



# Committee Action

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## **Committee to Hold Field Hearing on Immediate and Long-Term Relief for Drought-Impacted San Joaquin Valley**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The House Natural Resources Committee will hold a field hearing in Fresno, California on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> entitled “*California Water Crisis and Its Impacts: The Need for Immediate and Long-Term Solutions.*”

The San Joaquin Valley is once again suffering from drought conditions exacerbated by unworkable federal regulations that put the needs of a 3-inch fish over people. The House of Representatives passed a bill ([H.R. 3964](#)) to help resolve this situation. That bill, along with another bill ([S. 2016](#)), is now pending in the U.S. Senate. Although Senate action hasn’t been announced on either bill, a number of House Members recently stated that they stand ready to [negotiate](#) with the Senate to bring relief to the San Joaquin Valley.

In the interim, this field hearing is designed to focus on the need to resolve differences in order to bring immediate and long-term water supplies to the San Joaquin Valley and other parts of California. This field hearing is also based on the [request](#) of Congressman David Valadao (CA-21) and other requests (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

**WHAT:** Full Committee oversight field hearing on:

*“California Water Crisis and Its Impacts: The Need for Immediate and Long-Term Solutions”*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014  
10:00 AM PDT

**WHERE:** Fresno City Council Chambers  
2600 Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

Visit the [Committee Calendar](#) for additional information, once it is made available. The meeting is open to the public and a live video stream will be broadcast at

<http://naturalresources.house.gov/live>.

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