



End the California Water Crisis Legislative Package Led by Rep. Adam Gray

WATER Act:

Cosponsors: Rep. Costa (D-CA)

- The Water Agency and Transparency Enhancement Review (WATER) Act would codify provisions of [President Trump's Executive Order 14181](#), "Emergency Measures to Provide Water Resources in California and Improve Disaster Response in Certain Areas."
 - Specifically, this bill would create interagency coordination at the federal level on permitting obstacles for water projects in California, specifically focused on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Build Now Act:

Cosponsors: Rep. Costa (D-CA)

- This bill would create a one-year timeline for any permit applications and environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for water projects that would enhance the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project.
- Additionally, this bill would require a federal agency to receive approval from the permit applicant to extend the one-year deadline.

- o This adds to timeline provisions Rep. Gray secured in [H.R. 4776](#), the *SPEED Act*, that would set deadlines for issuing notices of intent and final records of decisions.

Central Valley Water Solution Act:

Cosponsors: Reps. Costa (D-CA), Harder (D-CA)

- This bill would authorize 21 projects south of Delta, including conveyance, groundwater recharge, and studies, that would increase water storage throughout the San Joaquin Valley.
 - o These projects were identified by a diverse group of water users and contractors in the Central Valley.
- Funding for these projects will match a similar cost-share for water users outlined in President Trump's reconciliation package.

Endorsements: Friant Water Authority, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, Westlands Water District