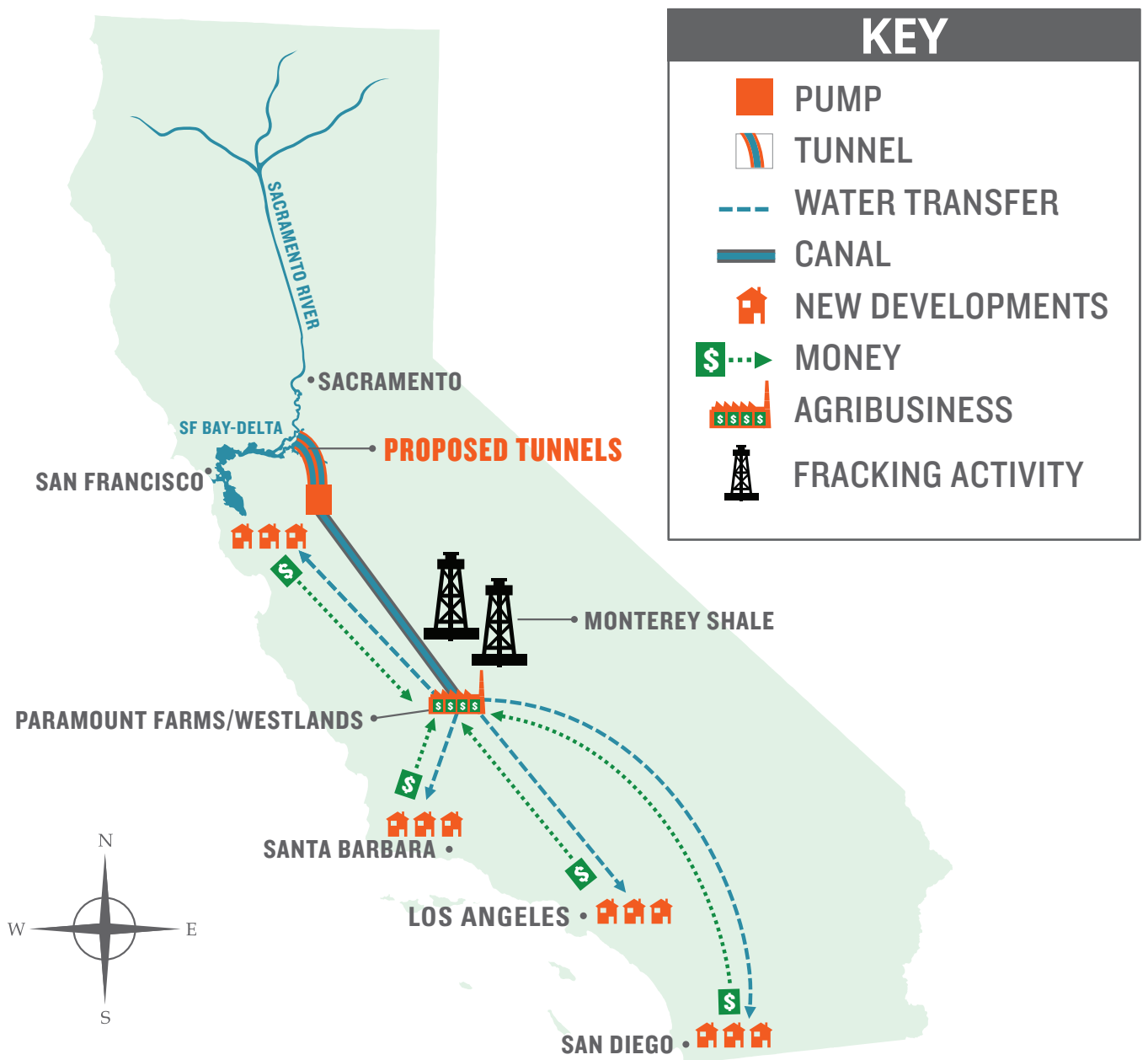


# STOP THE TUNNELS



**Under the guise of the so-called “Bay Delta Conservation Plan,”** Governor Brown and California’s most powerful corporate agribusinesses and oil companies are pushing two massive 30-mile water tunnels to divert the Sacramento River and increase exports from the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary. The tunnels are estimated to cost over \$50 billion, which would force higher water rates for millions of Californians and devastate the ecosystem of the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary.

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# TOP THREE REASONS TO STOP THE TUNNELS



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## 1. Corporations get more subsidized water

Corporate agribusinesses and oil companies in the southwestern Central Valley are backing the tunnels to get more taxpayer-subsidized water at our expense. Oil companies want more water for fracking, a dangerous drilling method that pollutes millions of gallons of water mixed with toxic chemicals. The Paramount Farming Corporation of Kern County and the giant Westlands Water District want more water for lucrative crops like almonds that are mostly exported overseas. Sometimes these interests also sell the subsidized water on the market for private profit.

## 2. Californians will get the bill

The tunnels will cost California over \$50 billion, which would force higher water rates throughout southern California and the Santa Clara Valley Water District — even though these areas are planning to use less water from the Delta. California taxpayers would be expected to shoulder \$3 to 5 billion in environmental cleanup costs from building the tunnels. This enormous sum of money is on top of the billions California already needs to invest in rebuilding water, sewer and storm water systems, groundwater cleanup and water recycling.

## 3. The San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary and family farmers will be harmed

Diverting the Sacramento River would have a devastating effect on the ecology of the San Francisco Bay Delta estuary and the wild salmon population it supports. In addition, dozens of family farmers in the Delta would lose their water supply and be forced out of business.

**The tunnels are opposed by a broad coalition of consumer, environmental and taxpayer groups that agree the tunnels are a bad idea for California's taxpayers and environment.**

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