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**California Natural Resources Secretary Praises Inclusive Feinstein, Boxer, Costa, Cardenas and Farr Drought Legislation**

*\*\* UPDATE: Adding acknowledgement of Congressmen Costa, Cardenas and Farr as authors of identical legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives \*\**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California Natural Resources Secretary John Laird today issued the following statement on U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, U.S. Congressman Jim Costa, U.S. Congressman Tony Cardenas, and U.S. Congressman Sam Farr’s legislation that gives California the tools and funding needed to address our historic drought crisis:

“Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Congressmen Costa, Cardenas and Farr are proposing common sense solutions to our drought crisis that don't pit Californians against each other. We thank them for recognizing with this bill the unique challenges we face as Californians.

Legislation that allows for quick but thoughtful decision-making is one of the tools we need to respond in a timely manner to crisis. It's clear that the senators respect our state laws and regulations, and this bill reinforces actions the state is taking with our federal partners. We look forward to working with them.”

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