



[Records on the Central Valley Project](#)

FOIA Number: 1999-0551-F

Scope and Content Note:

The materials in FOIA 1999-0551-F are a selective, not necessarily all inclusive, body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA 1999-0551-F concerns The Central Valley Project which provided twenty percent of water to California. The water originated in the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Tulare Rivers and was primarily sold to Central Valley farmers in some twenty-nine counties. The issue came to the fore in the Bush Administration over H.R. 429, the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act, more 1999-0551-F 1 commonly known as the Water Reform Act. Title 34 of this act dealt specifically with the Central Valley Project and provided that surplus water could be diverted from agricultural use to meet the growing residential and industrial demands for water in California. The administration was heavily lobbied over H.R. 429 (as it affected seventeen Western states in addition to California) especially by large scale agricultural interests in California as well as by members of Congress whose interests were threatened or bolstered by the act. Environmental groups also lobbied the administration regarding the Central Valley Project and the Water Reform Act. After initially threatening a veto, President Bush signed a compromise bill in October 1992. This FOIA consists of letters, memoranda, and news clippings documenting primarily public concern over the Central Valley Project. A number of the letters are from agricultural interests. Memoranda document internal Administration decision-making regarding H.R. 429. News clippings provide information about editorial opinion concerning the Central Valley Project and H.R. 429.

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[Records of the White House Office of the Chief of Staff to the President \(George H. W. Bush Administration\)](#)

James A. Baker III Files

Container List

Container ID 93003

[H.R. 429](#)

NAID: 472802209

Local ID: 93003-007

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

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[Records of the White House Office of Counsel to the President \(George H. W. Bush Administration\)](#)

Gene C. Schaerr Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 45639

[Water Bill \(H.R. 429\)](#)

NAID: 492074613

Local ID: 45639-006

Record Type(s):

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Availability

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[Records of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs \(George H. W. Bush Administration\)](#)

Joshua Bolten Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 07251

[Water Bill 1992 HR 429](#)

NAID: 486209306

Local ID: 07251-024

Record Type(s):

Textual Records

Availability

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Working Files

Container List

Container ID 08637

[Central Valley Project](#)

NAID: 486209565

Local ID: 08637-029

Record Type(s):

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Availability

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Teresa Gorman Subject Files

Container List

Container ID 07669

[Binder: Renewal of Water Service Contracts in the Friant Unit of the Central Valley Project, California 3/27/89](#)

NAID: 509546877

Local ID: 07669-003

Record Type(s):

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Availability

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Subject Files on Department of Justice

Container List

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[FG017 Case Number Entire Category Processed Scanned](#)

NAID: 607950521

Record Type(s):

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Subject Files on Department of the Interior

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[FG018 Case Number Entire Category Processed Scanned](#)

NAID: 607950738

Record Type(s):

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Subject Files on Petitions and Resolutions from Local Government Officials

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[PR012-02 Case Number 311954 Scanned](#)

NAID: 607953356

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Subject Files on the Bureau of Reclamation

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