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Rep. Devin Nunes poses with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld after a simulated agriculture bioterrorism exercise called "Silent Prairie."

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## Congress passes Rep. Nunes' water study

Study to create more water storage will begin immediately

After countless hours of rounding up support, Rep. Devin Nunes scored an early legislative victory when Congress authorized a water-storage study above Millerton Lake in February.

Mr. Nunes' top priority gained approval as Congress passed its yearly spending plan, including his earlier proposal to study the feasibility of creating new water storage for the Central Valley. The cost of the study would be shared between the Bureau of Reclamation and the CalFed program.

"The future of the Central Valley rests in the future of our water supply," said Mr. Nunes, who is a member of the Agriculture and Resources committees.

"Without the creation of new water storage, our parched landscape won't be able to support a growing population and the most productive agricultural land in the world. I am very pleased to have accomplished this first



Source: Bureau of Reclamation

**A reservoir at Temperance Flat would capture about 1.2 million-acre-feet of water before it entered Millerton Lake.**

step toward a lasting solution."

An initial analysis of the area shows that using the wide, bowl-shaped geography of Temperance Flat for the construction of a reservoir could capture as much as 1.2 million-acre-feet of water before it enters Millerton Lake.

Water would be released from Temperance Flat to Millerton Lake and diverted to the Friant-Kern

Canal, the Madera Canal, and/or released to the San Joaquin River.

Rep. George Radanovich supported Mr. Nunes' effort on securing authorization for the study.

"I was proud to support this effort, but Congressman Nunes deserves all the accolades for its success," Mr. Radanovich said. "In January, he hit the

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