

NOW IS THE TIME TO SECURE OUR WATER FUTURE

Rain and Snow Can't Fix a Broken System

The record rain and snow of 2016-2017 was a welcome break from five years of drought, but we cannot be complacent. Now is the time to put in place long-term water policies that benefit all Californians.

Without fixing our broken system, we face the risk of permanent drought even during the wettest of years.



More than 15 Government Agencies Control Our Water Policy

This tangled, inefficient maze of federal, state and local bureaucracies makes decisions that control California's water supply. The muddled policies produced by these agencies leave all Californians paying the price at the grocery store and on their water bills.

Current Regulations Defy Both Science and Common Sense

For example, science now shows that flushing more and more water to the sea does nothing to help fish. However, innovative local projects have proven that there are ways to both protect and grow fish while still providing water to people and farms.

The Broken System Affects the Healthy Food Californians Depend On

Growing less food in California hits consumers squarely in the pocketbook. Families will have to buy more food imported from countries that do not have the same health and safety standards as California, increasing risk to our health and the environment.



Having a Secure Water Future Does Not Mean Choosing Between People, Food and the Environment

Many defenders of our broken system say we must choose between either the environment or farms and urban water users. **That is a false choice.** California farms have consistently developed new practices that help grow our food while protecting and preserving the environment for future generations.



We Can't Conserve Our Way Out of a Broken System

When water policy is out of balance it affects farms, cities, businesses, schools, recreation, water quality projects and more. Fixing our broken system is the only way to provide true drought relief and long-term water security for California.

Working Together Towards a Secure Water Future Benefits Farms, Families and the Environment

Investing in new water supplies, conservation, recycling, and science-based ecosystem solutions will help all Californians achieve a secure water future.

