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# Legislative Update



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# New Assembly Speaker and Leadership Team



## Speaker

- Hon. Robert Rivas (D-Hollister)

## Speaker pro Tempore

- Hon. Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters)

## Assistant Speaker pro Tempore

- Hon. Stephanie Nguyen (D-Elk Grove)

## Majority Leader

- Hon. Isaac Bryan (D-Los Angeles)

## Majority Whip

- Hon. Lori Wilson (D-Fairfield)

# H.R. 215

## WATER for California Act (Valadao)

**H.R.215 - WATER for California Act**  
118th Congress (2023-2024) | [Get alerts](#)


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**Sponsor:** [Rep. Valadao, David G. \[R-CA-22\]](#) (Introduced 01/09/2023)

**Committees:** House - Natural Resources

**Committee Meetings:** [04/27/23 9:45AM](#) [04/11/23 2:00PM](#)

**Latest Action:** House - 04/28/2023 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 17. ([All Actions](#))

**Tracker:**  **Introduced** > Passed House > Passed Senate > To President > Became Law

**Summary:** The requires that Reclamation operate the CVP and SWP under a specified alternative to a proposed action in a final environmental impact statement and 2019 agency-published Biological Opinions (BiOps). The bill also authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make every reasonable effort to provide water for irrigation purposes. The bill also seeks to secure greater accountability from the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Commerce by requiring semi-annual reports to detail a justification to Congress that meets specific requirements before requesting or completing reinitiation of consultation that will result in new BiOps. The Commissioner of Reclamation will also submit a report within 180 days after the Act has been enacted that details projected water shortages or infrastructure projects that will affect the water supply in California.

# H.R. 924 (Harder)

## Stop the Delta Tunnel Act

### H.R.924 - Stop the Delta Tunnel Act

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**Sponsor:** [Rep. Harder, Josh \[D-CA-9\]](#) (Introduced 02/09/2023)

**Committees:** House - Transportation and Infrastructure

**Latest Action:** House - 02/10/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. ([All Actions](#))

**Tracker:** 

**Introduced**

Passed House

Passed Senate

To President

Became Law

**Summary:** The bill seeks to prohibit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from issuing a permit under Section 404 of the Water Conservation Act to California to build the Delta Conveyance Project. USACE released the draft EIS report for its portion of the Delta Conveyance Project in December 2022 for public comment.

# S.2126 (Feinstein)

## Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act

### S.2161 - Canal Conveyance Capacity Restoration Act

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**Sponsor:** [Sen. Feinstein, Dianne \[D-CA\]](#) (Introduced 06/22/2023)

**Committees:** Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

**Committee Meetings:** [07/19/23 2:30PM](#)

**Latest Action:** Senate - 07/19/2023 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. ([All Actions](#))

**Tracker:** 

**Introduced**

Passed Senate

Passed House

To President

Became Law

**Summary:** This bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to provide financial assistance for various projects in California to mitigate the sinking or settling of the ground (i.e., subsidence mitigation), specifically for projects related to the Friant-Kern Canal, the Delta-Mendota Canal, and certain parts of the San Luis Canal/California Aqueduct.

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