



March 18, 2010

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

Re: SB 1303

Position: Support

Dear Senator Wolk:

The Kings River Water Association (KRWA) and the Kings River Conservation District (KRCDD) are in support of SB 1303, an act to amend Section 2087 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to protected species.

KRWA and KRCDD 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. KRCDD is a public agency responsible for flood control, power, on-farm water management, environmental programs and groundwater management. KRWA and KRCDD are actively involved in endangered species protection in the Kings River watershed, both directly in flood levee maintenance and through participation in the Kings River Fisheries Management Program.

The impact of the accidental take of threatened, or endangered species that may occur on a farm or ranch, is potentially devastating. We support this bill as it provides protection to farmers and their employees in dealing with these issues.

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

Sincerely,

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