



WATER

The fight to protect small businesses is a battle on two fronts: state and federal

Here in California ...

- NFIB is part a business coalition that calling on Gov. Gavin Newsom to:
 - Advance the **Sites Reservoir project** that would create a new lake in the Sacramento Valley that does not rely on snowmelt but instead captures winter runoff from uncontrolled streams. The reservoir could hold enough water to supply three million households for one year.
 - Fast track funding and streamline permitting for **dam safety retrofit projects**.
 - Unclog the pipeline keeping more **desalinization projects** from being built.
 - Establish a new agreement on **water transmission projects** and new operating principles.

In Washington, D.C. ...

- The NFIB Small Business Legal Center is fighting to stop the Biden administration from reinstating the **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule**, which regulated even lands that were dry most of the year.
- NFIB supported the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR) that replaced WOTUS in 2020 and provided **greater clarity to landowners** by making clear that private property is not subject to Clean Waters Act regulation if it is wet only in response to rainfall from a storm.
- If the Biden Administration is successful in **returning to an extreme interpretation** of the federal government's regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act (CWA), it would require federal permits for lands that are dry most of the year.

