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The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
 Acting Chair
 Assembly Natural Resources Committee
 1020 North Street, Room 164
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Muratsuchi:

Subject: AB2975 (Friedman) – Oppose Unless Amended

The San Gabriel Valley Water Association is opposing AB2975 (Friedman), unless it is further amended to ensure that the legislation does not have any unintended consequences on the overall management, facilities, rights of way, and water rights from the important San Gabriel Mountains, as well as other water supply sources around California. The San Gabriel Valley Water Association represents municipal, special district, CPUC regulated and mutual water company suppliers that provide safe drinking water to over 2 million residents of the San Gabriel Valley.

The Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Valley Water Association are aware of your interest in designation of Wilderness and Wild Rivers in any rollback of Federal designations. We understand that such designations can bring greater protections of these areas for natural resource protection and recreational benefits. These protections, if implemented properly, will also ensure the preservation of the upper watersheds that feed the critical water supply of the San Gabriel Valley and other areas around the state. We successfully collaborated at the federal level by suggesting language that protects water supply resources and water rights in pending legislation to declare portions of the San Gabriel Mountains as a National Recreation Area. We have also worked with environmental stakeholders and the U.S. Forest Service to provide protection for water supply facilities, easements and water rights in portions of the San Gabriel Mountains declared as a National Monument by President Obama.

We would like to provide further input to the legislative process for AB2975 and look forward to discussing this further with yourself and your staff. Thank you for your consideration on this issue. We look forward to working with you and

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Assemblymember Friedman on this and other matters critical to ensuring local clean sources of drinking water.

Sincerely,



Anthony C. Zampello
Executive Secretary
San Gabriel Valley Water Association

cc: The Honorable Laura Friedman, 43rd Assembly District
Mr. Lawrence Lingbloom, Chief Committee Consultant
Mr. Jim Metropolis, Legislative Director to Assemblymember Friedman