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April 22, 2017

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife  
1020 N Street, Room 160  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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#### **Regarding: AB 1667 (Friedman) – OPPOSE**

Dear Chair Garcia,

On behalf of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA), I write to express our opposition to AB 1667 (Friedman), related to agricultural water management plans. While we are dedicated to the goals of long-term water-use-efficiency and are supportive of the author's intent, we do not believe AB 1667 is currently workable.


As amended on April 18, 2017, AB 1667 goes beyond many agricultural water agencies' abilities and authority and will prove extremely costly without yielding the intended results. For example, delivering water within a 24-hour window in many cases simply will not be possible due to the location of storage facilities or flow and power restrictions.

We are also very concerned that AB 1667 does not include a collaborative stakeholder process, as outlined in the administration's final framework, "Making Conservation a Way of Life." MCWRA would like to participate in a stakeholder process to develop an approach that more closely aligns with the "Making Conservation a Way of Life" framework and ensures the efficient use of agricultural water resources.

For these reasons, MCWRA opposes AB 1667 (Friedman) and respectfully requests your "NO" vote when the bill is heard in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee on April 25, 2017.

If you have questions or if you would like to discuss this information, please contact me at (530) 957-7879.

Sincerely,



John Kingsbury, Executive Director  
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

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