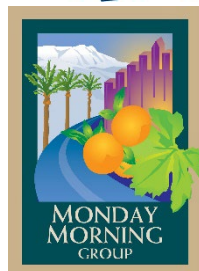
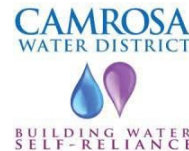




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**RE: California Water Plan Budget Request – SUPPORT**

Dear Honorable Chairs,

The California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB), co-sponsors of SB 72 (Caballero), and the coalition of organizations above, are pleased to support Senator Caballero's California Water Plan Budget Request submitted to your respective committees on January 17, 2025.

We support the request that the 2025-26 Budget include \$6.8 million in ongoing funds for five years and \$3.4 million ongoing for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to update and modernize the California Water Plan and develop long-term targets for the state's future water supply.

There is an urgent need for California to develop reasonable targets that will complement and amplify Governor Newsom's Water Supply Strategy and extend beyond any single Administration. Given the extreme climate impacts of the 21st century, an expanding economy, a growing population, the anticipated reductions from existing water resources, and the controls on the use of groundwater,

California must align the state's water supply strategy and policies with a complementary target that will result in an adequate and reliable water supply for the environment, agriculture, and the economy. SB 72 would modernize the California Water Plan statute and its provisions by establishing long-term water supply targets for the state to achieve and would update the requirement that state agencies develop a plan to achieve those targets in consultation with local water agencies, wastewater service providers, irrigation districts, and others.

DWR has identified the funding needed to implement the update to the California Water Plan to be \$6.8 million in ongoing funding for the first five years and \$3.4 million in ongoing funding. Without clearly defined water supply targets and strategic planning to achieve the targets, the state will continue to experience devastating water shortages in the future. Adequate funding for DWR to update and modernize the California Water Plan will help us avoid water scarcity and help to ensure a drought-proof future.

We are pleased to support this budget request and urge your consideration to allocate this funding in the 2025-26 Budget. If you have any questions about our position, please contact Andrea Abergel with CMUA at [aabergel@cmua.org](mailto:aabergel@cmua.org) or (916) 841-4060.

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