

# Editorial: Federal water bill deserves Calif.'s backing

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Amid the worst drought in memory, California's congressional delegation has failed once again to compromise on a \$1.3 billion water bill that could deliver more water for farms and help the environment.

When it became clear earlier this month that the latest effort on this legislation was kaput, the politicians did what they so often do in the face of failure: point fingers.

Northern California Democrats – sensitive to regional needs and the desires of environmental interests – said they largely had been frozen out of negotiations.

Central Valley Republicans, who have had a front-row view of fallowed farmland, job losses and people in community food lines, pinned the blame on California's two Democratic senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

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