



# The NUNES Report

## Nunes leads change to Valley task force

A Presidential Executive Order that focuses federal attention on the economically beleaguered Central Valley was made more effective at the request of several Valley members of Congress led by Rep. Devin Nunes.

President Bush recently approved several changes to the order. Rep. Nunes and members of the federal Interagency Task Force will outline those changes and how they will be used in the next two years to leverage federal resources to benefit a seven-county area of the



Rep. Devin Nunes and members of the federal Interagency Task Force discuss recent changes to an Executive Order.

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## Nunes applauds passage of water bill

Rep. Devin Nunes hailed the passage of a federal/state water project known as CALFED with its new focus on water storage as a critical step in the right direction to meet the water needs of California for years to come.

“Water storage has been a major focus of my term in office, so I’m pleased this bill does so much to ensure our homes and communities will have the water they need,” said Rep. Nunes, a member of the Resources Committee and co-sponsor of the bill. “Our ability to capture and utilize water has not kept up with the needs

of our booming population and growing industrial centers. I think this bill does an excellent job of balancing the demands on water between domestic use, agriculture, and the environment.”

The CALFED bill establishes a “trigger” mechanism for the implementation of storage projects. Once a project feasibility study is completed, the Congress must authorize the project. If it does not, the Secretary of the Interior must declare an “imbalance” in the CALFED program and outline what must be done to increase storage to achieve

balance. It also includes \$90 million for pre-authorized levees and levee stability projects; more than \$180 million for pre-authorized water quality improvement projects throughout California, including drinking water; \$90 million for Fish and Wildlife enhancements.

“This legislation represents a paradigm shift in our water policy by making storage the lynchpin of the entire CALFED program,” Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo said.

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### Quick Facts

In Sept., Rep. Nunes wrote to 1,198 constituents in response to their inquiries.

Year to date, Rep. Nunes has responded to 10,748 constituents via the U.S. Mail. Furthermore, since Rep. Nunes was elected to Congress he has responded to 24,338 constituent letters via the U.S. Mail.