
Introduced by Senator Galgiani

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 34—Relative to water storage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 34, as introduced, Galgiani. Water storage: federal funding.

This measure would urge the Congress of the United States to help fund water storage projects in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, In 1935, the federal government authorized \$12
2 million in the Rivers and Harbors Act for the construction of the
3 Shasta Dam in Shasta County, California; and

4 WHEREAS, This authorization was followed by another \$20
5 million in federal funds under the Emergency Relief Appropriation
6 Act of 1935; and

7 WHEREAS, One year later, in 1936, Congress appropriated
8 another \$6.9 million for the Shasta Dam project; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Luis Reservoir, a joint use facility in
10 Merced County, California, was funded with a 45 percent match
11 in federal funding; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, there are many proposed water storage
13 projects that have been adequately studied and are ready for
14 construction; and

15 WHEREAS, The Temperance Flat Dam in Madera County and
16 Fresno County, California, the Sites Reservoir in Glenn County
17 and Colusa County, California, expansion of the San Luis
18 Reservoir, and raising of the Shasta Dam are four examples of

1 projects that would greatly expand California’s water supply; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
4 *California, jointly,* That when California has additional water
5 storage, everybody wins, because more water is available for urban
6 commercial and residential uses, more water is available for
7 agricultural use, and more water is available to pump into rivers
8 to aid in environmental restoration; and be it further

9 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the Congress of the United
10 States to help fund water storage projects in California; and be it
11 further

12 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
13 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
14 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
15 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative
16 from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the
17 author for appropriate distribution.