing a Delta tunnel as one of his top priorities, but it is still under consideration by his administration. We need to encourage him and help him to work on an assortment of other water solutions first, so the Delta tunnel becomes less and less of a Newsom administration priority, and simply not necessary.

Metropolitan Water District is still making a major push to save and reconstitute an oversized Delta tunnel project by leveraging its outsized influence on State and Federal agencies and leaders. Rather than developing additional water supply through regional water projects, Southern California and San Joaquin Valley water interests are attacking the rights of Delta land owners, towns, and municipalities so that they can take the water for increased exports at the existing pumps. Both scenarios are detrimental to the health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary, and to the urban Delta's efforts to achieve equity, environmental health, economic and human development, and sustainability for all residents. Victory is achievable, as we have witnessed by defeating Governor Brown's tunnel plan, but we need your help.

At the May 29th event, we will celebrate and honor the dozens of fine attorneys and policy experts who have helped Restore the Delta's collective effort to get this far. Restore the Delta is an important part of the fight in educating and organizing the community, and in creating an effective statewide opposition that can press officials and policy makers on behalf of the Delta. Here is where we will focus future efforts:

- The financial infeasibility of the tunnel project is even greater because one tunnel cannot deliver enough water to justify construction costs.
- Other regions throughout California prefer local water projects that create local jobs; it is advantageous for the Delta to support these types of statewide solutions.

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Restore the Delta, Halfway Home Benefit

- The environmental damage from massive tunnel construction will impact hundreds of thousands of Delta residents and must be kept alive as a narrative in the minds of government officials.
- We will work with Newsom administration officials in a collaborative manner to find common solutions that will meet the co-equal goals of the Delta Reform Act: protecting the Delta as a place; reducing reliance on the Delta; and ensuring water supply reliability for our neighbors throughout the state by advancing projects in their local communities.

We recognize that many of you have engaged in and sustained Restore the Delta for many years. We have been highly effective in our statewide advocacy efforts. Now is the time that we can work with our statewide coalition to advance policies that create real water solutions that will protect the Delta for future generations, while creating sustainable water supplies. This is why we are asking you for a contribution.

Contributions can be mailed to:

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Restore the Delta Tax ID Number: 27-4179166

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To contribute to a sponsorship or donate online: <https://bit.ly/2WpanyT>

For those who wish to spread their contribution over two or three years, please indicate on the attached contribution form.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Joan Buchanan
President, Restore the Delta



Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla
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