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California Chapter

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May 11, 2026

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7530
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SB 1085 (Durazo) Water supply planning: housing developments – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Durazo:

The American Planning Association, California Chapter (APA California) is pleased to support your SB 1085, which would require large-scale projects that meets certain qualifications under existing law to conduct a Water Supply Assessment (WSA), regardless of whether the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies to the project.

APA California is a non-profit organization made up of practicing planners, citizens and public officials committed to advancing the practice of local, regional, and statewide planning throughout urban, suburban, and rural California. As adopted in APA California's Legislative Platform, *Plan California*, our organization is supportive of efforts that cohesively plan and manage community infrastructure and services.

SB 1085 reinforces the critical connection between land use planning and long-term water supply planning and infrastructure needs. Water Supply Assessments serve as an important planning tool to help ensure that projected growth is aligned with reliable infrastructure and resource availability. Recent changes to exempt certain projects from CEQA, while laudable, have had the unintended consequence of bypassing the WSA process for projects that would otherwise meet large development thresholds, potentially leaving local governments without important information regarding long-term water supply reliability. SB 1085 restores this important process and helps support sustainable, resilient, and informed planning decisions.



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We appreciate your dedication to this important issue and for the reasons outlined above, APA California is pleased to support SB 1085. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren De Valencia, Stefan/George Associates, APA California's lobbyist, at 916 443-5301, lauren@stefangeorge.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Reuben Duarte'.

Reuben Duarte
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cc: California State Senate
The Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
The California Department of Housing and Community Development