



## **Rep. Adam Gray's End the California Water Crisis Legislative Package**

### **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.
  - 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.
  - 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

**Related Work:**

**H.R. 3845, *Valley Water Protection Act***

- Rep. Gray introduced the Valley Water Protection Act, which would amend the Endangered Species Act to allow access to the exemption process where a reasonable and prudent alternative or modification to a proposed agency action may impair national security or regional economic impacts.
  - This bill was created to ensure Central Valley farmers and producers receive reliable water deliveries to support their operations.