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**“OVER TROUBLED WATERS”
DOCUMENTARY AND SLIDE SHOW ON CALIFORNIA WATER WARS
MT. SHASTA SISSON MUSEUM, OCTOBER 23, 2012**

Media Advisory

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“Over Troubled Waters”, a documentary about the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, will premiere at the Sisson Museum on Tuesday October 23rd at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Tom Stokely of Mt. Shasta, a former Trinity County natural resources planner now with the California Water Impact Network (C-WIN), will give a slide show with a question and answer period to discuss the implications of Governor Brown’s “Peripheral Tunnels” project on Siskiyou County and all of California.

The slideshow, “Over Troubled Waters”, by Restore the Delta and the C-WIN is part of a statewide public education effort to stop the building of Peripheral Tunnels. According to Jean Nels, museum director, this continuing education about water issues in the State of California is part of the ongoing series of presentations that have occurred at the museum in coordination with their exhibit on “H₂O – Stories Water Can Tell”.

On July 25, Governor Brown and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced a plan to drill two 30’-40’ diameter tunnels 150 feet under California’s Delta to siphon northern California water to thirsty San Joaquin Valley agribusiness and Southern California cities, according to Stokely. Previous plans to build a “Peripheral Canal” were defeated by California voters in 1982 during Brown’s first tenure as governor of California.

In this visually rich documentary, Ed Begley Jr. narrates the story of how the people of the Delta are fighting to protect the region they love and to encourage saner, sustainable water policies for all the people of California.

Tom Stokely of C-WIN said, “The Governor is refusing to define any specifics of the project and is asking citizens to just trust the government. Water export amounts and fishery protection flows are being put off until after the project is constructed, a ‘plumbing before policy’ decision to misinform the public about the true costs. Cost estimates are significantly underestimated. While Peripheral Tunnel proponents claim that the beneficiaries of the project will pay for it, they are planning on substantial subsidies from state and federal taxpayers amounting to billions more borrowed dollars. There are much more cost effective and locally-based ways of providing water supply reliability including recycling, conservation, stormwater capture and desalination.”

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