

El Dorado Irrigation District

In reply refer to: M0602-087

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Congressman Alcee Hastings
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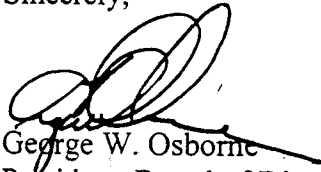
Dear Senator Domenici and Congressman Hastings:

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) Board of Directors on June 4, 2002 the Board voted to support the National Drought Preparedness Act of 2002 (S. 2528 / H.R. 4754). As a multi-purpose utility located in Northern California in El Dorado County, the District is acutely aware of the impacts to urban, agriculture and other water dependent businesses associated with drought. EID is engaged in water, wastewater, and recycled water utility services, hydropower production and water dependent recreation at Jenkinson Lake in the Sly Park Recreation Area. The District began as primarily as an agricultural water provider, but over time the demands have shifted to approximately 19% agricultural use and 81% for municipal and industrial uses.

Additionally, the General Manager, Ane Deister has worked with Senator Domenici's previous efforts with the Western Drought Coordination Council, was appointed to the National Drought Policy Commission and currently serves as the non-federal Co-Chair of the Interim National Drought Council. She has conveyed to the Board the many benefits of implementing this law for the nation as a whole, and to the west in particular. The far-sighted, yet practical approach reflected in this bill is vital to the country's economy and our national security.

We salute your leadership and encourage your continued pursuit, and call on all your colleagues to rally behind this bill towards speedy passage.

Sincerely,



George W. Osborne
President, Board of Directors



Ane D. Deister
General Manager

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Senator Barbara Boxer
Congressman John Doolittle
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