

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Federal Legislative Matrix –June 12, 2017
115th Congress**

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H.R.434 Denham (R-CA)	2/7/2017: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.	New Water Available To Every Reclamation State Act or the New WATER Act - This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior, for 15 years after this bill's enactment, to provide financial assistance, such as secured loans or loan guarantees, to entities that contract under federal reclamation law to carry out water projects within the 17 western states served by the Bureau of Reclamation, other states where the Bureau is authorized to provide project assistance, Alaska, and Hawaii.	SUPPORT, pursuant to support of S. 335 Merkley introduced in the 113 th Congress, and Board-adopted Federal Legislative Priorities, January 2017.	The bill is identical to HR 6022, introduced by Rep. Denham in 2016, and it is similar to provisions in Title II or HR 291, by Rep. Napolitano in 2015. The bill would allow financing similar to WIFIA for Reclamation projects.
H.R.448 Huffman (D-CA)	1/11/2017: Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act – legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures and storm water management measures.	SUPPORT, pursuant to support of H.R. 4615 introduced in 114 th Congress and Board-adopted Federal Legislative Priorities, January, 2017.	Energy consumers already enjoy a congressional authorized tax exempt status for energy conservation rebates. This bill would support tax parity by clarifying tax-exempt status for both energy and water conservation rebates.

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H.R.1269 LaMalfa	3/10/2017: Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.	Sacramento Valley Water Storage and Restoration Act - directs the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to support non-Federal investments in water infrastructure improvements in the Sacramento Valley. The legislation declares that it is in the interest of the Federal Government to work with the Sites Reservoir Project Authority, to study, promote, develop, design, finance, acquire, construct, manage, and operate Sites Reservoir and related facilities in order to advance the Sites Project in the most expeditious and cost-effective manner possible.	SUPPORT, pursuant to MWD Board entering into project agreement with Sites Project Authority, April, 2017, and Board-adopted Federal Legislative Priorities, January, 2017.	This legislation would direct the Secretary of Interior to take actions to facilitate construction of Sites Reservoir, adding to the state’s water storage for in-Delta public benefits including environmental uses. Metropolitan may also directly benefit from water supplies derived from the project should the board opt to increase its investment and participation in Sites.