



May 21, 2010

The Honorable Hector De La Torre  
California State Assembly  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0050

Re: AB 1955

Position: Oppose

Dear Assembly Member De La Torre:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) have taken an oppose position regarding your bill AB 1955, an act to amend Section 1099 of the Government Code, and to add Section 33207 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public officers.

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. KRC D serves as an umbrella agency that provides resource management services to the water districts and landowners within the Kings River service area. Consequently, our two agencies share a commonality that makes it beneficial to have individuals serve on member agencies boards and the KRC D board. This provides our respective board members with knowledge of local and regional issues and provides our agencies with consistent policy and leadership.

We believe the bill, which creates very broad circumstances when 2 public offices are incompatible, will have a chilling effect on valley water agencies by forcing many to vacate offices. Representation of rural areas and interests will particularly suffer from a lack of coordinated representation.

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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