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Congressman David G. Valadao  
1728 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Valadao,

*David*

Thank you for introducing H.R. 23, the Guiding Responsibility on Water Act (GROW). We are supportive of this legislation as a vehicle to further the important progress begun with enactment of the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act (WIIN) late last year. Indeed, we are hopeful that not only California but the whole of the West will take water issues more seriously and move forward toward solutions.

There are many elements of the bill that could help address California's lack of long-term water planning. We are especially focused on ensuring that the federal monies authorized under the WIIN Act for water storage projects in the state are appropriated this year and believe this bill has many elements that will further and build upon that policy area. Appropriating those funds this year, coupled with the policy changes under the WIIN Act, plus enacting many of the policy changes proposed under the GROW Act, would mark an incredible era of achievement for California water policy.

We all know how much you have worked on this issue. Thank you again for your continued efforts to bring much-needed common sense to the management and use of our vital water resources in California.

Sincerely,

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Tom Nassif  
President & CEO