

**Bakersfield, CA** - Congressman McCarthy issued the following statement today regarding reports of the Administration's intention to no longer pursue the Two Gates Project:

*"At every turn, our efforts to provide relief to our farms and restore jobs are being blocked. Double-digit unemployment in California requires real solutions to turn our economy around and meet the needs of our local farmers and ranchers to provide jobs. On January 25th, I will join some of my colleagues in Fresno to highlight these issues further, and the Administration officials who have been invited need to explain why they aren't serious about common-sense solutions to help our parched Valley."*

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Congressman McCarthy will be attending the Congressional Forum on the San Joaquin Valley water crisis in Fresno, California on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. (PST). The forum will allow members of the public and expert witnesses to speak. Location: Fresno City Council Chambers, 2600 Fresno Street, 2nd floor, Fresno, CA.

[Video](#) : McCarthy speaks on the House floor regarding the man-made drought in the San Joaquin Valley.

Congressman McCarthy has also cosponsored the following bills to help alleviate the man-made water crisis in the San Joaquin Valley:

- H.R. 856, which would increase water deliveries to the Central Valley and Southern California urban and agriculture users by waiving regulations regarding the Delta Smelt at Delta pumps during times of drought.
- H.R. 996, which would increase water deliveries by temporarily exempting the operations of any water supply or flood control project from Endangered Species Act when the Governor declares an emergency.
- H.R. 3105, which would allow for the continued operation of the Central Valley Project, which would help get more water back into our communities regardless of biological opinions issued

under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.