

PRESS ADVISORY

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MAY 22-23: WaterPaloosa Weekend Events Target Controversial Proposed Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Single Tunnel Plan with Activism, Education, Documentary Film, Music, Art

SACRAMENTO – (Saturday/Sunday, May 22-23) A series of dramatic events will be held the weekend of May 22-23, 2021 as part of the Water Protector Tour series to highlight opposition of the proposed Delta Single Tunnel Conveyance plan.

The events will act as a fundraiser for the “**Soul of the Delta**” documentary film that is going into post production and was made to generate opposition against the proposed Delta tunnel project. This is an event that unites arts and activism.

EVENT: WATERPALOOZA WEEKEND FUNDRAISER - MAY 22-23, 2021- along the Sacramento River Delta: On Saturday, various locations throughout the Delta from 10 a.m. to Midnight. On Sunday, a Special Event at the Ryde Hotel, 14340 Highway 160, Walnut Grove, CA, 95690 from 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

“**Soul of the Delta**,” highlights the personal stories, culture, history and importance of the Delta. A trailer of the film will be shown at Sunday’s fundraiser event.

The documentary film, “Soul of the Delta,” is “focused on the human interest story of the people most directly affected if the Delta tunnel is built. Multi-generation family’s farm land, businesses, homes and more, lay in the path of tunnel intakes.

“If built, their family’s history and legacy will be wiped out to satisfy the greed of multi-industrialist Big Ag farmers and water barons. That’s an obscenity and we must unite to stop it,” said Bob Saunders, a co-producer of the film and project.

The proposed single Delta tunnel conveyance plan, if built, would divert water from the Sacramento River through a tunnel to the state and federal water pumping facilities in the South Delta, which will then be shipped to San Joaquin Valley irrigators and Southern California water agencies, just as the old plan would have done.

A coalition of conservationists, environmental justice advocates, recreational anglers, commercial fishermen, Tribal leaders, boaters, Delta business owners and elected leaders oppose Gov. Gavin Newsom’s single tunnel just as they did Governor Jerry Brown’s previous twin Delta Tunnels plan.

Scientists believe the project would drive already imperiled Delta smelt, long fin smelt, long fin smelt, winter-run and spring-run Chinook salmon and other species over the edge of extinction, besides altering parts of the Delta itself and cutting off access to some of the most pristine and beautiful areas there.

The project would divert massive quantities of water from the Sacramento River rather than letting the water flow naturally into the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary, depriving the estuary of the water that it needs to function as an ecosystem, according to project opponents.

Many opponents believe that this single tunnel planned project is no better than the previous twin tunnel project, that it is rewarding wealthy agribusiness ranchers (almonds growers, land developers, and more), in a scheme to reward patronage for campaign donations and other favors to enrich those agribusiness ranchers and developers. The public trust is being threatened.

For more information regarding the schedule and to obtain tickets: <https://www.waterpaloozafestival.com/>

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