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April 29, 2024

The Honorable Chris Holden
 California State Assembly
 State Capitol
 1021 O Street, Suite 5650
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2330 (Holden): Fuels Management Streamlining – SUPPORT

Assemblymember Holden:

On behalf of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association’s Board of Directors, I am writing to express our strong support for your Assembly Bill 2330, Fuels Management Streamlining, which would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to, within 90-days of receiving an application, authorize through permits or memorandum of understanding the take of endangered species, threatened species, and candidate species incidental to any routine fuel management activities conducted by local agencies on lands that are within moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zones and adjacent to wildland urban interface areas. This proposal aligns with our recently-adopted [Forest Management Principles](#).

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.

MCWRA supports AB 2330. We believe that the measures specified in the legislative proposal will provide much needed relief to the important fuels management work being conducted in our rural areas. We

thank you for your continued support of MCWRA region infrastructure, communities, and people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Ratterman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Scott Ratterman, President
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association