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The Honorable Scott Tipton  
US House of Representatives  
218 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Tipton:

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) supports H.R. 678, the Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act. ACWA's 450 public water agency members supply over 90 percent of the water delivered in California for residential, agricultural, and industrial uses.

The Bureau of Reclamation maintains thousands of miles of canals and other manmade structures. The potential for small scale hydropower development at Bureau facilities is great and this bill will help these projects move forward more quickly. H.R. 678 creates tremendous incentives for the Bureau of Reclamation and the irrigation districts that manage many of their facilities to move forward on small hydropower development.

Thank you for your hard work on this legislation. ACWA appreciates your leadership on this issue and looks forward to working with you in the future. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact our Washington office at 202.434.4760.

Sincerely,

David Reynolds  
Director of Federal Relations

cc: Chairman McClintock, Subcommittee on Water & Power, House Natural Resources Committee  
Ranking Member Napolitano, Subcommittee on Water & Power, House Natural Resources Committee