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## »» Farmers and fisherman still fighting over water

The push-and-pull over California water supplies continues this week, with warring letters that pit farmers -- or, at least, their congressional allies -- against fishermen.

On April 26, Democratic Reps. Jim Costa of Fresno and Dennis Cardoza of Merced joined Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein in a letter to Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, who oversees the National Marine Fisheries Service. The three Californians urged Locke to be "flexible" in his interpretation of a biological opinion governing water distribution.

In response, an assortment of fishing organizations wrote Feinstein to urge her to reconsider. Tellingly, the fishing organizations apparently targeted only Feinstein, who as a statewide representative may be more sympathetic to their pleas than the two House members whose districts are confined to the Valley.

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