



April 29, 2011

The Honorable Linda Halderman, M.D.  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4009  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1228  
Position: Support

Dear Dr. Halderman:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) are in support of AB 1228, an act to amend *repeal and add* Section 54956.96 of the Government Code, relating to public agencies.

KRWA and KRC D are regional agencies that oversee the operation of the Kings River in the San Joaquin Valley of California. KRWA is an association comprised of the 28 public and private agencies with rights or entitlements to water from the Kings River. The organization manages those water entitlements and deliveries, and is engaged in various environmental enhancement and water quality-related projects. KRC D is a public agency responsible for flood control, power, on-farm water management, environmental programs and groundwater management.

KRWA member agencies and KRC D both have elected officials and staff member representatives as directors and alternates on joint powers authorities. We support this bill because it allows for necessary communication between agency board and staff regarding certain JPA activities. This is a much-needed amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act.

Please contact us or our government relations representatives Jackson R. Gualco or Kendra Daijogo at 916/441-1392 if you have any questions or comments regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Kings River Conservation District

Steve Haugen, Watermaster  
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cc: Honorable Chair and Members  
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Ms. Jennifer Klein Baldwin  
Mr. William Weber  
Mr. Eric Stein  
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