

Opinion: Water war brewing in California

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There is simply nothing more important to California's future than an adequate and dependable supply of clean water.

Accordingly, there is simply nothing more complex than its water politics, as we are beginning to see as Gov. Jerry Brown, legislators and water stakeholders attempt to write a 2014 bond issue.



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The Legislature and Brown's predecessor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, wrote an \$11.1 billion water bond issue four years ago as an adjunct to building an "alternative conveyance" for water through, around or under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

However, placing the bond issue before voters was postponed twice due to fears that it would be rejected due to its size and bits of pork that had nothing to do with water supply. It's scheduled for the 2014 ballot, but that version is likely to be abandoned.

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