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Tracy,
Thanks for sharing this material.

Thanks,
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> On Apr 13, 2017, at 4:17 PM, Tracy Hammond <THammond@polsinelli.com> wrote:

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> Scott,

> Thank you for meeting with Jim Wallace of the Courtland Group a couple of weeks ago to discuss California Governor Brown's "WaterFix" project. We sincerely appreciate your time and feedback during our discussion.

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> Aside from the immense cost of the WaterFix plan, which is estimated upwards of \$25 billion with no clear funding plan in place, The Courtland Group has concerns over the lack of attention paid in the EIR/EIS to geological and ground settlement infrastructure impacts. The EIR/EIS failed to calculate how the tunnels can impact the ground surface settlement. According to the Technical Design Manual for Design and Construction of Road Tunnels (US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration), an approach to estimate ground surface settlement impacts above the tunnels is possible and the information currently exists to establish these data. Without these data, the adverse impact the twin tunnels will have on highways, streets, buried utilities, and agriculture lands is completely unknown. Before the Department of Interior continues the approval process paving the way for Governor Brown's WaterFix plan, we highly encourage Secretary Zinke to request this information and ensure that the plan is indeed geologically viable.

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> In addition to settlement issues, the EIS left additional questions and incomplete information as it relates to groundwater and mitigation measures, accurate groundwater conditions associated with the construction and operation of facilities, and impacts on water supplies.

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> We've attached here the EIR/EIS Comments regarding groundwater and geological/ground settlement here as well for your information.

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> Please let us know if there's any additional information we can provide you or your colleagues as the Department continues to review this project. We look forward to continuing our dialog and want to be as helpful as possible during this ongoing process.

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