

House Republicans Introduce Drought Bill

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California's Republican delegation in the House, on Thursday, introduced a bill designed to improve Western water reliability. The bill, H.R. 2898, the Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015, which was sponsored by Rep. Valadao (CA-21) aims to increase the availability of water throughout western states. The text of the bill can be found [here](#).

In remarks accompanying the introduction of the bill, Rep. Valadao argued that current Federal policies have been exacerbating the effects of the drought: "California's drought has devastated communities throughout the Central Valley and now the consequences are extending throughout the country. Inaction will result in the collapse of our domestic food supply." He continued, "Congress cannot make it rain but we can enact policies that expand our water infrastructure, allow for more water conveyance, and utilize legitimate science to ensure a reliable water supply for farmers and families."

The bill now heads to the House Natural Resources Committee for consideration.