

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 19, 2013

The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen,
Chairman
Energy and Water Development
Subcommittee
Committee on Appropriations
2362-B Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Ranking Member
Energy and Water Development
Subcommittee
Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Kaptur:

We urge the committee to adopt the language request below, requiring a cost-per tax payer analysis be done before federal agencies can move forward with the state of California on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

California's complex water system is operated at both the state and federal level. Its system is essential for supporting natural land and wildlife ecosystems, providing drinking water for more than 28 million people, and sustaining the most robust agriculture production in the world. The hub of this valuable, but finite, resource is the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

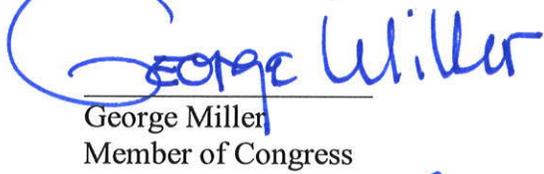
Currently, the state of California and federal agencies, including the Department of the Interior, are working on the BDCP. The BDCP will affect all of California. Estimates for BDCP place the project's cost anywhere from \$12-20 billion. To date, the state of California has not identified the cost to taxpayers. Furthermore, there has yet to be a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis on the proposed plan. The federal government conducts cost-benefit analyses on a wide range of projects and environmental rules, and we believe that the BDCP – which has statewide implications – should be held to the same standards and oversight.

During this time of strained budgets at all levels of government, we believe taxpayers deserve complete transparency regarding a project that will affect their state, water supply, and pocketbook. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

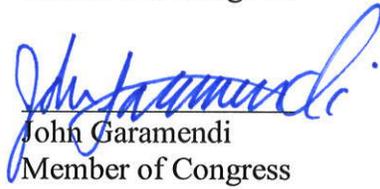
Sincerely,



Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress



George Miller
Member of Congress



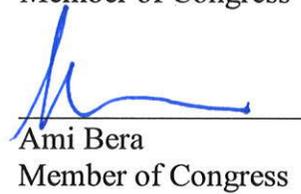
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Legislative Language:

No federal agency shall issue a permit or assist in the planning of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan until the pro rata cost of such plan for taxpayers who file income tax returns in California is determined and a report issued to the House and Senate on such costs.