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## McNerney Speaks at Historic White House Water Summit

*Washington* – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-09) participated in a first-of-its-kind White House Water Summit as a panelist to discuss innovative financing and water infrastructure solutions. The summit, which coincides with World Water Day, featured panel discussions and speakers from the public and private sectors to raise awareness of water issues facing our country.

Rep. Jerry McNerney has been advocating for a long-term approach that prioritizes a sustainable water future for California and our nation. “Severe drought is impacting regions all across the United States, but especially the West. I represent the Delta region, which is the hub of California’s water supply.” said, Rep. Jerry McNerney. “California has set the bar for innovation in energy and technology and we can apply that type of innovation to address the drought and work toward securing our nation’s water supply.”

“I believe that a sustainable water strategy includes implementing technology to boost water and energy efficiency, developing new water supplies through recycling and reuse, funding water infrastructure repair, and improving regional self-sufficiency through stormwater capture and groundwater banking. That’s why I will be introducing a comprehensive sustainable water bill this spring to advance these types of forward-thinking solutions. And I’ll continue working with colleagues from both sides of the aisle along with consumers, water districts, governmental agencies, and businesses to move these solutions forward.”

Congressman McNerney has shown leadership in working toward a sustainable water future.

In July of last year, Rep. McNerney held events with technology innovators and representatives from the renewable energy, agriculture, business, and water recycling sectors to discuss technology and science-based solutions to the drought.

The Congressman also introduced bipartisan legislation to establish a smart water management pilot program meant to spur innovative projects.

Rep. McNerney has fought for a robust Clean Water State Revolving Fund program to improve our water infrastructure and provide a cleaner, more efficient water supply.

After the Congressman introduced legislation and sent a bipartisan letter urging the highway bill conferees to repeal the municipal bond limitation in WIFIA (Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act), this repeal became law.

Rep. McNerney has also introduced legislation calling on Congress to authorize 27 regional water recycling projects that can create water for irrigation, agriculture, conservation, and to increase the potable water supply.

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*Rep. Jerry McNerney proudly serves the constituents of California's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District that includes portions of San Joaquin, Contra Costa, and Sacramento Counties. For more information on Rep. McNerney's work, [follow him on Facebook](#) and on Twitter [@RepMcNerney](#).*