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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 559 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to report to the Legislature on federal funding approved to restore the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal, with a proposal for the state to pay for a share of the project.

California's major canal systems are aging and damaged by land subsidence. Local, state and federal systems all need repair. As established in the Water Resilience Portfolio, state agencies are holistically assessing the needs of all of California's water supply systems. This bill focuses on a single piece of conveyance and directs DWR to develop a proposal for the state to help fund this specific project. As we address California's water needs in the coming months and years, we need to evaluate, develop and identify solutions and funding that provides water supply and conveyance for the entirety of the state, not one project at a time.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

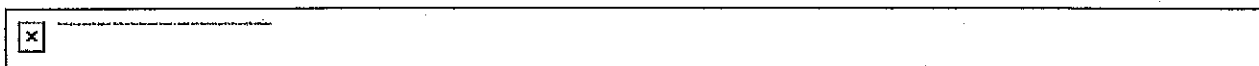


From: Dan Keppen, Executive Director <dan@familyfarmalliance.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2020 8:19 AM
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Subject: "NOPE." Statement from Friant Water Authority's Chief Executive Officer Jason Phillips on Governor Newsom's Veto of Senate Bill 559

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"NOPE."

Statement from Friant Water Authority's Chief Executive Officer Jason Phillips on Governor Newsom's Veto of Senate Bill 559



"Governor Newsom's decision to veto SB 559 is yet another missed opportunity for this Administration to partner with millions of Californians in rural and agricultural communities, especially those who work hard to provide for their families while producing half of the nation's fruit and vegetables. The Friant Water Authority and the federal Bureau of Reclamation have worked hard for more than two years to design, plan, finance, and implement needed damage repairs on the most important water delivery system on the eastside of the San Joaquin Valley, the Friant-Kern Canal. These repairs are necessary due to overuse of groundwater from lands outside of the canal's service area, an overuse that has been exacerbated by decades of compounding water regulation by the State and federal governments. SB 559 - a bill with bipartisan support - offered the State an opportunity to define appropriate terms for becoming a partner on the project. Unfortunately for the San Joaquin Valley, this is just the latest in a long history of snubs from Sacramento. The Governor's message of needing to step back and take a more holistic approach rings hollow to the San Joaquin Valley; the real message this veto sends to the Valley is loud and clear, yet again: 'Nope.'"

Read Gov. Newsom's veto message for SB 559 [here](#).

Source: Friant Water Authority



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Press Release: Trump Administration Announces Completion of Actions Under the Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West

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WASHINGTON (September 29, 2020) – Today, White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Chairman Mary Neumayr joined the Departments of the Interior (Interior), Commerce (DOC), Energy (DOE), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in announcing the completion of all actions directed by the October 2018 [Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West](#) (Western Water PM).

Under President Trump's directive, agencies efficiently coordinated to complete the environmental reviews of major water infrastructure projects in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, to meet the needs of agricultural communities and other water users within the region. Federal water projects in the West irrigate millions of acres of farmland, provide water and power to millions, and support tens of billions in economic activity. The President also directed agencies to convene experts and develop an action plan to improve forecasting of water availability and promote the expanded use of technology for improving the accuracy and reliability of water and power deliveries. The actions in the Western Water PM, which were completed in under two years, will support reliable water supplies for the American West and promote economic prosperity in the region.

"After decades of uncoordinated regulatory actions, President Trump promised that his Administration would streamline regulatory processes to support reliable water supplies for families, farmers, and communities in the West. Just two years later, we have fulfilled this promise," **said CEQ Chairman Mary Neumayr**. "Thanks to the agencies' close and efficient coordination, they have completed environmental reviews for major water projects, as well as advanced technologies to support reliable water supplies, which will benefit our economy, environment and current and future generations of Americans."

"President Trump called on us to provide safe, reliable water for our Nation's families, farms, and communities. In fulfilling this Presidential Memorandum, we achieved each and every directive through unmatched coordination and collaboration across Federal agencies," **said Interior Assistant Secretary for Water & Science Dr. Tim Petty**. "We are modernizing our water projects, policies, science and technology, and way of doing business to better meet the demands of the American West."

“Partners across the West Coast have worked hard to balance multiple demands on water for flood risk reduction; reliable flows for farms, families, and municipalities; dependable hydropower; and cultural needs for Native American tribes; while protecting threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead,” said **retired Navy Rear Admiral Tim Gallaudet, Ph.D., Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**. “Doing its part, NOAA collaborated with other Federal, State, and Tribal agencies, farmers, and local communities to improve information and modeling capabilities, streamline regulatory processes and ensure reliable water supplies across the West. We will continue applying our advances in science and technology to focus actions where they will make the most positive impact.”

“Water is a critical resource that is necessary for human health, agricultural productivity, and economic growth,” said **DOE Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Daniel R. Simmons**. “We are pleased to support the Western Water PM’s objectives to improve technology and investment in water supplies and local hydroelectric projects. Through the Water Security Grand Challenge, where we are working together with our partners to develop technological solutions to meet the need for safe, secure, and affordable water and enhance America’s economic growth and energy security.”

“In full partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bonneville Power Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expedited the completion of the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement,” said **Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James**. “Having received thousands of thoughtful comments by the public, we are able to meet the varying needs and interests of Columbia River Basin users in the context of science as envisioned by the Presidential Memorandum on Western Water.”

“EPA is proud to support our Federal partners in developing actions to help ensure a safe and reliable supply of water in the western United States,” said **EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water David Ross**. “Through close coordination and collaboration, we are working to deliver historic water achievements, including the National Water Reuse Action Plan, which is advancing water reuse technology to diversify water supplies and ensure the viability of our water economy for generations to come.”

Background:

On October 19, 2018, President Trump issued a Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West.

Pursuant to the Western Water PM, agencies completed environmental reviews required for the Central Valley Project and California State Water Project, and the Columbia River System Operations.

In addition to streamlining environmental review processes for specific projects, the Western Water PM also directed the Departments of the Interior and Commerce to convene water experts and resource managers to develop an action plan to improve information and modeling capabilities related to water availability and water infrastructure projects – this [*Federal Action Plan for Improving Forecasts of Water Availability*](#) was released on October 2019.

The Western Water PM also called for improving use of technologies to improve the reliability and accuracy and delivery of water and power, including enabling the use of recycled water – the [*National Water Reuse Action Plan*](#) was [issued](#) on Feb. 27, 2019.

For more information: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-working-promote-reliable-water-access-west/>

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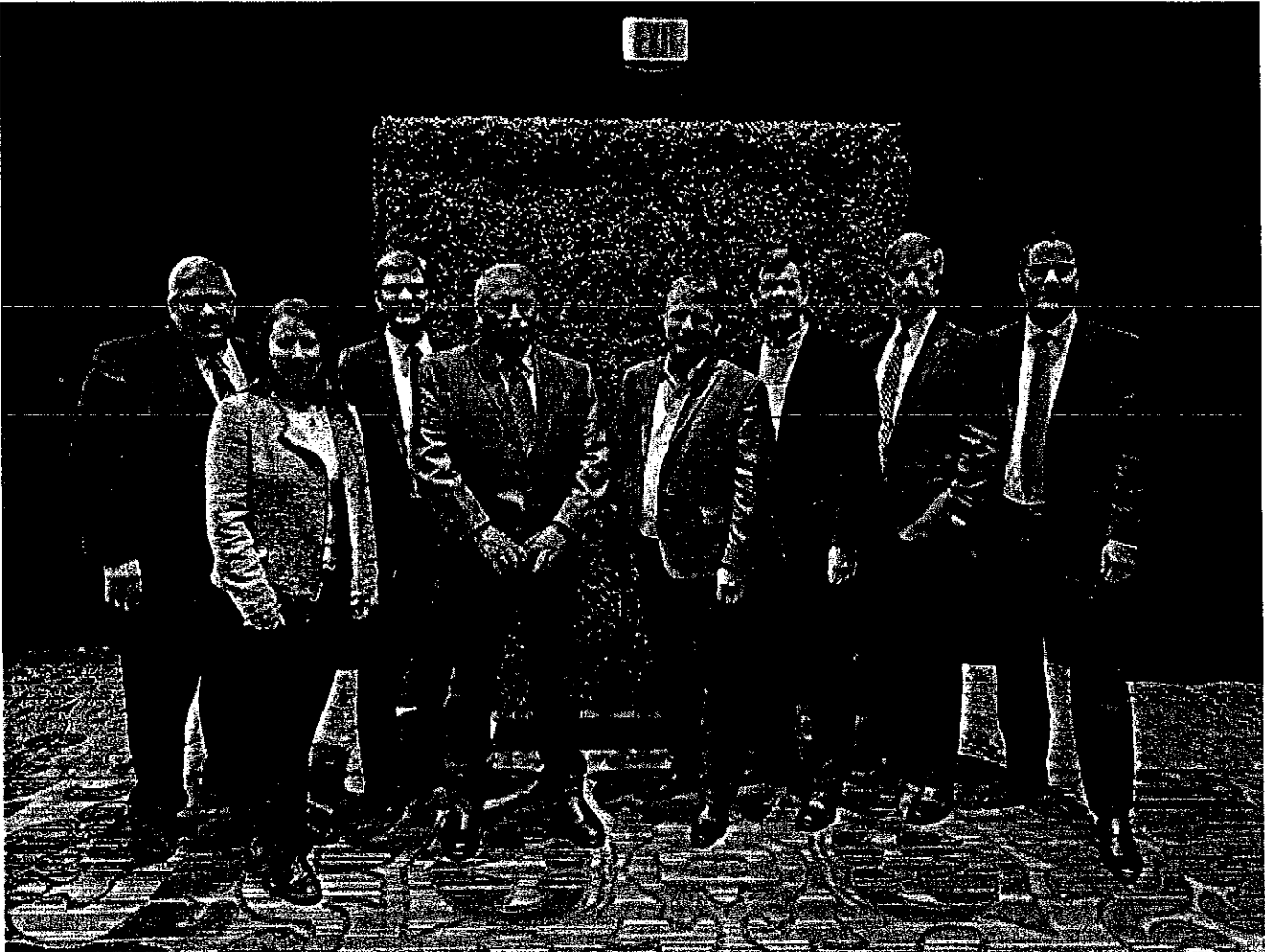
President Trump Signs Executive Order on Modernizing Water Resource Management and Water Infrastructure

WASHINGTON -Yesterday, President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order on "Modernizing America's Water Resource Management and Water Infrastructure." This historic action ensures Federal coordination on water policy is standard practice now and into the future by formally establishing a Water Subcabinet of senior Federal agency officials to facilitate efficient and effective management and modernization of our water supplies and systems while also eliminating duplication between agencies.

"The Trump Administration has made it a priority to ensure communities across the nation receive safe, reliable water," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. "Today's action by President Trump furthers our incredible efforts over the past three and a half years to cut bureaucratic red tape and improve water infrastructure."

The formal establishment of the Water Subcabinet was applauded by the Family Farm Alliance, which hosted several members of an earlier, more informal version of the Subcabinet at the organization's annual conference last February in Reno (NEVADA). At that event, Aubrey Bettencourt, Deputy to Tim Petty (Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior), acted as master of ceremonies for a 90-minute discussion, providing Western farmers and ranchers with a first-hand opportunity to see how the highest level water officials from multiple departments in the Trump Administration are coordinating on Western water challenges.

"An informal Water Subcabinet has been working together under this Administration for the past several years," said Dan Keppen, Alliance Executive Director. "We are already seeing improved coordination among the multiple federal agencies who have jurisdiction over Western water matters. Formally establishing the Water Subcabinet with this executive order should further improve agency coordination and decision-making, necessary components to managing Western water resources and modernizing our aging water infrastructure."



Members of the informal Water Subcabinet with Family Farm Alliance leadership in Reno (NEVADA) at the 2020 Family Farm Alliance Annual Conference, last February. From L to R—Bill Northey (Undersecretary, Dep't of Agriculture), Brenda Burman (Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation), Ryan Fisher (Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army), Patrick O'Toole (President, Family Farm Alliance), Dan Keppen (Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance), Tim Petty (Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Dep't of Interior), Jim Reilly (Director, USGS); and David Ross (Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA).

The new, formalized Water Subcabinet will be co-chaired by Interior Secretary Bernhardt and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler, and will include senior officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Department of Commerce, the Department of Energy, and the Department of the Army (Civil Works). The Water Subcabinet will work in close coordination with senior officials from the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and other federal agencies.

"President Trump is committed to making it easier for farmers be successful and to ensure they are the most innovative in the world," said USDA Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation Bill Northey. "Today's Executive Order is evidence of that commitment."

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