

Sacramento-San Joaquin  
Valley Water Reliability Act

# FACTS

## JOBS CREATED

Creates **25,000 – 30,000** direct jobs and tens of thousands of indirect jobs by restoring deliveries of 1.4 million acre-feet of water;

## PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS RESTORED

Water rights protected from seizure by government;

## FEDERAL SPENDING REDUCED

Saves taxpayers **\$1 billion** by ending a fiscally unfeasible salmon restoration project;

Continuing this project will cost taxpayers \$21 million per salmon

### National Taxpayers Union

*"...another dubious (not to mention expensive) salmon project"*

### Citizens Against Government Waste

*"Extreme Makeover: San Joaquin River ... Watch your wallets"*

**\$300** million for deficit reduction

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# SACRAMENTO- SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER RELIABILITY ACT



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# Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act

*Creates Jobs, Recovers Water, Saves Money*

Since the construction of the federal Central Valley Project, California's water needs have grown dramatically while supplies have stayed virtually steady. In the past few years, we saw massive economic damage inflicted by the capricious curtailment of water deliveries to San Joaquin Valley communities.

Such restrictions cost thousands of farm workers their jobs, inflicted up to 40% unemployment in some towns, and fallowed hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile farmland. Last year, when California experienced near record precipitation and reservoirs were in flood operation, some farmers only received 80% of their contracted water supplies. In that case, Mother Nature helped mitigate the circumstance. But a far worse man-made drought, similar to 2009 where water allocations barely reached 10%, could return because draconian regulations remain in place to once again divert water from farms to a three inch fish – the Delta smelt.

The Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys Water Reliability Act promotes water policies that facilitate the delivery of California's abundant supply of water, as well as support the implementation of an economically feasible and environmentally sustainable river restoration on the San Joaquin River.



The Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act includes the following:

### **Water Recovery**

The Act restores water deliveries that were cutoff by environmental lawsuits and overreaching federal regulation.

The Act recovers the lost water that was dedicated to a failed \$1 billion salmon restoration plan.

### **A Reliable Water Supply**

The Act ensures water reliability by restoring long-term water contracts that were curtailed by environmentalists.

The Act ensure a stable water supply by mandating compliance with the water accord agreed to by the State of California, the Federal government, water agencies, and environmental organizations.

The Act streamlines environmental regulatory processes to speed up water reliability projects and transfers.

The Act expands the use of the Central Valley Project to allow water deliveries by non-federal sources.

The Act ends the bizarre effort to protect non-native species and focuses efforts on native species thereby ensuring environmental water is used for a beneficial purpose.

### **Cutting Costs**

The Act addresses the budget realities faced by all levels of government and terminates the ostentatious and misguided \$1 billion

salmon restoration program.

The Act reduces the debt by \$300 million by incentivizing early pay-off of the Central Valley Project federal loan.

The Act establishes transparency and accountability measures to protect taxpayers from frivolous spending on failed environmental projects.

### **Secures All Private Property Rights**

The Act protects and secures all water rights that are senior to Federal water rights.

The Act settles a long standing dispute over area-of-origin water rights.

## THE DELTA SMELT

**The Delta smelt, a three-inch bait fish, is being used by radical environmentalists as an excuse to shut down the Delta pumps. In truth, those pumps are not the cause of species decline. Numerous factors including; predation by non-native fish, invasive species, in-delta diversions, the discharge of toxic chemicals, and other factors are to blame.**

