

## Healthy Communities Water Supply Act Passes Subcommittee

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#### Legislation Co-Sponsored by Rep. Tauscher Promotes Clean and Reliable Water Supply

Washington, DC &ndash; Today, the Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007, introduced by Rep. Ellen Tauscher (CA-10) and her neighbor and colleague, Rep. Jerry McNerney (CA-11) passed the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment.

"Californians know that there is a need to be more creative with our water supply," said Rep. Tauscher. "These funds will work to keep the supply clean and reliable despite threats from rising temperatures and decreased rainfall."

"Our communities' need for a clean, reliable water supply has never been more evident," Rep. McNerney said. "Parts of the Central Valley have received only a third as much rain this month as in a normal January. And the Sierra snowpack, which has traditionally provided water for so much of California, currently has only half as much water content as it does normally."

The Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007 will authorize \$125 million in funding for projects that encourage innovation and increase usable water supply through water reclamation, reuse, and conservation.

Importantly, the legislation will provide a necessary source of funding for ideas like aquifer storage and retrieval and membrane filtering technologies that have the potential to greatly increase our ability to use water more effectively and efficiently.

The Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007 was introduced on Monday, January 29. The bill will now be considered by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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