



May 14, 2019

The Honorable Josh Harder
Member of Congress
131 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Harder,

On behalf of the California Waterfowl Association's (CWA) 20,000 members, I write in support of H.R. 2473, the SAVE Water Resources Act. There are numerous provisions in this bill that would help waterfowl, if enacted.

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) will have significant impacts on farmland and wildlife refuges throughout California, both of which provide habitat for migrating waterfowl. Because of this, CWA supports the directive in H.R. 2473 for the Secretary of the Interior to provide a report on the groundwater storage opportunities within the state.

As you are aware, CWA supports Sites Reservoir and the RIFIA program in H.R. 2473 would provide a financial mechanism to bring that project one step closer to construction. The Bureau of Reclamation's updated draft feasibility report for Sites Reservoir notes that the project will provide a long-term average of 30,000 acre-feet of water to help deliver incremental Level 4 water supplies to National Wildlife Refuges north and south of the Delta.

CWA appreciates your continued effort to improve water supply reliability in California and looks forward to working with to you secure refuge water supplies throughout the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Hennelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Mark Hennelly
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California Waterfowl Association