



April 3, 2017

The Honorable David Valadao  
U.S. House Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Valadao:

The Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) and the Kings River Water Association (KRWA) appreciate your continued dedication to Valley water issues. In that regard, KRC D and KRWA commend you for introducing H.R. 23, the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017, which promotes a comprehensive approach to solving the California water crisis focusing on critical San Joaquin Valley concerns.

California's recent drought compounded with excessive regulatory requirements and constraints have been catastrophic for the Valley's communities, businesses, and population. These pressures contribute greatly to the Valley's approximate average annual water resource shortfall of 2.5 million acre-feet and are thus directly related to a reduced water supply and associated groundwater overdrafting.

H.R. 23 is intended to increase the availability and reliability of water for the benefit of all users in the in the San Joaquin Valley. The legislation provides for rational regulation of the Delta and updates the Central Valley Project Improvement Act to ensure that water supplies for users on the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) are adequate, reliable and predictable. H.R. 23 also protects the water rights and supplies of users who are not on the CVP and SWP, including water-rights holders on the Kings River.

Thank you for your efforts in striving toward a fair and balanced approach to water resource issues for the benefit of California's population. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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