

FLOOR ALERT

**California Association of Wheat Growers
California Bean Shippers Association
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California Chamber
California Citrus Mutual
California Cotton Ginners Association
California Cotton Grocers Association
California Farm Bureau
California Forestry Association
California Grain and Feed
California Pear Growers
California Seed Association
California State Floral Association
California Warehouse Association
California Women for Agriculture
Kings River Conservation District
Kings River Water Association
Nisei Farmers League
Regional Council of Rural Counties
Western Agricultural Processors Association
Western Growers
Western United Dairymen**

AB 2595 (Huffman) Agriculture: Pesticides: Water Quality: Waste Discharge - OPPOSE

On behalf of the entities listed above, we must respectfully oppose AB 2595 Huffman as amended August 2, 2010 related to the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) and Grower Operator Identifications. Farmers and ranchers engaged in production agriculture provide safe, reliable food and farm products through responsible stewardship of our diverse natural resources. California's farmers and ranchers are committed to ensuring the long-term viability of lands they own and manage which requires a clean water supply.

We have worked closely with the author on the language in AB 2595 to ensure compliance with the ILRP while providing due process protections for those not required to be enrolled in the program. As a result, we removed our opposition to this measure on April 21, 2010 in the Assembly Agriculture Committee. Regrettably, recent amends to this measure have changed that agreement.

Unfortunately, amendments, once again, broaden the regulatory scope of the bill, giving the State Water Resources Control Board statutory authority under California Water Code that has the potential to eliminate local decision-making and priority setting.

We ask that you please **vote no** when this measure comes before you for a vote on the Senate Floor.