

Sub-seasonal to Seasonal Precipitation Forecasting Coalition

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The Honorable Frank Lucas
Chairman
House Committee on Science, Space, and
Technology
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Ranking Member
House Committee on Science, Space, and
Technology
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Dear Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren:

On behalf of the Sub-seasonal to Seasonal (S2S) Precipitation Coalition, I am writing to congratulate you on the recent approval of H.R. 6093, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2023, by the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

We strongly support Section 501 of the legislation, which directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish two pilot projects in the western and central U.S. to improve S2S precipitation forecasting. Lead time is critical for making water management decisions, and few of these decisions are made within the time period of a short-term weather forecast. Improving precipitation forecasting at longer lead times is essential for helping water agencies manage the extremes of droughts and floods, and for providing actionable information that agricultural and urban water users can employ for planning and risk management.

We look forward to continuing to work with you as H.R. 6093 advances to the full House of Representatives for consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me at jas@vnf.com if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Recent Supporters of Efforts to Improve S2S Precipitation Forecasting

- Antelope Valley - East Kern Water Agency
- Association of California Water Agencies
- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
- Bay Planning Coalition
- California Department of Water Resources
- California Special Districts Association
- California Water & Environmental Modeling Forum
- California Water Commission
- Central Utah Water Conservancy District
- Coachella Valley Water District
- Colorado River Authority of Utah
- Colorado River Water Conservation District
- Family Farm Alliance
- Friant Water Authority
- Interstate Council on Water Policy
- Klamath Water Users Association
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- National Association of Counties
- National Water Resources Association
- Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Northern California Water Association
- Orange County Water District
- Regional Council of Rural Counties
- Salt River Project
- San Diego County Water Authority
- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- Six Agency Committee
- Sonoma Water
- State Water Project Contractors
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority
- Truckee River Watershed Council
- Turlock Irrigation District
- Western States Water Council