

April 27, 2009

The Honorable Lois Wolk
California State Senate, District 5
State Capitol, Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 460
Position: Support, if Amended

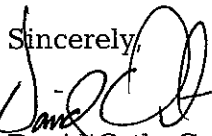
Dear Senator Wolk:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) have taken a "support, if amended" position on SB 460, an act to add Part 2.11 (commencing with Section 10920) to Division 6 of the Water Code, relating to water conservation.

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.

Water agencies and water users on the Kings River recognize the importance of water conservation and water use efficiency as a component of a comprehensive water solution for California. All water agencies in California face the prospect of diminishing supplies and growing demands, and are locally managed to be accountable to their customers and to regulatory agencies to make cost-effective decisions to provide reliable water supply in a manner that protects the environment. Improvements in water use efficiency should be considered from a basin-wide perspective.

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

Sincerely,


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