







April 14, 2017

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

Re: AB 968 (Rubio): Urban Water Use Efficiency
Position: SUPPORT (as proposed to be amended)

Dear Assemblymember Rubio:

On behalf of the organizations listed above, we are writing to express our support for AB 968 as proposed to be amended.

AB 968 will set new water efficiency targets for water suppliers to achieve by 2025. As called for by Governor Brown, these new targets will build upon the progress made under the existing “20% by 2020” law (SB x7-7 (2009)). The bill makes water use efficiency a way of life in California in a manner that accounts for local conditions, while also recognizing and incentivizing sustainable, balanced approaches to water management. AB 968 will establish a collaborative stakeholder process to continue improvement in water use efficiency beyond 2025. AB 968 will also preserve the Legislature’s authority and oversight over long-term water use target setting while making water use efficiency a way of life in California.

As a significant policy matter with implications for California's economy and communities, we encourage the Legislature to consider AB 968 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 968 as proposed to be amended.

Sincerely,

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