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U.S Senator Barbara Boxer
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Dear Senator Boxer,

Re: Drought Legislation, Trinity County Request to Participate in Negotiations

We request that, when talks resume on Federal drought legislation, the many voices and interests in Trinity County and California's North Coast Region – *the Counties, Native American Tribes, commercial and sport fisheries and water-dependent industries* – be invited to participate fully and openly in those talks. As demonstrated in Appendix One, since 1964 Trinity County has contributed more than **46+ MILLION ACRE-FEET** from the Trinity Basin to the Central Valley.

Simply put, to the Central Valley Project (CVP) and other water recipients like the San Luis Unit (SLU), we are a water donor county. Likewise, any decision on allocation of water from Trinity Reservoir must carefully consider Trinity County's preferential right as the County of Origin.

In November, when drought bill talks were postponed, both you and Senator Feinstein made public statements indicating that other interested parties will be included in future deliberations before Congressional action. **Therefore, we respectfully request that you include us in all future talks and deliberations.**

Finally, we respectfully request that:

- (1) Trinity County and North Coast Interests, as a water donor region, are invited to participate, fully and openly, in all future drought bill talks.
- (2) Any federal drought or water legislation must contain a provision expressly stating that if any of the water diverted from the Trinity Basin is resold by any water entity, that the revenues be remanded to Trinity County.

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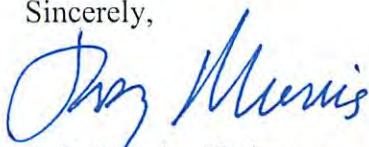
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- (3) Any federal legislation must provide for, and, include full rate payer protection for Trinity Public Utility District.
- (4) So that we may fully understand this bill and how it came to be, please publicly release the various drafts of the bill and /or draft language and/or justifications submitted in furtherance of it. We can only meaningfully participate if the entire record is available.

In conclusion, we request full participation in Congressional drought talks to address the impacts caused by massive export of Trinity Basin water supplies. There are additional Trinity Basin management and operational issues that also could be impacted by Congressional action directing how the Central Valley Project will be operated. We look forward to following up with you regarding these important drought related operational and management issues that impact the health and financial well- being of our communities.

Sincerely,



Judy Morris, Chairman
Trinity County Board of Supervisors

CC: U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein
U. S. Representative Jared Huffman
California Senator Mike McGuire
California Assemblymen Jim Wood

Appendix 1: Judge Francis Carr (JFC) Tunnel Trinity Diversions

| Water Year | JFC DIVERSION ACRE-FEET | Payments to Trinity County for Diverted Water |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1964 | 1,233,400 | \$0.00 |
| 1965 | 1,105,600 | \$0.00 |
| 1966 | 1,261,600 | \$0.00 |
| 1967 | 1,282,600 | \$0.00 |
| 1968 | 1,424,200 | \$0.00 |
| 1969 | 1,036,600 | \$0.00 |
| 1970 | 1,362,000 | \$0.00 |
| 1971 | 1,210,700 | \$0.00 |
| 1972 | 1,181,600 | \$0.00 |
| 1973 | 1,220,400 | \$0.00 |
| 1974 | 1,799,500 | \$0.00 |
| 1975 | 1,035,000 | \$0.00 |
| 1976 | 1,038,200 | \$0.00 |
| 1977 | 1,317,400 | \$0.00 |
| 1978 | 217,600 | \$0.00 |
| 1979 | 782,600 | \$0.00 |
| 1980 | 885,200 | \$0.00 |
| 1981 | 709,700 | \$0.00 |
| 1982 | 1,093,700 | \$0.00 |
| 1983 | 1,691,100 | \$0.00 |
| 1984 | 1,209,800 | \$0.00 |
| 1985 | 673,800 | \$0.00 |
| 1986 | 918,800 | \$0.00 |
| 1987 | 607,200 | \$0.00 |
| 1988 | 973,400 | \$0.00 |
| 1989 | 792,100 | \$0.00 |
| 1990 | 634,800 | \$0.00 |
| 1991 | 668,300 | \$0.00 |
| 1992 | 375,900 | \$0.00 |
| 1993 | 252,700 | \$0.00 |
| 1994 | 867,400 | \$0.00 |
| 1995 | 845,900 | \$0.00 |
| 1996 | 1,060,700 | \$0.00 |
| 1997 | 850,400 | \$0.00 |
| 1998 | 855,600 | \$0.00 |
| 1999 | 1,008,500 | \$0.00 |
| 2000 | 1,108,600 | \$0.00 |
| 2001 | 669,400 | \$0.00 |
| 2002 | 629,000 | \$0.00 |
| 2003 | 857,600 | \$0.00 |
| 2004 | 987,500 | \$0.00 |
| 2005 | 466,700 | \$0.00 |
| 2006 | 1,350,600 | \$0.00 |
| 2007 | 614,400 | \$0.00 |
| 2008 | 555,000 | \$0.00 |
| 2009 | 539,200 | \$0.00 |
| 2010 | 274,700 | \$0.00 |
| 2011 | 473,893 | \$0.00 |
| 2012 | 709,800 | \$0.00 |
| 2013 | 834,100 | \$0.00 |
| 2014 | 618,600 | \$0.00 |
| Total AF 64-14 | 46,173,093 | \$0.00 |
| Avg AF/Year 64- 14 | 905,354 | \$0.00 |