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STATEMENT BY THOMAS W. BIRMINGHAM, GENERAL MANAGER, WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF HR 4366, THE SAN LUIS DRAINAGE RESOLUTION ACT

FRESNO, CA – “Rep. David Valadao's legislation authorizing the settlement between the United States and Westlands Water District will enable a fair and equitable solution to the decades-long dispute over the federal government's failure to comply with the law. Among many other public benefits, the settlement negotiated with the Obama administration and the authorizing legislation will save U.S. taxpayers approximately \$3.5 billion and will remediate a long-standing environmental problem. Introduction of the legislation is an important step, and we look forward to passage of the bill this year.”

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Documents related to the settlement:

[Drainage Settlement Fact Sheet](#)
[Bureau of Reclamation Briefing Document](#)
[Fresno Bee editorial – *Westlands Settlement is a Smart Compromise*](#)