Bakersfield, CA – Congressman Kevin McCarthy issued the following statement on the recent announcementof the temporary shut down of water pumps in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta:

"The decision to shut down the State Water Project pumps to protect the Delta smelt is the wrong decision and has wide ramifications to our local farmers, residents and businesses. The uncertainties in our water supply highlighted by the actions taken today point to the serious need to examine construction of a conveyance facility around the Delta to ensure a stable flow of water to the Central Valley."