



June 24, 2011

Honorable John Garamendi
United States Representative
2459 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act-H. R. 1837

Dear Congressman Garamendi:

The Contra Costa Council strongly OPPOSES the content and purpose of H. R. 1837. We urge that you exercise all of your influence to defeat H. R. 1837. Our opposition is based on the bill's proposed rejection of historic water delivery mechanisms in favor of just one region of the state. The bill also rejects the current activities within California to develop policies to achieve co-equal goals for a reliable water supply and healthy ecosystem for the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

The Contra Costa Council is a non-profit organization comprised of about 400 members. Our membership includes all aspects of employers within Contra Costa County. We include multi-national and small businesses, labor organizations, institutions and non-profit entities among our members. We are representative of the socio-economic fabric of Contra Costa County. Our mission is to enhance economic vitality and the quality of life within the region. Our proximity to the Delta emphasizes the importance of the Delta region and we have advocated for the policy reforms to strive to achieve the co-equal goals.

H. R. 1837 threatens to reverse the efforts to achieve a healthy Delta so that one region can extract as much water as they desire at the expense of and damage to the Delta and other regions of the state. Such a water grab is unconscionable and should be defeated.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Best
President & CEO

Cc: Honorable Tom McClintock, Chair, Subcommittee on Water and Power, House Resources Committee
Honorable Grace Napolitano, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Water and Power, House Resources Committee

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