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Subcommittee on Water & Power

Witness Statement

Honorable Eluid L. Martinez
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
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Thank you for the invitation to present views on H.R. 3077. Given that the bill was introduced one week ago today, the Department is not in the position to present complete testimony on this bill. The bill raises some questions that the Department would like to understand before formal comments are provided.

We understand that the bill could affect drainage in the Central Valley and also may raise concerns regarding pumping in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. We also look forward to understanding the State's views on this bill, as well as that of state water contractors.

Before we provide complete comments, we will need to get a fuller understanding of the impacts of the legislation. We look forward to providing you complete testimony in the near future.

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