

## HR 215

### WATER for California

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-41]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Duarte, John S. [R-CA-13]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-27]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-48]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Kiley, Kevin [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-40]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-20]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. McClinton, Tom [R-CA-5]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-45]	R · CA		Jan 9, 2023
Rep. Fong, Vince [R-CA-20]	R · CA		Aug 30, 2024

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 28, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4394	Related bill	Nov 1, 2023: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 233.

## **Working to Advance Tangible and Effective Reforms for California Act or the WATER for California Act**

This bill addresses the operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP), a federal water project in California owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation, and the California State Water Project (SWP), which is operated jointly with the CVP.

Specifically, the bill requires that Reclamation operate the CVP and SWP pursuant to a specified alternative to a proposed action in a final environmental impact statement and 2019 agency published Biological Opinions (BiOps). The bill also requires Reclamation and the Department of Commerce to submit a justification to Congress that meets certain requirements prior to requesting or completing a reinitiation of consultation that will result in new BiOps.

This bill also requires Reclamation to allocate water to existing agricultural water service contractors within the CVP's Sacramento River Watershed based on the water year type (e.g., dry, wet). These allocations must not affect the United States' ability or obligations to deliver water under other designated contracts.

Further, the bill repeals certain eligibility requirements for water infrastructure construction funding under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to make the Shasta Dam and Reservoir Enlargement Project in California eligible for funding. The bill also requires that Reclamation funds made available but not used for this project in previous appropriations years be made available to the project.

Finally, the bill reauthorizes Reclamation's support for the construction or expansion of water storage projects.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 18, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-919.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 751.
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Discharged.
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 28, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 17.
- **Apr 11, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Feb 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.