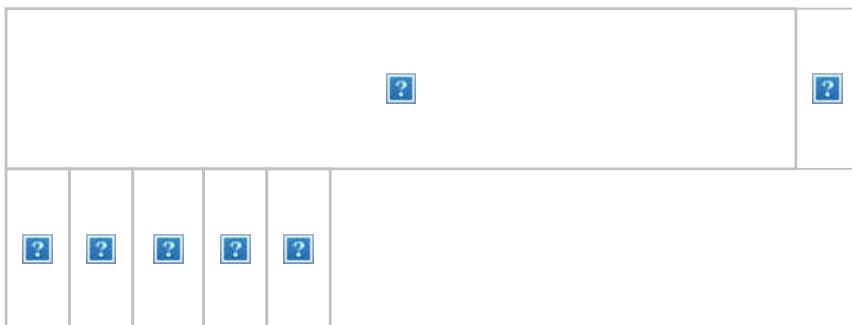


From: [California Farm Water Coalition](#)
To: maven@mavensnotebook.com
Subject: Federal legislation could provide drought relief for California farms
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 1:14:05 PM



Contact: Mike Wade
(916) 391-5030

Release Immediate
Feb. 11, 2014

Federal legislation could provide drought relief for California farms

(Statement by Mike Wade, executive director of the California Farm Water Coalition, on the California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014.)

"The California Farm Water Coalition is encouraged that Senators Feinstein and Boxer have taken a lead role in drafting legislation that could provide a measure of relief to drought-stricken California farms.

"We expect roughly 500,000 acres, or 780 square miles, to be fallowed this year due to California's water emergency. That's an area about the size of Los Angeles and San Diego combined.

"Multiple dry years on top of strict federal regulations that limited the amount of water delivered to farms in recent years created a situation that will devastate rural communities, cost thousands of people their jobs and reduce California's economic activity by an estimate \$5 billion. As a result of these water supply shortages consumers could see increased produce prices at the grocery store.

"The drought legislation requires federal agencies to work closely with California State water officials to balance water supply and water quality. It also instructs federal fish agencies to utilize maximum water supplies with Delta pumping where those agencies have discretion under existing biological opinions. The legislation does not roll back any environmental laws or regulations that are in place to protect California's natural habitat and ecosystems."

###

[Forward this email](#)



This email was sent to maven@mavensnotebook.com by mwade@farmwater.org | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).



