

Sub-seasonal to Seasonal Precipitation Forecasting Coalition

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The Honorable Brian Babin
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 Babin and Ranking Member Lofgren:

On behalf of the Sub-seasonal to Seasonal (S2S) Precipitation Coalition, I am writing to express support for H.R. 5089, the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2025.

We strongly support Section 501 of the legislation, which directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish pilot projects 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 in the Western U.S. to help 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. 5089 moves through the legislative process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Recent Supporters of Efforts to Improve S2S Precipitation Forecasting

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Alaska Department of Natural Resources
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California Special Districts Association
California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum
California Water Commission
Central Utah Water Conservancy District
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Colorado River Authority of Utah
Colorado Water Conservation Board
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Kansas Department of Agriculture
Kansas Water Office
Klamath Water Users Association
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Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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National Water Supply Alliance
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