



August 11, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor
State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Mr. John Moffatt
Re: SB 1070 (Cogdill) - Land use: Tulare Lake basin
Position: Support – Request For Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) are in support of SB 1070, an act to amend Section 65007 of the Government Code, relating to land use and respectfully urge you to sign this bill into law when it reaches your desk.

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 KRWA 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. KRC D is the local sponsor of the Kings River Flood Project and as such, is actively involved in both flood water management and flood levee maintenance.

We believe the proposed definition of the Tulare Lake Basin is declaratory of existing law. This clarification is critically important to state and local land use and flood protection planners and Kings River interests to properly define the scope and application, among other things of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, which specifically recognizes that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley does not include lands lying within the Tulare Lake basin, including the Kings River.

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

Sincerely,

David Orth, General Manager
Kings River Conservation District

Steve Haugen, Watermaster
Kings River Water Association

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