

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, OCEANS, AND
WILDLIFE REMOTE OVERSIGHT HEARING**

October 20, 2021 11:00 a.m. ET Oversight Hearing on “Colorado River Drought Conditions and Response Measures – Day Two.”

Question for the Record for Mr. Tom Davis, President, Agribusiness & Water Council of Arizona

Question from Rep. Jim Costa, CA 1:

In the hearing, I asked about how repairing conveyance infrastructure in other basins outside of the Colorado River could benefit management of the Colorado River but also the State Water Project and Central Valley Project. Since we had limited time in the hearing, I would like to give you the opportunity to provide written responses to this question: Could you explain how improving or repairing conveyance infrastructure in basins outside of the Colorado River could help with regards to managing the Colorado River’s demands?

Answer from Mr. Tom Davis:

Metropolitan Water Project of Southern California has multiple sources for its water supply. Water pumped from the Colorado River and water imported from northern CA are two of these sources. Logically the more water imported from northern CA the less Colorado River water Metropolitan would be required to pump. I understand Metropolitan is having infrastructural problems getting its water through the Sacramento River delta area. There have been designs for a tunnel transport or a bypass canal transport of moving water through the delta. If an efficient transport of Metropolitan water through the delta can be constructed, possibly less Colorado River would be required to serve its supply.