






Federal Relief Legislation for California

MAJOR PROVISIONS	H.R. 2898 - Valadao	S. 1894 - Feinstein
<p>Direction on Implementation of Biological Opinions</p> 	<p>Requires federal agencies to increase water supply to the maximum allowable under the biological opinions and the Endangered Species Act.</p> <p>Requires federal agencies to capture water supplied by the first storms of the year if there is no harm to protected species.</p> <p>The provisions are permanent.</p>	<p>Requires federal agencies to operate to minimize negative water supply impacts.</p> <p>Allows water transfers to occur if the transfer avoids adverse impacts on endangered species and on top of the regular flow of the river.</p> <p>The provisions expire in September 2017.</p>
<p>Water Management Procedures</p> 	<p>Requires federal agencies to expeditiously issue necessary permits for water transfers and the use of temporary barriers and gates to make more water available during the drought and two subsequent years.</p>	<p>Reviews of water transfers and installation and removal of barriers will be expedited and allows gates to be consistent with orders issued by the State Water Resources Control Board.</p>
<p>Endangered Species Act Protections</p> 	<p>Does not amend the Endangered Species Act.</p>	<p>Does not amend the Endangered Species Act.</p>
<p>Water Rights</p> 	<p>Protects water rights.</p>	<p>Protects water rights.</p>
<p>Impact on Federal Budget</p> 	<p>No Additional Costs.</p>	<p>\$1.3 billion over 10 years for specific projects and program enhancements.</p>



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