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The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair
House Water & Power Subcommittee
1522 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Mojave Water Agency Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert:

Mojave Water Agency is pleased to support your HR 2828, landmark bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and address water challenges across the West.

The CALFED Program is still California's best chance to make long-term, statewide improvements to water supply and conveyance infrastructure while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species. In the Mojave Water Agency's service area, CALFED's implementation will bring about needed progress on water reliability and water quality.

It is extremely important that the program be reauthorized this year and we appreciate your commitment to moving the process along. Intense pressure continues to stress California's existing water resources. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has been a model for resolving conflicts in California and throughout the West where water issues are so critical. The program, however, can never realize its potential without authorization and funding.

We applaud the concepts contained in HR 2828, which includes both an authorization of CALFED and a competitive grants program for projects like desalination and recycling. Please contact us if we may be of further assistance with the passage of HR 2828. As you well know our economic survival depends on stable water sources. The Resolution will help to achieve that, and you are to be commended for your leadership on this issue.

Respectfully,

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General Manager

cc: Senators Dianne Feinstein & Barbara Boxer
Congress members Jerry Lewis & Buck McKeon
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