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April 29, 2024

The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senate
State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 7610
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1159 (Dodd): CEQA: Exemption: Roadside Wildfire Risk Reduction Projects – SUPPORT

Senator Dodd:

On behalf of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association’s Board of Directors, I am writing to express our Support for your Senate Bill 1159 related to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for roadside wildfire risk reduction projects. 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.

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

Sincerely,

Scott Ratterman, President

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