

April 27, 2009

The Honorable Fran Pavley  
California State Senate, District 23  
State Capitol, Room 4035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 565

Position: Oppose, Unless Amended

Dear Senator Pavley:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRC D) have taken an "oppose, unless amended" position on SB 565, an act to add Part 5.5 (commencing with Section 12567) to Division 6 of the Water Code, relating to water recycling.

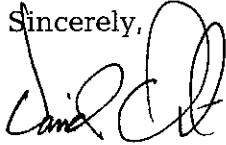
KRWA and KRC D are regional agencies that oversee the operation of the Kings River in the San Joaquin Valley of California. KRWA is an association comprised of the 28 public and private agencies with rights or entitlements to water from the Kings River. The organization manages those water entitlements 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.

Both KRWA and KRC D do support water recycling as a component of a comprehensive water solution for California. This bill requires additional clarity and definition of key terms such as waste water and discharge water. It is not clear as written, if this includes storm water and/or permitted and regulated discharges from sources into rivers that ultimately flow into the ocean.

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

Sincerely,



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