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Senator Anna Caballero
California State Senate
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RE: Senate Bill 366 (Caballero): The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets.

POSITION: SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero:

The San Gabriel Valley Water Association (SGVWA) represents municipal utilities, California Public Utilities Commission regulated utilities, water districts, and not for profit mutual water companies that supply water to nearly two million San Gabriel Valley residents and businesses. The SGVWA is pleased to support SB 366 (Caballero) which aims to establish long-term water supply targets and improve the California Water Plan. We would also encourage open discussions with local groundwater agencies relating to proposed groundwater storage targets.

Climate change, and other factors, significantly affect the state's water resources. According to scientists, the western United States is in its driest 22-year period in over 1,200 years due to ongoing drought. Although recent flooding and high snowpack levels have contributed to a very wet winter in California, the state must take action to adapt and plan for a hotter and drier climate.

SB 366 outlines several objectives that would secure the state's water supply for the future:

- Setting bold water supply targets to capture and produce enough water for all uses.
- Modernizing the California Water Plan to adapt to greater variability in our climate.
- Ensuring accountability for state agencies on water management issues.
- Designed to complement Governor Newsom's Water Supply Strategy that calls for greater investments in new sources of water supply.

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For these reasons, the SGVWA supports SB 366 and looks forward to engaging in stakeholder sessions. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,



Lynda Noriega
President, Board of Directors
San Gabriel Valley Water Association

cc: Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh
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