



April 29, 2011

The Honorable Donald P. Wagner
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4153
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 457
Position: Oppose

Dear Mr. Wagner:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) are in opposition of AB 457, an act to add Section 5111 to the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

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.

Both KRC D and KRWA's member agencies award public works contracts through the bidding process. We oppose this bill because it would encourage unwarranted challenges to the bidding process creating delays in construction of much-needed infrastructure projects.

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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