



August 6, 2009

The Honorable Mike Feuer
Assembly District 42
State Capitol, P O Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0042

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Assembly District 6
State Capitol, P O Box 942849
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Re: PAB 2 (formerly AB 49)
Position: Oppose

Dear Messrs. Feuer and Huffman:

On behalf of the Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) we regret to inform you of our opposition to your preprint bill, PAB 2, an act to amend and repeal Section 10631.5 of, to add Part 2.55 (commencing with Section 10608) to, and to repeal and add Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 10800) of, Division 6 of the Water Code, relating to water.

KRWA and KRCD are regional entities 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. KRCD is a public agency responsible for flood control, power, on-farm water management, environmental programs and groundwater management. KRWA and KRCD are actively involved in water quality protection in the Kings River watershed, both directly and through participation in the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition.

This bill does not, on its own or as part of the package of bills unveiled by the Democratic leadership, work as a comprehensive approach to water supply reliability.

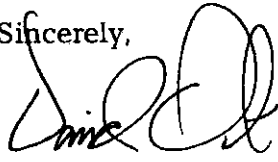
We believe SB 261, which has thus far not been formally considered part of the water conference committee agenda, is a more acceptable bill that offers an alternative vehicle with more appropriate features to address the issue. Even so, a final version of any

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measure must clearly articulate a requirement that conservation and water use efficiency measures for both agricultural and urban water users be "locally cost-effective" in order to be implemented.

Please contact us if you have any questions or comments regarding this correspondence.

Sincerely,



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