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PRESS RELEASE

Discovery Bay, California

At 9 o'clock this morning, committee members of the Save the San Francisco Bay and Delta Foundation (SFBDF) met in Discovery Bay to refine their action plan *against* the Bureau of Reclamation's "2 Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project" which would install 2 "gates" on Old River and Connection Slough on the San Joaquin Delta north of Discovery Bay. These "gates" would significantly restrict water flow to the Southern Delta up to 20 hours a day creating potential health, safety, and rescue issues for residents of Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties.

This project is ill conceived and will affect tens of thousands of citizens in the Southern Delta and Discovery Bay who have not been given adequate time to study and comment on this potentially disastrous project. Over 1,000 comment cards questioning the Bureau of Reclamation's lack of study on potentially serious health and safety issues have already been submitted over the last 2 weeks.

The public comment period closes November 30th and action is necessary now!! Even if you've already submitted a comment card you can submit as many comment cards as you like. We will be providing comment cards at the next public meeting (they are also available on our website).

The next public meeting is scheduled for 6:30pm Monday November 23rd at Discovery Bay Elementary School.

We will be discussing:

- What we've accomplished so far.
- Timelines for action moving forward.
- Specific things that each citizen can do to help.

This is a very important meeting and the last meeting before the public comment period ends so we urge you to attend.

KEY POINTS

- Health, Safety and Rescue issues have not been addressed.
- Installing gates could flood adjacent areas and put additional pressure on a weak levee system.
- 2 gates project will change water flows and could increase levels of toxic algae causing health problems.
- Project may cause silting up of the bays in Discovery Bay and other areas of the Southern Delta.
- The Bureau did No Environmental Impact Statement on the Southern Delta & specifically DISCOVERY BAY. We are asking the Bureau of Reclamation to extend the public comment time to 90 days or to reconsider the project entirely AND asking them to issue an Environmental Impact Statement on the Southern Delta.

**SAY NO TO: "2 Gates" Project that will divide the Delta
We Need your Help Now!! -It's not a lost cause!!**

OUR ORGANIZATION - SAVE THE San Francisco BAY AND DELTA FOUNDATION – SFBDF

See our website for info: www.nodeltagates.com

"SFBDF is a non-profit organization focused on defeating any legislation or plans to pump or divert more fresh water from the Bay and Delta Region to Southern California or other outside interests."

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