

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 8, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Cochran and Frelinghuysen and Ranking Members Leahy and Lowey,

We ask that you include funding in the final Fiscal Year 2017 Energy & Water Appropriations bill to implement the California and west-wide drought-related authorizations included in Subtitle J of last year's Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act).

While significant storms have helped ease the immediate drought conditions facing many western states, weather patterns are becoming increasingly unpredictable as a result of climate change, and it is critical that we do all we can to prepare for the inevitable next drought.

The WIIN Act authorized new funding to help improve drought resiliency in California and other Reclamation states in the Western United States. Over five years, the bill authorized \$335 million for new surface and groundwater storage projects, \$50 million for new water recycling projects, \$30 million for new water desalination projects, and \$43 million for new environmental restoration programs.

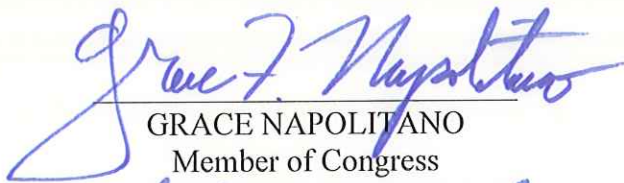
In keeping with regular order, Congress approved the authorizations in the WIIN Act with bipartisan majorities of both the House and Senate last year, and it is now time to appropriate the funding necessary to implement them. We ask that you include sufficient funding to begin appropriating each of the 5-year authorizations for Reclamation states included in the WIIN Act.


Thank you for your attention to this request.

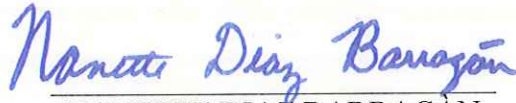
Sincerely,



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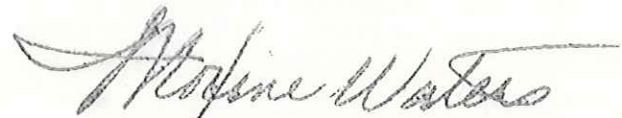

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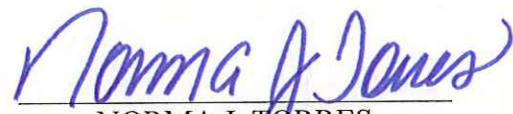

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