









April 14, 2017

The Honorable Blanca Rubio  
State Capitol, Room 5175  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1654 (Rubio): Urban Water Management Planning**  
**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Rubio:

On behalf of the organizations listed above, we are writing to express our support for AB 1654.

AB 1654 would enhance existing reporting and drought response requirements related to water shortage contingency analyses, as called for by Governor Brown. Under the bill, urban retail water suppliers ("water suppliers") would report annually to the Department of Water Resources on the status of their water supplies for that year and whether supplies will be adequate to meet projected customer demand. If supplies are not adequate to meet demand, the water supplier would be required to implement the appropriate responses as described in their water shortage contingency analysis.

AB 1654 would also prohibit a water supplier from being required to reduce its use or reliance on any water supply available beyond the steps specified in its water shortage contingency analysis, protecting water suppliers' and their customers' investments in resilient water supply sources.

Finally, as a significant policy matter with implications for California's economy and communities, we encourage the Legislature to consider AB 1654 and other similar bills through the regular policy committee process, and to not consider budget trailer bills related to this important area of public policy.

For these reasons, our organizations support AB 1654.

Sincerely,

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