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## **Chairman Calvert's Opening Statement**

### **Subcommittee on Water and Power**

#### **Legislative Hearing**

**H.R. 135, H.R. 495, H.R. 901, H.R. 1284**

**April 1, 2003**

Our Subcommittee continues to pursue balanced and integrated water management approaches for growing and competing water uses. Today, we will focus our attention on four bills that make existing water supplies go further, improve the dependability and security of the water infrastructure for long-term use, and promote cooperative efforts to implement best water management practices.

H.R. 1251, introduced by the distinguished Ranking Member, Mrs. Napolitano, increases the federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project in California.

H.R. 495, authored by our distinguished Arizona colleague, Mr. Renzi, approves the settlement of longstanding water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe, the State of Arizona, and local water and power users.

In response to a federal decision to close a road over a federal facility that has severely impacted local communities and thousands of commuters, H.R. 901 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land near Folsom Dam in California to enhance the security of the dam and the reservoir.

And H.R. 135 establishes a commission to develop recommendations for a comprehensive, long term national water strategy.

These bills attempt to find common sense solutions to the many problems facing our communities. I thank our witnesses for coming here today, and look forward to hearing from them on these important bills.

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