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Re: Water Projects

I am writing to you about a water supply bill I intend to introduce in the Senate this fall. The California Affordable Quantity and Quality Water Act (CAL-AQ-QWA) is designed to promote water recycling, reclamation and groundwater storage projects throughout the state. It will also provide funding for water quality projects. Congressman Sam Farr (D-Monterey) will be introducing a similar bill in the House of Representatives. I have enclosed information about CAL-AQ-QWA with this letter for your review.

There are three sections of the bill where individual water projects will be mentioned by name. I encourage you to provide me with information about projects which might be eligible for inclusion in these sections. Section 1 identifies a number of water reclamation projects statewide. These projects have completed the planning and design process and now await funding for construction. A similar list will be included for groundwater projects in Section 3. If your agency has a potential project and is awaiting funds to conduct a feasibility study, such studies will be included in Section 2.

Since CAL-AQ-QWA was drafted with the needs of water agencies in mind, a letter of support from your agency would be very helpful. Please mail or fax letters of support to my State Director Rose Kapolczynski, 312 N. Spring St., #1748, Los Angeles 90012. The fax number is (213) 894-5012.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions about the bill or have a project you would like considered for inclusion, please contact Maribel Juarez at my Los Angeles office at (213) 894-5000.

Sincerely,



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**California Affordable Quantity & Quality Water Act
"CAL-AQQWA"**

To be introduced by Senator Barbara Boxer

I. Water Reclamation

- This section would authorize funding for construction of specified water reclamation projects in California by amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act. To be eligible, projects need to have completed technical and design studies. Priority would be given to projects that also provide environmental benefits.

- Projects include:

- Castaic Lake Water Agency Reclaimed Water Project, \$20 million.
- Clear Lake Basin Water Reuse Project, \$9 million.
- San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Project, \$20 million.
- Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Project, \$20 million.
- San Pablo Baylands Water Reuse Projects, \$20 million.
- California Water Recycling Program, \$50 million.
- Northern and Southern California Regional Brine Lines, \$50 million.
- Lower Chino Dairy Area Desalination Demonstration and Reclamation Project, \$50 million.
- Research Concerning Water Reuse, \$12.5 million (\$2.5 million '02 through '06).
- West Basin Comprehensive Desalination Demonstration Program, Federal share is 50% of total project cost.
- Project Modifications:
 - Central Los Angeles Water Recycling Project, \$12 million.
 - Los Angeles Harbor Water Recycling Project, \$12 million.
 - San Gabriel Basin Water Project, \$50.5 million.

\$ 313.5M

II. Expedited Feasibility Studies for Reclamation and Groundwater Projects

- This section would authorize funding for expedited feasibility studies of water reclamation projects, groundwater storage projects and other projects within the scope of this bill. Priority would be given to projects that provide environmental and other benefits. This section would also authorize funding for loans and grants for studies and would include:

- List of specific projects.
- Authorization of grants, \$5 million maximum.
- Authorization of loan program, \$5 million maximum.

\$ 10.0M

III. Competitive Grant and Loan Program

- This section would establish a competitive grant and loan program to fund a variety of water projects. Funding for some or all eligible projects under this section is identified within

