

The NUNES Report

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Nunes makes gains on water issues

Aggressive legislative strategy makes waves for the 21st District

On the heels of a rare Congressional hearing on water in the Central Valley, Rep. Devin Nunes called on Water and Power Subcommittee Chairman Ken Calvert to speed up the process through which new water storage would be built.

Normally, water projects are built only when Congress explicitly vote to authorize them.

Recognizing the rare success in recent years of getting any new water project approved, Rep. Devin Nunes introduced language into the pending House Cal-Fed bill to give water projects more leverage for approval.

More specifically, if approved the bill would automatically authorize any water project in CalFed deemed feasible.

Additionally, it would give Congress only 120 legislative days to pass a bill disappearing the project.

“Providing California with concrete steps toward new surface water storage will be a great success for all. In the coming decades, the growth in the Valley will only



Elected officials, community leaders, farmers, water officials and other interested residents have been taking tours of Millerton Lake and the possible dam sites near Temperance Flat put on by the Resources Management Coalition. Above, Bill Swanson, a consultant for the US Bureau of Reclamation explains the geography of the area.

worsen our water crisis,” Mr. Nunes said. “Now is the time to increase our water supply, reliability, and efficiency for the future.”

Lawmakers will consider the matter when they convene in September.

In other water news, a bill that funds the Department of Interior’s energy and water projects was passed by the House of Representatives, including funding requests from Rep. Devin Nunes.

In all, the bill included

\$15.4 million in funds for projects throughout the 21st Congressional District represented by Mr. Nunes.

“I’m pleased my colleagues recognized how important these issues are to my constituents,” said Mr. Nunes, a member of the House Committee on Resources.

“These funds will help us better control one of our most precious resources—water. These projects serve a variety of purposes, from

Quick Facts

Rep. Devin Nunes has voted in the House of Representatives 563 times since taking office in January.



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