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VIA FACSIMILIE: (916) 319-2121, (209) 726-5469 and (209) 521-2102

The Honorable Adam Gray
P.O. BOX 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0021

Re: AB 1242 (Gray)

Dear Assemblymember Gray:

On behalf of the Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Board of Trustees, this letter serves to inform you that Resolution No. 14-15.05 in support of AB 1242 (Gray) was adopted during the YCCD Board Meeting held on April 8, 2015. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

YCCD supports AB 1242 (Gray) as it will help to preserve our agriculture based economy and the many local training programs provided by Modesto Junior College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joan E. Smith'.

Joan E. Smith, Ed.D.
Chancellor

cc: Assembly Members Frank Bigelow and Kristin Olsen; Senate Members Tom Berryhill, Anthony Cannella and Cathleen Galgiani; Thuy Thi Nguyen, CCLC; YCCD Board of Trustees

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RESOLUTION # 14-15.05

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 1242-ASSEMBLYMAN ADAM GRAY

WHEREAS, Modesto Junior College provides dynamic and ever evolving job training opportunities for the heart of the Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Central Valley has been one of the areas hardest hit by the drought because of our agriculture based economy; and

WHEREAS, Modesto Junior College is one of six colleges receiving funding made available through drought-aid legislation recently signed into law; and

WHEREAS, as the result of an agreement signed by the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Employment Training Panel, and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, MJC is providing training for workers who have been affected or displaced in the drought with new skills for finding employment in the areas of Logistics and Warehouse Technician Training, and Irrigation Technician Training programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Board has proposed to divert a minimum of 350,000 acre-feet of water from the Stanislaus, Merced, and San Joaquin Rivers, an action which will not only destroy our agriculture based economy but also paradoxically cause us to be unable to meet new state groundwater standards; and

WHEREAS, this diversion is almost incomprehensible in scope when you consider that the average annual acre-feet of irrigation water for the entire Modesto Irrigation District is 300,000 acre-feet in a non-drought year; and

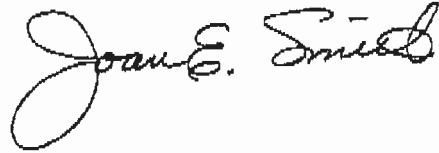
WHEREAS, this action has the potential to cause our region of the state to reverse back to a desert environment and in the process devastate our economy and nationally acclaimed Ag Education Program, rendering our new training programs virtually useless to our residents; and

WHEREAS, AB 1242 by Assemblyman Adam Gray requires that the State Water Board to fully mitigate the loss of groundwater caused by an increase in the unimpaired flows from the Stanislaus, Merced and San Joaquin Rivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees does hereby endorse supporting AB 1242 authored by Assembly member Adam Gray, a bill which will preserve our agriculture based economy and the many local training programs provided by Modesto Junior College.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Governing Board of the Yosemite Community College District on the 8 day of April, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: -7- Trustees Lynn Martin, Don Viss, Abe Rojas, Mike Riley, Linda Flores,
Anne DeMartini, Tom Hallinan
NOES: -0-
ABSENT: -0-



Joan E. Smith, Ed.D., Chancellor and
Secretary to the Yosemite Community
College District Board of Trustees