



Westlands Water District



SOUTH VALLEY WATER ASSOCIATION



December 5, 2016

Dear California Congressional Delegation:

We are writing this letter to express our great appreciation for the action you have taken to address operations of California’s water infrastructure in the 114th Congress. If Congress had failed to act, the state ran the risk of losing the ability to deliver water to areas that have suffered socially and economically as a result of water supply shortages and to replenish reservoirs and groundwater levels that provide critical supplies during the months of low precipitation.

The undersigned water agencies, stretching from northern to southern California, have reviewed the legislative language related to Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) operations, and we believe it reflects a compromise that will serve all Californians by increasing the potential for improved water supplies for communities throughout the state.

The language improves dramatically the flexibility to federal and state agencies to operate the water projects in order to maximize the water available to urban and rural water agencies, while at the same time protecting listed fish species. The language protects the rights of the water users upstream of the Delta and does not amend the Endangered Species Act.

We greatly appreciate your efforts and support enactment of the legislation.

Respectfully,

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Kern County Water Agency
Metropolitan Water District
San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors
South Valley Water Association
Tehama Colusa Canal Authority
Westlands Water District