

Drought legislation creates friction between Feinstein, Boxer

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House Republican leaders and California's senior senator announced Monday a new attempt to pass legislation that would increase water deliveries to San Joaquin Valley agribusiness and Southern California.

The 90-page proposal was added to a water infrastructure bill that Congress is expected to vote on this week before adjourning for the rest of the year.

The deal sets Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., on a collision course with her colleague, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who blasted the proposal as a poison pill and vowed to do everything she could to stop it, including halting all action in the Senate unless it is removed.

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