



May 6, 2011

The Honorable Christine Kehoe  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 215

Position: Support

Dear Senator Kehoe:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) are in support of SB 215, an act to amend Section 2301 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to invasive aquatic species.

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. KRWA and KRC D 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.

The impact of these invasive aquatic species, particularly the quagga mussel, into the Kings River water supply system, is potentially devastating. We are in favor of this bill as it eliminates the sunset provision of the existing law and provides ongoing protection and authority in dealing with these issues.

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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Senate Appropriations Committee  
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