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August 7, 2023

The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6610
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 389 (Allen): State Water Resources Control Board:
Determination of Water Right - NEUTRAL**

Dear Senator Allen,

On behalf of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association's Board of Directors, we write to update our position on your SB 389. With the latest amendments to the measure (in print on July 6, 2023), we are now neutral on SB 389.

Thank you for your consideration of our position and for working with us to address our concerns.

MCWRA advocates for the water interests of its 58 members in 12 of the mountain counties within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) of woodland and forested lands in the Sierra Nevada. These foothill and mountain areas contain the headwaters for 40% of the state's developed water supply, which also provides for hydropower production, irrigation, recreation, water recycling, tourism, and instream flows that fuel the engine of our State's economy.

Sincerely,

Scott Ratterman, President
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association