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2019 Legislative Letters of Support/Opposition

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September 11, 2019 (updated)

To: Members of the California Assembly

Re: SB 1 (Atkins): Environmental, Public Health and Workers Defense Act  
**OPPOSE (As Amended September 10, 2019)**

On behalf of the 88 signatories noted below, we regret to inform you of our continued opposition to SB 1 by Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins. The bill fails to address a key concern identified in previous versions of the bill, therefore, we respectfully request your **NO** vote on the bill.

Although we are grateful for the deletion of the previous Section 6 (Water Code Section 13050) and the positive change to Section 3 [Fish and Game Code Section 2076.7 (c)] to permit application of best available science, retaining Section 2 (Fish and Game Code Section 2057) attempts to apply the California Endangered Species Act to the federal Central Valley Project. This is an unsettled area of law, and will likely lead to protracted and expensive litigation, instead of collaborative adaptive management and resources as contemplated in the Voluntary Agreements.

Inclusion of Section 2057 would do great injury to the efforts by a wide spectrum of water users to develop adaptive management practices for Delta water supply, water quality, and fish species commonly known as the Voluntary Agreements. These important negotiations span the Brown and Newsom Administrations and are the only real chance of avoiding a decade of non-productive litigation and for making real progress on species and habitat restoration in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds.

For these reasons, we must ask for your NO vote on the bill. If you have questions or wish additional information, please contact Kathy Viatella of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at (916) 650-2614.

Sincerely,

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July 26, 2019

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
1527 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: SUPPORT FOR HR 2313**

Dear Congressman Huffman:

The Alliance for Water Efficiency and the 72 undersigned water utilities, manufacturers, distributors, consumer groups, and water efficiency advocates strongly support H.R. 2313, the Water Conservation Tax Parity Act, and we applaud your leadership in sponsoring this important legislation.

Your bill would make clear that rebates provided by water utilities for water conservation and water runoff management improvements are not subject to federal income taxation. As the bill's title implies, it would create parity between water conservation rebates, which can be taxed, and energy conservation rebates, which Congress declared nontaxable in 1992.

Water utilities are offering rebates to incentivize the reduction of water use and to ease the strain on public infrastructure. These programs can provide significant water savings, which is a societal benefit, not a personal benefit to the consumer.

As these rebate programs have grown, however, so have the size of rebates and the number of homeowners receiving an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1099 reporting "income" of \$600 or more. The Treasury Department and the IRS have so far taken the position that these rebates are taxable as income to the recipient. At the same time, the Treasury Department has urged Congress in the past to amend the Internal Revenue Code to make water conservation rebates tax-exempt, just as energy efficiency rebates are.

Your bill would make that change and eliminate a major disincentive for millions of Americans willing to do their part in promoting water conservation efforts.

We stand ready to assist you in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely yours,

**Alliance for Water  
Efficiency**  
Chicago, IL

**American Rivers**  
Decatur, GA

**Arizona Municipal Water  
Users Association**  
Phoenix, AZ

**Alameda County Water  
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**Northern Water**  
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**Nth Solutions, LLC**  
Exton, PA

**City of Oceanside**  
Oceanside, CA

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International**  
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**Purlin, LLC**  
Sarasota, FL

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**Whirlpool Corporation**  
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**From:** Roger Gwinn  
**To:** Dave Stoldt  
**Cc:** Stephanie Locke; Stephanie Missert  
**Subject:** Re: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates  
**Date:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:35:38 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Absolutely. Will do.

Sent from my iPhone  
Roger Gwinn  
The Ferguson Group

On Aug 1, 2019, at 1:57 PM, Dave Stoldt <[dstoldt@mpwmd.net](mailto:dstoldt@mpwmd.net)> wrote:

Roger,

Would you please ensure that Feinstein and Harris office's are aware of this?

Dave

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dave Stoldt <[dstoldt@mpwmd.net](mailto:dstoldt@mpwmd.net)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates  
**Date:** August 1, 2019 at 11:05:35 AM PDT  
**To:** Lee Kathleen <[Kathleen.Lee@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Lee@mail.house.gov)>

Hi Kathleen,

Please ensure Jimmy is aware of this important issue. Thanks.

Dave

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Liam McCarthy <[Liam@a4we.org](mailto:Liam@a4we.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 7:35 AM  
**To:** Liam McCarthy <[Liam@a4we.org](mailto:Liam@a4we.org)>  
**Subject:** AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates

Hello,

Thank you again for signing on to our letter of support for

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Tax Exempt Water Conservation rebates! See attached for the final letter that we sent to Congressional Representatives.

Stay up to date with all the news related to this issue, and other activities at AWE, here:

<http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/news/default.asp>

x

Best,  
Liam and the AWE team

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**From:** [Lee, Kathleen](#)  
**To:** [Dave Stoldt](#)  
**Subject:** RE: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates  
**Date:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 11:31:34 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dave,

Thank you for sharing this letter and I will be sure to share it with Mark Dennin, who is our legislative assistant for Ways and Means and tax issues.

Thank you,  
Kathleen Lee

**From:** Dave Stoldt <dstoldt@mpwmd.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:56 AM  
**To:** Lee, Kathleen <Kathleen.Lee@mail.house.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: AWE's letter of support for tax exempt water rebates

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Dave

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Best,  
Liam and the AWE team

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June 10, 2019

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Chairman  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources  
Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
Ranking Member  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources  
Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District urges your support for the Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act, which includes a 5-year, \$100 million reauthorization of the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse competitive grant program, originally authorized in the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act (Title XVI-WIIN). In addition to the key Title XVI-WIIN Competitive Grant Program, the legislation includes \$60 million for desalination, additional funding for surface and groundwater storage, and a new low-interest loan program for the financing of a range of water infrastructure projects.

We greatly appreciate the bipartisan nature of this bill and hope to see the bill amended to further increase the authorization level for the Title XVI-WIIN program. Title XVI is the only federal program focused on funding water recycling projects in the western states, yet with enactment of the FY 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the \$50 million authorization for Title XVI-WIIN has been reached. Therefore, it is critical to reauthorize Title XVI-WIIN in support of continued development of water reuse in the West.

The 2016 WIIN Act created a mechanism to continue support for Western water reuse projects by establishing a competitive grant program within Title XVI, enabling new projects to be eligible for federal assistance. There are currently 55 Title XVI-WIIN eligible projects awaiting assistance, with a total of more than \$550 million in eligible federal cost-share, this list will only grow as more projects become eligible. The need is clearly there as demonstrated by the range of communities who have applied for and are awaiting funding to drought-proof their future.

A clean and reliable water supply is the foundation of a community's health, economy, and sustainability. We appreciate the authors for their vision, breadth, and bipartisan efforts in addressing one of our greatest challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Stoldt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "D" and "S".

David J. Stoldt  
General Manager

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June 4, 2019

The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson  
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1184 (Gloria) – Oppose [As Amended May 16, 2019]**

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is respectfully opposed to Assembly Bill 1184, which will require all public agencies to maintain all transmitted emails related to agency business for at least two years.


To be very clear, this is not a transparency bill, it is a data storage bill. The public will have no greater or less access to public records under AB 1184. This bill creates no new disclosures or exemptions of records. This bill only mandates that public agencies retain all emails related to agency business for two years and attempts to avoid the constitutionally required mandate subvention process by placing the data retention policy in the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

While this measure appears intended to improve public access to government records, in practice it will merely increase the burdens for both public agencies and CPRA requesters. The vast majority of emails consist of auto-replies, spam, and insignificant routine communications of minimal public interest. As the bulk of these emails increases, the burden to search through them and locate responsive records in the event of a CPRA request rises accordingly. Indiscriminately mandating that emails be retained will thus make CPRA requests more expensive, perversely impeding public access. Moreover, for those costs that cannot be passed on to the requester, the public agency has no source for reimbursement, and must divert funds from other public programs. Compelling public agencies to retain masses of routine emails - which neither the sender nor recipient otherwise thought important enough to save - imposes significant burdens on all concerned for minimal public benefit.

Additionally, Article XIII B, Section 6 states that "whenever the Legislature or any state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government, the state shall provide a subvention of funds to reimburse that local government..." There are a small number of constitutional exceptions to that rule, one of which are costs related to the CPRA. AB 1184 attempts to exploit that exception by placing the email retention requirement in the CPRA. Public agencies have numerous records retention requirements in law, however, those requirements are not contained in the CPRA, and expansion of those requirements would clearly trigger state subvention. AB 1184 purposefully endeavors to create an unfunded mandate on local agencies by placing this major new retention requirement into the CPRA, specifically to avoid reimbursing local agencies for a new program or higher level of service.

For these reasons, MPWMD opposes AB 1184.

Sincerely,

  
David Stoldt  
General Manager

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June 4, 2019

The Honorable Mark Stone  
California State Assemblymember  
State Capitol, Room 3146  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Safe Drinking Water Plan**

Dear Assemblymember Stone:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District asks you to support the Senate's Safe Drinking Water Plan because it would provide a durable funding solution needed without a water tax. The elements of the plan are:

1. A \$150 million per year continuous appropriation from the General Fund to the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund;
2. SB 200 (Monning), which would create the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and provide the requirements for this funding program (e.g., the scope of eligible applicants, how the money could be spent, etc.); and
3. SB 414 (Caballero), which is co-sponsored by Eastern Municipal Water District and the California Municipal Utilities Association, would provide for the creation of small system water authorities. This bill would help the situation where small failing public water systems do not have the economies of scale to be sustainable.

These have the makings of a strong foundation to address safe and affordable drinking water throughout California.

On behalf of the jurisdictions within the Monterey Peninsula, we appreciate the attention you personally give to us and your work for the good people of the Monterey Peninsula.

Sincerely yours,

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David J. Stoldt  
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California State Senator  
State Capitol, Room 4040  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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April 22, 2019

The Honorable Betty McCollum, Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and  
Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Joyce, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related  
Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairwoman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Interior, Environment and  
Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related  
Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: SUPPORT FOR WATERSENSE® IN FISCAL YEAR 2020**

Dear Chairwoman McCollum, Ranking Member Joyce, Chairwoman Murkowski, and Ranking Member Udall:

The 126 undersigned water utilities, manufacturers, distributors, consumer groups, and water efficiency advocates write to express our strong support for the WaterSense program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Since its inception in 2006, this voluntary public/private partnership has helped Americans save more than 3 trillion gallons of water and more than \$65 billion in water and energy bills. Additionally, the use of WaterSense labeled products has saved more than 400 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Congress recognized the success and importance of WaterSense this past December by authorizing the program as part of America's Water Infrastructure and Improvement Act. That bill, signed into law by President Trump, gave WaterSense statutory status for the first time.

Yet, President Trump's proposed FY 2020 budget proposes elimination of the WaterSense program. We urge you to reject the administration's proposal and approve funding for WaterSense in FY 2020 at the current level of \$3.1 million or higher.

WaterSense works with over 2,000 business and organizational partners, with nearly 28,000 water-efficient products carrying the WaterSense label. Public and private utilities in all 50 states tailor successful water conservation programs around consumer use of WaterSense labeled products. And because of the nexus between water and energy use, the billions of gallons of water saved by WaterSense result in billions of kilowatt hours of energy that are not used to heat, pump and distribute water.

For all of these reasons, we believe that the WaterSense program is deserving of your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The following 126 national, regional and local organizations:

**Alliance for Water Efficiency**  
Chicago, IL

**Alameda County Water District**  
Fremont, CA

**American Rivers**  
Decatur, GA

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**American Water Works Association**  
Denver, CO

**Amy Vickers & Associates, Inc.**  
Amherst, MA

**Apache Junction Water Utilities**  
Apache Junction, AZ

**Arizona Municipal Water Users Association**  
Phoenix, AZ

**Arizona Nursery Association**  
Tempe, AZ

**Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department**  
Athens, GA

**City of Austin**  
Austin, TX

**City of Bellingham**  
Bellingham, WA

**City of Bend**  
Bend, OR

**Bernalillo County Public Works**  
Albuquerque, NM

**City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power**  
Big Bear Lake, CA

**Broward County Environmental Planning & Community Resilience Division**  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

**City of Buckeye**  
Buckeye, AZ

**Business for Water Stewardship**  
Portland, OR

**C+C**  
Seattle, WA

**Cahaba River Society**  
Birmingham, AL

**California Water Efficiency Partnership**  
Sacramento, CA

**California Water Services Company**  
Torrance, CA

**Carpinteria Valley Water District**  
Carpinteria, CA

**Cavanaugh**  
Winston Salem, NC

**Center for Water-Energy Efficiency, University of California, Davis**  
Davis, CA

**Center for Water Efficient Landscaping, Utah State University**  
Logan, UT

**Cobb County Water System**  
Marietta, GA

**Codes and Standards International**  
Belen, NM

**Colorado WaterWise**  
Denver, CO

**Connecticut Water**  
Clinton, CT

**Contra Costa Water District**  
Concord, CA

**Cool Choices**  
Madison, WI

**Denver Botanic Gardens**  
Denver, CO

**City of Durham**  
Durham, NC

**East Bay Municipal Utility District**  
Oakland, CA

**Elevate Energy**  
Chicago, IL

**Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply**  
Phoenix, AZ

**Exergy Systems, Inc.**  
San Jose, CA

**City of Flagstaff**  
Flagstaff, AZ

**Flo Technologies, Inc.**  
Culver City, CA

**Foothill Municipal Water District**  
La Cañada Flintridge, CA

**Global Water Policy Project**  
Los Lunas, NM

**Global Water Works**  
Libertyville, IL

**Golden State Water Company**  
San Dimas, CA

**City of Goodyear**  
Goodyear, AZ

**Green Builder Coalition**  
Glen Carbon, IL

**Greywater Action**  
Berkeley, CA

**Hawaii Commission on Water Resource Management**  
Honolulu, HI

**Hawaii First Water, LLC**  
Kailua Kona, HI

**City of Hays**  
Hays, KS

**Helix Water District**  
La Mesa, CA

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**Huron River Watershed Council**  
Ann Arbor, MI

**Imagine H2O**  
San Francisco, CA

**Intellecty Inc.**  
San Diego, CA

**International Association of Plumbing  
and Mechanical Officials**  
Ontario, CA

**International Code Council**  
Washington, DC

**Irrigation Association**  
Fairfax, VA

**Jordan Valley Water Conservancy  
District**  
West Jordan, UT

**Kohler Co.**  
Kohler, WI

**Lane Community College**  
Eugene, OR

**LIXIL Corp/American Standard Brands**  
Piscataway, NJ

**Maddaus Water Management**  
Sacramento, CA

**Madison Water Utility**  
Madison, WI

**ManageWater Consulting, Inc.**  
Redwood City, CA

**Marin MWD**  
Corte Madera, CA

**Massachusetts Water Works  
Association**  
Acton, MA

**Maureen Erbeznik & Associates**  
Los Angeles, CA

**City of Mesa**  
Mesa, AZ

**Metropolitan North Georgia Water  
Planning District**  
Atlanta, GA

**Metropolitan Water District of  
Southern California**  
Los Angeles, CA

**Miami-Dade Water and Sewer  
Department**  
Miami, FL

**Monterey Peninsula Water  
Management District**  
Monterey, CA

**Municipal Water District of Orange  
County**  
Fountain Valley, CA

**Myoma Dunes Water Company**  
Bermuda Dunes, CA

**National Wildlife Federation**  
Washington, DC

**Northern Arizona Municipal Water  
Users Association**  
Scottsdale, AZ

**Northern Colorado Water  
Conservancy District**  
Berthoud, CO

**Nth Solutions LLC**  
Exton, PA

**O'Cain Consulting, Inc.**  
Santa Monica, CA

**City of Oceanside**  
Oceanside, CA

**Olivenhain Municipal Water  
District**  
Encinitas, CA

**City of Peoria**  
Peoria, AZ

**City of Phoenix,**  
Phoenix, AZ

**Plumbing Manufacturers International**  
Tysons Corner, VA

**City of Portsmouth**  
Portsmouth, NH

**Purlin, LLC**  
Sarasota, FL

**Rain Bird Corporation**  
Tucson, AZ

**Ramona's Plumber**  
Ramona, CA

**Rancho California Water District**  
Temecula, CA

**Regional Water Authority**  
Citrus Heights, CA

**Regional Water Providers Consortium**  
Portland, OR

**Rogue Water, LLC**  
Fort Worth, TX

**City of Round Rock**  
Round Rock, TX

**City of Sacramento**  
Sacramento, CA

**Sacramento Suburban Water District**  
Sacramento, CA

**San Antonio Water System**  
San Antonio, TX

**San Lorenzo Valley Water District**  
Boulder Creek, CA

**City of San Marcos**  
San Marcos, TX

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**City of Santa Barbara**  
Santa Barbara, CA

**City of Santa Cruz**  
Santa Cruz, CA

**City of Santa Monica**  
Santa Monica, CA

**Scotts Miracle-Gro**  
Marysville, OH

**Scottsdale Water**  
Scottsdale, AZ

**Seelig and Associates**  
Livermore, CA

**San Francisco Public Utilities  
Commission**  
San Francisco, CA

**Southern Nevada Water Authority**  
Las Vegas, NV

**Southern Oregon Landscape  
Association**  
Medford, OR

**STEMhero**  
Albany, OR

**Sustainable Waters LLC**  
Crozet, VA

**T&S Brass and Bronze Works, Inc.**  
Travelers Rest, SC

**Tacoma Water**  
Tacoma, WA

**Texas Water Foundation**  
Austin, TX

**The Meadows Center for Water  
and the Environment**  
San Marcos, TX

**Tohono O'odham Nation**  
Sells, AZ

**TOTO USA, Inc.**  
Ontario, CA

**Tualatin Valley Water District**  
Beaverton, OR

**Tucson Water**  
Tucson, AZ

**Turfgrass Water Conservation  
Alliance**  
Albany, OR

**U.S. Green Building Council**  
Washington, DC

**Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal  
Water District**  
Monrovia, CA

**Wastewater Education**  
Traverse City, MI

**Water Demand Management**  
Boulder, CO

**Water Supply Citizens Advisory  
Committee**  
Belchertown, MA

**Water – Use it Wisely**  
Phoenix, AZ

**Waterless Co.**  
Vista, CA

**WaterNow Alliance**  
San Francisco, CA

**City of Westminster**  
Westminster, CO



**EXHIBIT 7-B**



March 13, 2019

Assemblymember Mark Stone  
State Capitol  
Room 3146  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Mark,

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District supports SB 669 which would establish the Safe Drinking Water Trust, and is supported by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA). It will be heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee this year.

The primary challenge in at-risk water systems is that O&M costs generally cannot be financed with existing federal and state safe drinking water funding sources, hence a financial solution is needed for O&M and consolidation costs that can complement existing available funding sources for capital costs. The Safe Drinking Water Trust proposed in SB 669 would provide a durable funding source to fill that gap.

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Best regards,

  
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General Manager

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March 13, 2019

Senator Benjamin Allen, Chair  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol  
Room 4076  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Allen

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**EXHIBIT 7-B**



March 13, 2019

Senator Anna M. Caballero  
State Capitol  
Room 5052  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

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Senator Jerry Hill  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol  
Room 5035  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hill

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March 13, 2019

Senator Patricia C. Bates, Vice Chair  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol  
Room 3048  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Bates

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March 13, 2019

Senator Jeff Stone  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol  
Room 4082  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

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March 13, 2019

Senator Nancy Skinner  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol  
Room 5094  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Skinner

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March 13, 2019

Senator Bob Wieckowski  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol  
Room 4085  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wieckowski

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March 13, 2019

Senator Henry Stern  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol  
Room 5080  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

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March 13, 2019

Chief Consultant Gabrielle Meindl  
Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Subject: SB 669 (Caballero) Safe Drinking Water Trust - SUPPORT

Dear Gabrielle

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### **A STATEWIDE WATER TAX IS NOT THE RIGHT APPROACH**

#### **Why is the Trust a better approach?**

- The vast majority of Californians have access to safe drinking water. However, some disadvantaged communities do not. This is a public health issue that the state must address.
- In 2018, the Legislature approved \$3 million for the preparation of a water systems needs analysis, and the State Water Resources Control Board is now determining how it will perform the analysis.
- Key to resolving the issue is addressing the funding gap for operation and maintenance (O&M) costs for community water systems that treat the water. O&M costs generally cannot be financed with existing federal and state safe drinking water funding sources.
- A financial solution is needed for O&M and consolidation costs that can complement existing funding sources for capital costs.
- The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) are sponsoring legislation to create a Safe Drinking Water Trust (Trust).
- The Trust's principal would be initially financed with a one-time infusion of General Fund dollars during a budget surplus year. With the record budget surplus for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year, this is the perfect year to create and fund the Trust.
- Funding this durable Trust via the General Fund, which is based largely on a progressive source of revenue, makes sense because taxpayers with higher incomes would contribute more, and taxpayers with lower incomes would contribute less.
- The Trust's principal would be invested, and the net income would be transferred to a Safe Drinking Water Fund, which the State Water Resources Control Board would administer.

#### **Why is a proposed statewide water tax not the right approach?**

- It is not sound policy to tax a resource that is essential to life.
- State law sets forth a policy of a human right to water for human consumption that is safe, clean, affordable and accessible. Adding a regressive statewide water tax on local water bills would work against keeping water affordable for all Californians.
- It would be highly inefficient to have over 3,000 local water agencies become tax collectors for the state because the resulting combined local administrative costs would exceed the combined state tax revenue collected from the local water bills.

*For more information contact*

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or **Danielle Blacet**, CMUA Director for Water, at [dblacet@cmua.org](mailto:dblacet@cmua.org).

01/30/19

**EXHIBIT 7-B**



February 6, 2019

Senator Anna M. Caballero  
State Capitol  
Room 5052  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Dear Senator Caballero

The Governor recently released his trailer bill language "Safe And Affordable Drinking Water And Exide Cleanup" and on January 31<sup>st</sup>, Senator Monning introduced SB 200, establishing the "Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund." The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District urges caution about establishing a regressive statewide water tax on local water bills. We urge you instead to support the Safe Drinking Water Trust as supported by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA).

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February 6, 2019

Assembly Member Mark Stone  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0029

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Best regards,

  
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Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee  
Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee, and  
Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3

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**WATER REUSE**

1199 North Fairfax St, Suite 900 - Alexandria, VA 22314

October 29, 2018

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Chairman  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
Ranking Member  
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rob Bishop  
Chairman  
House Natural Resources Committee  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Raul Grijalva  
Ranking Member  
House Natural Resources Committee  
1329 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Murkowski, Ranking Member Cantwell, Chairman Bishop, and Ranking Member Grijalva:

The undersigned organizations and utilities are writing to urge your support for the reauthorization of the Bureau of Reclamation's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse competitive grant program authorized in the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act (Title XVI-WIIN).

Title XVI is the only federal program focused on funding water recycling projects in the western states, and with enactment of the FY 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the \$50 million authorization for Title-WIIN has been reached. Therefore, it is critical to reauthorize Title XVI-WIIN to support the continued development of water reuse in the West and the development of drought-proof water supplies.

Since Title XVI's inception in 1992, Congress has authorized 53 Title XVI recycling projects producing more than 400,000 acre-feet of drought-resistant water supply. To date, Congress has appropriated approximately \$672 million in federal funding which has been leveraged with non-federal funding to implement more than \$3.3 billion in water reuse improvements – a nearly 5:1 leverage ratio. However, as no new projects had been authorized by Congress since 2009, the 2016 WIIN Act created a mechanism to continue support for Western water reuse projects by establishing a competitive grant program within Title XVI, enabling new projects to be eligible for federal assistance.

There are currently 44 Title XVI-WIIN eligible projects awaiting assistance, with a total of \$528 million in eligible federal cost-share, this list will only grow as more projects become eligible. To address the federal cost-share demand, we urge that Title XVI-WIIN be reauthorized at \$250 million over five years, paid for by deauthorizing "inactive" Title XVI projects following a similar deauthorization process Congress enacted for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects in the 2014 Water Resources Reform and Development Act. Currently, the federal cost-share for projects that have never received funding or have not received funding in the past ten years is approximately \$200 million. Under the proposal, sponsors of projects listed for deauthorization would have a transparent and public process to submit



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information demonstrating the project's active status to the Bureau of Reclamation with a request to revoke the deauthorization.

Clean and reliable water is the backbone of a community's health and economy. Water reuse provides a sustainable and secure water supply for communities, increasingly important in the face of more frequent and severe droughts and changing hydrologic conditions throughout the West.

We are also aware that the WIIN 2016 authorizations for the desalination program (\$30 million), and western water storage funds (\$335 million) have also expired with the enactment of the FY 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations measure. We support the reauthorization of these programs as water storage and desalination projects work in tandem with water recycling projects to ensure that communities across the West have safe, secure, and sustainable water supplies.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact Patricia Sinicropi, WateReuse Association at [psinicropi@watereuse.org](mailto:psinicropi@watereuse.org).

Sincerely,

#### **National Organizations**

American Public Works Association (APWA)  
American Water Works Association (AWWA)  
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)  
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)  
National Rural Water Association (NRWA)  
Rural Community Assistance Partnership Inc. (RCAP)  
Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association (WWEMA)  
WateReuse Association  
Water Environment Federation (WEF)  
Western Coalition of Arid States (WESTCAS)  
Western Recycled Water Coalition (WRWC)

#### **State and Regional NGOs**

WateReuse Arizona  
WateReuse California  
WateReuse Colorado  
WateReuse Nevada  
WateReuse Pacific Northwest (PNW)  
WateReuse Texas  
California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

#### **Arizona Agencies**

Apache Junction Water District  
City of Tucson Water Department - Tucson Water  
Flagstaff Water Services  
Scottsdale Water

#### **California Agencies**

Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7  
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District  
City of Corona  
City of Escondido, Utilities Department  
City of Modesto  
City of Pasadena  
City of Pismo Beach  
City of Pleasanton  
City of San Diego Public Utilities Department  
Delta Diablo  
Dublin San Ramon Services District  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
El Toro Water District  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)  
Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD)  
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

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Leucadia Wastewater District  
Marina Coast Water District  
Mesa Water District  
Monterey One Water  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Orange County Water District  
Otay Water District  
Padre Dam Municipal Water District  
Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District  
San Diego County Water Authority  
San Elijo Joint Powers Authority  
Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County  
Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Scotts Valley Water District  
Santa Clarita Water (SCV Water)  
Town of Marana Water Utilities Association  
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority  
(VVWRA)

#### **Colorado Agencies**

Arapahoe County Water & Wastewater Authority  
(ACWWA)  
Denver Water

#### **Nevada Agencies**

City of Henderson - Utility Services

City of North Las Vegas Utilities Department  
Clark County Water Reclamation District  
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)

#### **New Mexico Agencies**

Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority  
City of Rio Rancho

#### **Oklahoma Agencies**

City of Norman

#### **Oregon Agencies**

Clean Water Services

#### **Texas Agencies**

City of San Marcos  
City of Wichita Falls  
El Paso Water Utilities  
Gulf Coast Authority (GCA)  
McAllen Public Utility (MPU)  
Upper Trinity Regional Water District

#### **Utah Agencies**

South Jordan City

#### **Washington Agencies**

King County, Wastewater Treatment Division

CC: The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representative  
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator