

# Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority

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Senator Diane Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Support Letter for the "California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act"

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) wishes to thank you for your leadership and efforts in crafting and introducing the "California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act". Your extensive efforts over the past months to shape these balanced policies, that will provide both long term improvements to the California water system, and desperately needed short term operational provisions that will assist in providing increased water deliveries to severely impacted state and federal water contractors during the current drought crisis, is greatly appreciated. We are very supportive of this legislation, and your efforts to move this bill through the Senate quickly. We are hopeful and optimistic that ultimately this effort will result in a product that both Houses of Congress can support in a very timely manner, resulting in the ultimate enactment of meaningful legislation that will serve to mitigate the huge impacts being suffered this year by water users throughout the state. Time is of the essence, as we are losing the opportunity to move and store critical water resources right now.

The TCCA is joint powers authority comprised of seventeen water districts, all of whom hold CVP agricultural water service contracts. Our service area encompasses four counties (Yolo, Colusa, Glenn and Tehama), and 150,000 acres of highly productive farmland along the westside of the Sacramento Valley. The farms served by the TCCA have already suffered through two consecutive years of zero allocations pursuant to their CVP contracts, and are currently facing the prospects of a third consecutive very challenging water year.

Thank you again for all of your effort and time spent to craft legislation to mitigate and address the devastating impacts currently being felt by water users throughout the state. We stand by, ready to assist and support your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey P. Sutton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being the most prominent part of the script.

Jeffrey P. Sutton  
General Manager