



**New Water Supply Tax Credit Bonds to be Introduced by Representatives Becerra and Porter**



US Representatives Xavier Becerra (D-CA) and Jon Porter (R-NV) will introduce legislation in the House of

Representatives to authorize the use of tax credit bonds in the financing of desalination, water recycling, and groundwater clean-up projects. Both Becerra and Porter are members of the House Ways and Means Committee which will have jurisdiction over the legislation.

Representatives Becerra and Porter will also be seeking the support of their colleagues as cosponsors for the legislation. The New Water Supply Coalition encourages you to write letters to your own local members of the House of Representative and ask them to become original cosponsors of the Clean Renewable Water Supply Bonds bill.

Visit Representatives [Becerra](#) and [Porter's](#) Web sites

**Proposed Tax Credit Bonds for New Water Supplies Endorsed by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**



Only three percent of the entire world's water is fresh and the earth's rising population is constantly vying for this incredibly valuable resource. This statistic is just one of the reasons the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) has endorsed legislation asking Congress to authorize tax credit bonds to help finance the growing need for new water supply infrastructure.

As a member of the New Water Supply Coalition (NWSC), a national organization comprised of water agencies encouraging the development of new desalination, groundwater treatment and recycling facilities, MWD is joined by many other member agencies seeking federal financial assistance for new water

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supply projects.

"I am pleased that the Metropolitan Water District has taken the lead in seeking legislative assistance for the development of new water supplies," said Hal Furman, Executive Director of the New Water Supply Coalition. "Clean Renewable Water Supply Bonds are crucial to meeting future water needs and will alleviate a costly burden from being placed on local water agencies and ratepayers to finance alternative water supply infrastructure in the future."

Tax credit bonds have been authorized by Congress on only three unique occasions in the past; in the mid 90s for the construction of inner city schools, in 2005 for renewable energy projects and that same year for Gulf Coast reconstruction following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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## **New Water Supply Launches Informational Web Site**

The New Water Supply Coalition has launched an informational Web site that will provide a closer look at the coalition's goals and objectives for 2007.

The site also offers membership opportunities and ways that you can help support legislation that stimulates new water supply projects. We hope you enjoy learning more about the New Water Supply Coalition through our Web site and if you have questions or would like further information about how you can help gain legislative support for tax credit bonds, please feel free to contact us.

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