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Dear Members of the Drought Task Force and Regional Director Murillo:

As we end this very difficult year, I would like to thank you for your hard work and extraordinary commitment in addressing this unprecedented drought. The leadership and collaboration you have demonstrated at the federal and state level has had positive impacts on the operations and management of California's water system during this critical period.

What I have appreciated most over this last year is the continued outreach and engagement by federal/state government officials to communities and stakeholders throughout the state. This level of communication and transparency is critical in developing long-term solutions to California's water needs.

In preparing for yet another potential drought year, I encourage you to maintain your commitment to engagement, collaboration and transparency. Great progress has been made with development of the Water Action Plan, the passage of Proposition 1 and the enacted groundwater legislation. I believe that California is on the path to improve the sustainability of our water resources while maintaining the vibrant and innovative agricultural production for which our state is known for around the world.

With more than 80,500 farms and over \$42.6 billion in agricultural production, California agriculture is a critical part of our state's economy. In continuing your reforms and improvements to water operations and policy, I encourage action that is led at the state and local level to address water scarcity and drought conditions that significantly impact California's farmers and ranchers.



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A long-term solution not only addresses the drought California experiencing today, but provides reliability, restoration and resilience. Thank you again for your leadership and the California State Board of Food and Agriculture is ready to assist you in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

  
Craig McNamara  
President

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