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### **President Signs Major Water Bill**

#### ***Omnibus natural resources bill contains 16 bills passed by Napolitano and the Water & Power Subcommittee***

WASHINGTON, DC – President George W. Bush signed into law today legislation containing sixteen bills passed by Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (D-Norwalk) as Chairwoman of the House Water & Power Subcommittee. They were passed as part of S. 2739, an omnibus natural resources bill.

The legislation includes a dam site security bill (H.R. 1662) written by Napolitano to prevent water and power ratepayers from paying more than their fair share of security cost's at Bureau of Reclamation dams across the Western United States.

Other provisions and projects affecting Southern California include:

- Water recycling projects in California that would provide an estimated 52,600 acre-feet of water annually – enough water for 105,000 households for one year – and help reduce the impact of future droughts.
- Five water-related studies across the West to better ensure limited water resources are managed efficiently for future needs.

“These bills signed into law today represent eighteen months of hard work by the all the members of the Water & Power Subcommittee,” said Rep. Napolitano, “and these projects are critical to securing Southern California and the country’s economic future and reducing the impact of global climate change.”

Napolitano is chairwoman of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power and is a co-chair of the bi-partisan Congressional Water Caucus.

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