



March 10, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

The Honorable John A. Boehner
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6537

Re: S.22 Omnibus Public Lands Act

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Representative Boehner:

The undersigned organizations urge your support for key provisions of S. 22, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 and ask that you oppose any parliamentary or procedural efforts to delay or disrupt S. 22.

This legislation includes many key water provisions and authorizations for critically important water projects and water resource management programs that would help increase local water supplies. The bill could not come at a more important time as California and the southwest grapple with a multi-year drought – one of the most severe we have experienced in the last hundred years.

Additionally, S. 22 authorizes the terms of two historic environmental settlement agreements, the Lower Colorado River Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, and the San Joaquin River Restoration settlement agreement. The Secure Water Act, as detailed in S. 2156, is also included in the Omnibus Public Land Management Act.

Your support of S. 22 is imperative and we ask that you move expeditiously to help ensure that the key water provisions of S. 22 including the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Agreement, the Lower Colorado River Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan can be enacted as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of our request which would greatly benefit all Californians.

Very truly yours,

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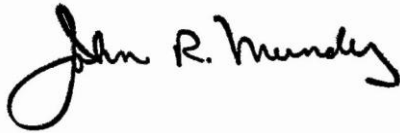
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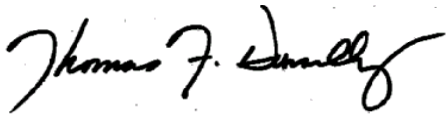
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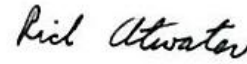
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