



November 26, 2014

Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Barbara Boxer
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Draft Drought Bill to Follow Regular Order

Dear Senators Feinstein and Boxer:

The Environmental Water Caucus once more expresses our gratitude for postponing further consideration of the pending drought bill until all parties of interest have an opportunity to review the bill.

To assist our meaningful participation in the process to come, would your staff kindly provide us with the following information? Thanks for considering these requests:

- (1) An electronic copy of the draft bill.
- (2) According to participants there are at least six or as many as ten versions of the bill. So that we may understand the progression of the language and its history, please provide copies of each.
- (3) We request that your staff provide us with copies of comments, analysis and evaluation(s) relating to the draft bills from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and others who provided technical assistance to date in bill drafting.
- (4) Copies of comments and analysis from Federal and State agencies, including, but not limited to the US Bureau of Reclamation, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and/or US Department of Agriculture at the federal level and the California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources, and others at the state level.
- (5) Finally, we request a summary identifying and itemizing unresolved issues with the draft bill so we understand how and what discussions have proceeded to date.

Our thirty-plus member organizations are concerned that this legislation may be one of the rare water-related bills with multi-generational implications. How California addresses and manages water supply, water quality, and water export issues will have impacts for years to come.

Like both of you, the Environmental Water Caucus (EWC) is deeply interested in sustainable and equitable solutions to California's water challenges. Toward that end, we produced a guideline document that we would like to discuss with you and your staffs at a meeting in San Francisco as soon as possible in December. EWC's Responsible Exports Plan is available online at <http://www.ewccalifornia.org/reports/responsibleexportsplanmay2013.pdf>.

It is essential that all interests have a seat at the table and are provided equal access to the process. If you have questions, please contact Conner Everts at (310) 394-6162 x111 (or email connere@gmail.com), or Tim Stroshane at (510) 524-6313 (or email spillwayguy@gmail.com).

Thank you for considering these requests, and we look forward to working with you in the weeks and months to come.

Sincerely,



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