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## Save California Salmon Reacts to Newsom’s Budget Fast-Track for Delta Conveyance: Don’t Destroy the Bay-Delta

Sacramento, Calif. – Governor Newsom inserted significant streamlining provisions for the Delta Conveyance Project into his May Revise budget. The press release announcing plans to remove critical regulatory and judicial safeguards from this controversial project acknowledges that the State Water Project, which pulls water out of the sensitive Bay-Delta ecosystem, was built for a different climate era than the future California is facing. Nevertheless, the governor is doubling down on 20th Century thinking when it comes to managing water in the state.

“Governor Newsom’s efforts to force approvals for the Delta Conveyance Project ignores long standing objections from Tribes, Delta communities, and commercial fishing families,” said Regina Chichizola, executive director of Save California Salmon. “Moving this unpopular project forward has been subject to laws and public review for a

reason. Californians oppose this project because it will cause irreversible harm to water quality, salmon, communities, and the fragile Delta ecosystem while providing marginal, and unreliable, benefits to the rest of the state. When the governor was elected, he promised to protect California's environment. Now he calls for the stripping of critical public protections and selling our water to the highest bidder. It is getting harder and harder to see the difference between Newsom and Trump."

"Making an end-run around essential processes won't make destroying the Delta a better idea," continued Chichizola. "This proposal continues to perpetuate a water rights system that lines the pockets of large agricultural producers while working people are left high and dry. Regular Californians deserve to have a say, and environmental protections, when it comes to our most important resource, clean water."

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