WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman Kevin McCarthy issued the following statement supporting Governor Schwarzenegger's call to address Kern County's urgent water situation:

"We are reaching a water shortage crisis, and now is the time to reinvigorate our efforts and provide needed relief to the Central Valley. The Governor and I both understand the urgency of this situation, and I appreciate his visit to Bakersfield today to highlight his commitment to water infrastructure in our state.

"Only if California constructs conveyance around the Delta and new water storage can we prevent future water crises and ensure that farmers have enough water for their crops. I support the Governor's leadership in pushing for a comprehensive solution to our water storage and conveyance needs, now and in the future."

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