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TO: WESTCAS Membership

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SUBJECT: Western Water Supply and Planning Enhancement Act

Earlier this week, Senator Flake of Arizona, joined with Senators Barrasso-WY, McCain-AZ, Risch-ID, Heller-NV, and Daines-MT in introducing S. 2902, the "Western Water Supply and Planning Enhancement Act." This legislation is direct outgrowth of Senator Barrasso's S. 982, the "Water Rights Protection Act" which was introduced on April 16, 2015.

If you click on the links that are contained within the press release issued by Senator Flake you can review both pieces of legislation and also the letter the six Senators sent to the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee asking for a hearing on their bill.

S. 2902 takes its place with the drought legislation being advanced by Senator Feinstein. The challenge of the Congress will be to see how much, if any, of these two pieces of legislation can be transformed into passed legislation before the end of the Congress in December.

Pending drought legislation will be one of our points of focus at the WESTCAS summer conference in Santa Fe, June 22-24. If you haven't already registered, we hope that you will soon.

<http://www.flake.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=3421F527-5200-4E85-A552-650CCB02600B>

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