



Media Advisory for Monday, January 13, 2014

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Can California Tunnel its Way Out of Drought?

Experts to Examine Drought's Impacts

What should California do to respond to drought conditions?

*Should California use \$70 billion for sustainable water solutions or
use it to build tunnels that won't add one drop?*

Sacramento, CA- Restore the Delta (RTD), opponents of Gov. Brown's rush to build Peripheral Tunnels that would drain the Delta and doom salmon and other Pacific fisheries, announced today they will hold a teleconference on Monday, Jan. 13, during which experts will examine the tunnels' as a flawed solution for a drought-plagued state. The experts will criticize the tunnels as an outdated, inappropriate solution to California's water challenges.

"The governor's tunnels are based on flawed and outdated assumptions that there is 'surplus' water to export," said Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, executive director of RTD. "We have had three dry years in a row and the governor admits the tunnels won't add one drop of water to our drought-plagued state. We need solutions more appropriate to our future water challenges, not this \$70 billion mega-project that would misspend the billions needed for sustainable water solutions."

WHAT: Restore the Delta Experts Briefing on Drought Response

WHEN: 10:30 am, Monday, January 13, 2014

**WHO: Jonas Minton, Planning & Conservation League;
Tom Stokely, California Water Impact Network;
John Herrick, South Delta Water Agency;
Bill Jennings, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance;
Dr. Jeffrey Michael, University of the Pacific;
Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla, Restore the Delta**

WHERE: Media Teleconference: Dial 1-800-434-1335, Code 161697#

Restore the Delta is a 15,000-member grassroots organization committed to making the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta fishable, swimmable, drinkable, and farmable to benefit all of California. Restore the

Delta works to improve water quality so that fisheries and farming can thrive together again in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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