

EXHIBIT A
Draft Support Letter

December XX, 2009

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
U.S. House of Representatives
1610 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Hoover Power Legislation

Dear Representative Napolitano,

On behalf of water ratepayers throughout our service area, we want to thank you for your leadership and commitment to sponsor legislation that will retain Hoover Dam power for beneficiaries in Southern California. This action will preserve low-cost, emission-free Hoover Dam hydropower currently used to move Colorado River water across the Southern California region.

Hoover Dam power contractors in California, Nevada, and Arizona have reached a compromise after two years of negotiations to ensure beneficiaries of Hoover Dam power today will continue to have access to this power source well into the future. Congressional action is necessary to provide certainty for these contractors. It will avoid costly litigation over the distribution of this crucial resource and complement environmental mitigation efforts already underway along the Lower Colorado River. That environmental commitment extends for 50 years – the same amount of time now being sought to extend Hoover Dam power allocations.

Should California contractors lose their historic Hoover Dam power allocation, they will be forced to pay a premium for additional power supplies that may not be emission free. That would be a tremendous financial and environmental setback for the State, and for numerous Southern California cities, and would also result in dramatically more expensive imported water.

Once again, your leadership is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

cc: Southern California Congressional Delegation Members
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Barbara Boxer