

Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority

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Congressman Jeff Denham
1730 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Tehama Colusa Canal Authority for HR 4582 – The Save Our Salmon Act

Dear Congressman Denham:

On behalf of the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), I wish to report the unanimous vote of my Board of Directors in support of your recent legislation, HR 4582 – The Save Our Salmon Act. We applaud your efforts to pursue this simple, straightforward, but desperately needed, common sense reform to the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA).

The continued statutory mandate in the CVPIA to set a goal of doubling the number of striped bass, a non-native, predator fish species, that feeds on listed fish species, and is one of the primary stressors that is negatively impacting California's effort to recover endangered populations of Chinook salmon and Delta smelt, is an exercise in the absurd. Regulatory actions associated with recovering these endangered species have crippled the effective management of our water supplies in California. Yet, unbelievably, we continue to retain a legal requirement to increase their numbers. This irrational policy is the equivalent of "trying to fix a leaky roof by punching more holes in it".

The TCCA greatly appreciates your efforts to reform this outdated and misguided policy. Also, we greatly applaud your bipartisan approach to effectuate this reform, and likewise thank your cosponsors: Congressman Costa, Congressman Garamendi, and Congressman McClintock. In conclusion, TCCA again reiterates its unwavering support of HR 4582 – The Save Our Salmon Act.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey P. Sutton
General Manager

Cc:

Congressman John Garamendi

Congressman Jim Costa

Congressman Tom McClintock