

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE AA

We value clean water and a healthy environment, so we need to demand genuine protection for them. Measure AA represents a lot of money, but very little will go to the wetlands. The real goal of Measure AA is to raise a lot of money for politicians to spend any way they want.

VOTE NO on Measure AA because:

GIVES A BLANK CHECK TO POLITICIANS.

- There's no spending plan, only "example" projects.
- No one really knows how money would be spent.
- Measure AA gives politicians power to change the law, to spend money however they decide.

TRUE COSTS ARE HIDDEN.

- The Authority plans to issue \$1.5 billion in debt, to be added to our tax bills.
- Repaying this debt, with interest, would cost our children and grandchildren up to \$3 BILLION.

FUNDS COULD GET TIED UP INDEFINITELY.

- Wetlands restoration requires coordination among many agencies.
- The San Francisco Bay is a jungle of jurisdictions and regulations.
- Currently there is no plan to efficiently coordinate efforts among federal, state and local agencies.
- Reform must come first.

WETLAND RESTORATION INCREASES FLOOD RISKS.

- Measure AA doesn't identify costs for flood mitigation.
- Most money would be needed to build new levees, particularly in the South Bay.
- All Bay Area taxpayers shouldn't pay for Silicon Valley's flood protection.

Saving the Bay is too important for us to get wrong. Measure AA is a joke.

Vote NO to tell politicians that you expect SMART PLANS and REAL CHANGE for your tax dollars.

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