



# The Central Valley's Water Security Can't Wait

## Support the Plan to Fix California's Aging Water Distribution System to Protect Central Valley Water Reliability

### Problem

The Central Valley relies heavily on California's main water distribution system, which brings water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains through a system of aging levees, canals, and pipes to our region. But key portions of this system are outdated and crumbling.

Because of the problems with our aging water distribution system, water to our region has been significantly cut back in recent years – forcing farmers to plow under fields and lay off workers, and hurting our regional economy and quality of life. In fact, water supply shortages have cost our region billions in economic losses. Additionally, experts warn that the system could collapse in an earthquake or natural disaster, cutting off water supplies for over a year and costing our economy billions of dollars more. Without action to fix our aging water distribution system, Central Valley water supplies remain at risk.



### Solution

The plan to fix California's water system, known as California Water Fix, will address the severe vulnerabilities in our water infrastructure and secure our local water supplies. This plan was drafted after nearly a decade of extensive scientific review and analysis by the state's leading water experts and conservationists. It has received input from scores of leading scientists and engineers, and has undergone unprecedented public review. It would:

- Protect water supplies by delivering them through a modern water pipeline rather than relying solely on today's old, deteriorating levees.
- Increase the safety of our water system by fixing aging infrastructure and building a water delivery system that is able to better protect water supplies during earthquakes, floods and natural disasters.
- Improve the ability to move and store water so we can capture it for dry years.
- Restore more natural water flows in rivers and streams to reduce impacts on endangered fish and wildlife.

Importantly, this plan is not about moving more water from North to South. Our state's water distribution system already moves water – though very inefficiently – to regions throughout the state. Instead, this fix is about creating a more reliable way to secure and deliver the same amount of water.

The quality of life and economic prosperity of our region depend on a reliable, secure water supply. We must fix our aging, deteriorating main water distribution system before it's too late.

To see more about how this plan will benefit our region and to join on to support, visit <http://watersecurityca.com/central-valley/>.