

California water bill passes House

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Some of California's decisions about how to use its water would be relegated to the federal government under a bill passed by the House on Wednesday.

Republicans say the bill will bring more water to the parched Central Valley. California's Democratic senators have promised to fight the bill in the Senate because it weakens California's ability to manage its own resources.

The Gaining Responsibility on Water Act, sponsored by Rep. David Valadao, R-Hanford, was approved in the House by a 230-190 vote largely along party lines.

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