



February 18, 2009

Senator Gil Cedillo, Chair
Assembly Member Tony Mendoza, Vice Chair
California Latino Legislative Caucus
State Capitol, Room 5100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Cedillo, Assembly Member Mendoza and members of the California Latino Legislative Caucus:

On behalf of members of the California Latino Water Coalition, we would like to thank you for your letter to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (February 17th, 2009) stating support for the Petition for the Temporary Urgency Change and waiving starting gate provisions as requested by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to the State Water Resources Control Board on February 10, 2009.

These actions are critical for temporary relief of water shortages throughout the state. Your letter of support will be instrumental in helping deliver water under the current emergency conditions to millions of residents and businesses in need.

We also thank you for your attention to the growing crisis in dealing with all aspects the state's water supply availability. As large portions of S. California face water rationing for the first time in two decades and water shortages threaten much of the Central Valley, state water managers have said the current dry spell could be the worst ever across the whole state of California.

Our members who are comprised of state legislators, mayors, city and county officials and members of the business and entertainment community appreciate the help offered by Senators and Assembly Members of the California Latino Legislative Caucus. We have seen you visit local communities that have a large population of Latino residents, listen to concerns and offer support for those who are hardest hit by water shortages

We look forward to working with you to further a comprehensive water infrastructure improvement program that meets present and future water needs in all regions of California.

Again, thank you, for your concern and efforts in dealing with this critical problem. We appreciate your hard work to find water supply solutions to the benefit of all Californians.

Sincerely,

California Latino Water Coalition