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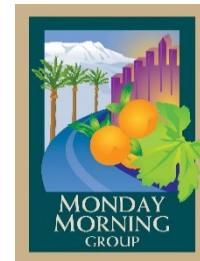
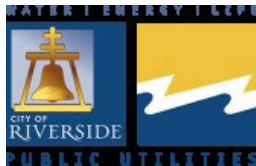
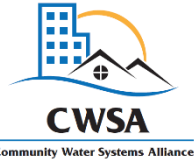




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September 10, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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RE: SB 72 (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom,

The co-sponsors of SB 72, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance (CCEEB), and the coalition of the organizations above respectfully request your signature on SB 72.

California is in a race against climate change, which is pressured by multi-year droughts, floods, fires, and other intensifying climate change impacts. Consequently, there is an urgent need for California to develop aspirational targets that will complement and amplify your 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 needs to align the state's water supply strategy and policies with a target that will result in an adequate and reliable water supply for all beneficial uses including the environment, agriculture, the economy, and all Californians. Recent research estimates a shortfall in California's future water supply between 4.6 and 9 million acre-feet annually by 2050 if the state takes no action.

SB 72 is the mechanism that will help California keep up with the impacts of climate change on our water supply. SB 72 directs the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to modernize the California Water Plan and develop a target for water supply to achieve in 2040 and beyond. The fiscal impacts of this bill are minor compared to the agricultural and business loss costs of the State for not passing this legislation. A new UC study titled "Inaction's Economic Cost for California's Water Supply Challenges" (released May 2025) estimates that without better management, California faces up to \$14.5 billion a year in economic loss and 67,000 jobs lost annually. Inaction isn't just an environmental risk – it threatens California's job market and economic wellbeing.

SB 72 will establish excellent policy because it will bring about the fundamental changes that are necessary to ensure a sustainable water future. SB 72 will do the following:

- Transform water management in California taking us from a perpetual state of supply vulnerability to a reliable and sufficient water supply that is adequate for all beneficial uses, including urban, agriculture, and the environment.
- Create a new "North Star" water supply planning target for 2040 that the state will need to work toward, along with a process to develop a target for 2050.
- Preserve the California way of life, supplying water to our homes and communities, habitat and environment, recreation and tourism, and business and economic success.

- Support economic vitality for all businesses, from restaurants to technology companies, and employers that depend on a reliable water supply.
- Fulfill the generational responsibility to develop a water system that will adapt to changes in the environment and allow the state to thrive now and for future generations.

The California Water Plan is the strategic plan for managing and developing water resources for current and future generations in the state. SB 72 works within the structure of the current California Water Plan, which hasn't been meaningfully updated for decades. SB 72 updates the California Water Plan for a 21st century climate. The costs to implement SB 72 should not be a barrier to passing a monumentally important piece of legislation for the future of California.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on SB 72. If you have any questions about our position, please contact Andrea Abergel with CMUA at aabergel@cmua.org or (916) 841-4060.

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