



July 19, 2025

Honorable Adam Gray - United States Congressman
C/O Sophia Garcia – Sr. Legislative Assistant
90 S. First Street
Turlock, CA 95380

Dear Ms. Garcia:

I want to take a moment to thank you for hosting the recent call with the residents of Diablo Grande and for taking the time to listen to their concerns regarding the ongoing water crisis. I know your willingness to engage directly with the community is appreciated.

Many of my constituents have reached out to me, expressing deep frustration and ongoing anxiety over this situation. While I recognize your office's acknowledgment that this is largely a State and Local matter, it's important to convey that the residents continue to look to the Federal government for leadership and meaningful support.

On behalf of the community, I respectfully request that Congressman Gray explore every possible avenue at the Federal level to help address this crisis. As you know, the Western Hills Water District is not a Federal Water Contractor under the Delta-Mendota Canal system, and the existing infrastructure would allow for a relatively simple connection, one that could offer residents access to a stable water supply at fair and sustainable rates.

While we understand the complexities of State water regulations and the limitations of Federal jurisdiction, there is no doubt that oversight of Federal water rights remains within your purview. The residents of Diablo Grande did not create this situation, nor are they responsible for the legal challenges now impacting their access to water. Yet, we are facing the consequences, threats of service suspension, dramatic rate increases, and the growing uncertainty of being able to remain in their homes. These conditions raise not only legal and logistical concerns but ethical ones as well.

Given the urgency of the matter, I am asking, on behalf of the community, that Congressman Gray's office provide clear, active support. **We seek both advocacy and action and ask that your office identify a point of contact who can work with us directly on next steps in making the Western Hills Water District a Federal water contractor.**

Access to water is not a luxury, it is a public necessity and a basic right. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding how your office intends to move forward.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Kovich", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mark Kovich
President, WHWD Board of Directors