



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 559 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to report to the Legislature on federal funding approved to restore the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal, with a proposal for the state to pay for a share of the project.

California's major canal systems are aging and damaged by land subsidence. Local, state and federal systems all need repair. As established in the Water Resilience Portfolio, state agencies are holistically assessing the needs of all of California's water supply systems. This bill focuses on a single piece of conveyance and directs DWR to develop a proposal for the state to help fund this specific project. As we address California's water needs in the coming months and years, we need to evaluate, develop and identify solutions and funding that provides water supply and conveyance for the entirety of the state, not one project at a time.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

