

California's Future Depends On a Long-term, Comprehensive Water Solution



A changing climate with more frequent dry periods and shorter bursts of heavy rain make water supply in California highly unpredictable. This uncertainty has propelled our state into ongoing water supply challenges that already are impacting our way of life. **These consequences are being felt across the State, in local communities, throughout the economy, harming residents and businesses alike.** Many Californians are left to deal with an unacceptable reality — not having enough clean drinking water, facing increased costs, and dealing with conservation mandates. Farmers face fallowed land which limits their ability to grow food for the State and the Nation, increasing food security risks, while businesses, the environment, and recreational activities all suffer.

California policymakers must address the perpetual water challenges that negatively affect our state. We have the opportunity to reverse the trend of overreliance on water cutbacks and rationing and rectify the water supply crisis that is impacting 40 million residents. Planning for the future today is the only way to ensure that we will have reliable and sustainable water for all Californians in the years to come.



Benefits of a Statewide, Long-term Solution

SB 366 (Caballero) can transform water management in California taking us from a perpetual state of supply vulnerability to a reliable and sufficient water supply that is adequate for all Californians.

SB 366 would:



PRESERVE THE CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE

Water supply is central to our homes and communities, habitat and environment, recreation and tourism, and business and economic success.



SUPPORT ECONOMIC VITALITY

The future of all business, from restaurants to technology companies, depends on a reliable water supply.



FULFILL GENERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This generation has the responsibility to develop a water system that will adapt to changes in the environment and allow the state to thrive now and for future generations.

Statewide Water Supply Targets Will Ensure All Californians Have Water Now and Into the Future

Establishing long-term water supply targets through SB 366 (Caballero) would complement and amplify Governor Newsom's Water Supply Strategy. This will ensure that we are planning for the future, beyond any single Administration. Setting targets for water supply, similar to the State's housing, climate, public safety and education targets will enable decision makers to measure progress and adjust state policies accordingly. This will ensure our State is capturing and producing enough water for all beneficial uses instead of relying on cutbacks and draconian measures to meet water supply needs.

The Time to Act is Now

While there have been significant recent investments by the State and federal governments to start on a path toward sustainability, more is needed to create a fully functioning water system that is sufficient in a 21st century climate. This requires collaboration and a commitment to devise and fund water supply targets that will meet our state's needs now and into the future. SB 366 does just this. **Policymakers must embrace this solution, the future of California depends on it.**



[CA Water for All](http://www.CaWaterForAll.com) is a statewide education effort seeking to educate policymakers on the urgent need for a legislative solution to immediately address California's ongoing water supply threat. The path forward requires bringing together the water community, policymakers, and stakeholders to collaborate on ensuring that we have enough water for all beneficial uses and to support all Californians and future generations.



To learn more, visit: www.CaWaterForAll.com