



June 5, 2026

The Honorable Diane Papan
 Chair, Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife
 California State Assembly
 1020 N St, Room 160
 Sacramento, California 95814

Support for SB 1085 (Durazo) – Water Supply Planning Act

Dear Assembly Member Papan:

We, the undersigned, are proud to support SB 1085 (Durazo), the Water Supply Planning Act. We ask for your “aye” vote when the bill is heard in the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee.

SB 1085 restores an important safeguard on water availability for new large developments that was inadvertently circumvented through recent legislation.

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For more than three decades, state law has required water supply assessments (WSAs) for certain large development projects in recognition of the important link between land use planning and water supply planning. A WSA is an informational tool that focuses on identifying the long-term water supply needed to serve large development projects. California law requires a city or county, upon determining that a project is subject to CEQA, to request a WSA if a project meets certain requirements, including that the project is more than 500 residential units or a non-residential project that demands a similar or greater amount of water. A WSA also allows for early coordination between a water supplier, a land use entity, and a developer. This relationship and information exchange, at the beginning stages of a project, helps ensure efficient project implementation throughout the process.

Recent laws that have eliminated CEQA analysis have inadvertently meant that WSAs are no longer triggered in certain circumstances, even though the project still meets the WSA criteria under state law. SB 1085 restores this important tool for ensuring that new large developments have a long-term water supply, which is critical in light of the impacts that climate change and future droughts could have on areas throughout the state.

Sincerely,

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