



SB 1: A THREAT TO CALIFORNIA'S WATER SUPPLY

ACROSS CALIFORNIA, A BROAD COALITION OF WATER AGENCIES, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND CONCERNED CONSTITUENTS ARE ASKING LAWMAKERS TO **FIX SB 1 BEFORE IT DAMAGES WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AND THE STATE'S FARMING COMMUNITY, ALL WHILE COSTING TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.**



Senate Bill 1 (Atkins) goes far beyond its stated intent to insulate California from potential Trump Administration efforts to roll back existing federal protections for air, water, and endangered species. While the author is working to address some concerns, critical problems remain that will negatively impact Californians statewide.



WATER DELIVERY DISRUPTION

SB 1 would **handcuff water agencies** by forcing them to rely upon outdated science.

It would allow state agencies to adopt decades-old biological opinions governing water operations in the Delta, even after millions have been spent on cutting-edge science to update those opinions for the benefit of people, farms and the environment.

The resulting chaos for many water delivery systems could harm water reliability for millions of Californians.



DERAILS DELTA PROGRESS

The bill **undermines** the complex, vitally important **Voluntary Settlement Agreements in the Delta**.

Adopting out-of-date biological opinions effectively prevents the State Water Project from participating in the VSA process.

As such, SB 1 halts an unprecedented, collaborative process on the precipice of a badly-needed compromise in the Delta – a process the Newsom Administration has strongly supported and committed \$70 million to help fund.



COSTLY LITIGATION

The bill essentially **guarantees years of multi-million dollar lawsuits**.

It applies the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) to the federally-operated Central Valley Project (CVP), an unsettled area of law. In the short term, agricultural water deliveries could be disrupted, and resulting litigation could linger for years – at a tremendous expense to taxpayers.

The bill also removes basic due process rights by waiving the Administrative Procedure Act safeguards.

THE FIX: We urge the author to accept proposed amendments addressing these concerns, to protect California's water supply and safeguard taxpayer dollars.

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