



April 29, 2011

The Honorable Lou Correa  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5052  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 46  
Position: Oppose

Dear Senator Correa:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) are in opposition to your bill, SB 46, an act to add and repeal Sections 87202.5 and 87302.2 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

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.

While KRWA and KRC D are supportive of transparency and accountability of public agencies, we are opposed to the provisions of SB 46. Information about salaries, benefits and other compensation data is already reported to the State Controller, and is accessible to the public. We are concerned that this bill will create an additional reporting requirement that will lead to increased administrative burdens and costs without providing the public information that is not already publicly available through other mechanisms.

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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cc: Honorable Chair and Members  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Mr. Mark McKenzie  
Mr. Joe Shinstock  
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