



Feinstein, Pombo Call for Bipartisan, Bicameral Cooperation  
to Complete CALFED This Year  
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**Washington, DC** -- House Resources Committee Chairman Richard W. Pombo (R-Calif.) and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) announced their commitment today to work across party lines - and between Congressional chambers - to complete CALFED this year for California's long-term water supply and delivery needs.

**"The Congress has wrestled with CALFED for a decade,"** Chairman Pombo said. **"The time has come to finish this process and provide certainty for the long-term water needs of California. With Senator Feinstein's tireless leadership in the Senate, I am now more confident than ever that we can carry this legislation over the finish line together. This effort will take bipartisan and bicameral cooperation, and I thank the Senator for her commitment to working across those lines."**

Senator Feinstein successfully navigated S. 1097 to unanimous approval by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee last week. H.R. 2828, introduced by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) also received unanimous support from the House Committee on Resources, chaired by Pombo.

**"Though much work remains to be done, California is at long last on track to get a CALFED bill passed this year,"** Senator Feinstein said. **"I want to thank Chairmen Pombo and Calvert for their efforts to see that this legislation is approved. I am committed to working with them and others to resolve any remaining differences between the bills, and it is my hope that this process can begin soon."**

The House and Senate CALFED bills differ only slightly. Having garnered committee approval, both bills await floor consideration in their respective chamber and the appointment of a conference committee.

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