

## Sierra Club Angeles Chapter

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## Stop the Bay Delta Tunnels and Fix Southern California Water Systems

Water agency money earmarked for the wrong-headed Bay Delta Tunnels in Northern California should be spent to upgrade and repair Southern California's aging 100-year-old water system. It's essential to prevent massive water loss due to broken water mains, a catastrophe that's been unfolding during the worst drought Southern California has seen in decades.

California could better use an estimated \$44.5 billion for the project to fix aging water systems over the next two decades, according to a federal survey that placed the state at the top of a national list of water infrastructure needs.

Water systems across California are not meeting the basic obligation to provide a reliable supply of clean water. Pipes that deliver drinking water are rusting, clogging, and cracking, and reservoirs are losing storage capacity. The steps to supply running water to virtually every household in California represent diligent investments in reservoirs, pumps, pipes, and treatment plants that began in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Now many of those systems—neglected for decades — are in need of maintenance and repairs.

This is documented in the White Paper released by Sierra Club California on California's aging pipes. Never has this been truer than the millions of gallons of water sent gushing through the streets and flooding homes in Venice and UCLA in a two week period because of aging infrastructure. About 100,000 gallons of water were reported lost in the Venice main break and another 20 million gallons in the recent Sunset Boulevard-UCLA main break.

Read our White Paper titled:  
Clean, Sustainable and Reliable Water Supply: Alternatives to the Giant Bay Delta Tunnels

<http://california2.sierraclub.org/sites/california.sierraclub.org/files/documents/2014/06/Sierra%20Club%20CA%20Alternatives%20to%20the%20Tunnels%20Format%20Revised.pdf>

Join the Sierra Club, Food & Water Watch and The River Project for a discussion on where Los Angeles will get its water in the future and how we plan to pay for it.

**The Future of Water and Water Rates in Los Angeles**  
**WHERE: Kaiser Permanente, 13652 Cantara St, Panorama City, CA 91402**  
**WHEN: August 9, 10 AM -1 PM**

Read more at:

[http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/news/blog/2014/07/forum\\_future\\_las\\_water\\_supply\\_aug\\_9](http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/news/blog/2014/07/forum_future_las_water_supply_aug_9)

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