

Feinstein water plan would fund recycling, desalination and storage

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California's congressional delegation continued to wrangle over how to respond to the Golden State's water crisis Thursday when Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. , released what she called a "discussion draft" of proposed legislation.

Feinstein said in a statement that the bill addresses long-term and short-term water concerns.

"In my 23 years in the Senate, this has been the most difficult bill to put together. The maxim that whiskey's for drinking and water's for fighting is alive and well in California," she said.

The bill does not mandate how much water should be pumped from the Central Valley Project or the State Water Project, which move water from Northern California to farms and cities to the south. Those decisions would be left in the hands of state and federal officials.

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