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The Honorable Marc Levine
Chairman, Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife
State Capitol, Room 2141
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1242 (Gray): Impacts on Groundwater Basins —SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of 57,000 farm families and individual members, the California Farm Bureau Federation supports Assembly Bill 1242 (Gray), mitigating water quality and supply impacts on groundwater basins.

Farm Bureau's purposes are, among others, to work for the solution of the problems of the farm, the farm home and the rural community throughout California and to protect and advance the social, economic and educational interests of California farmers. Farm Bureau strives to protect and improve the ability of farmers and ranchers engaged in production agriculture to provide safe, reliable, and healthful food and farm products through responsible stewardship of California's diverse natural resource base.

The State Water Resources Control Board decisions and requirements regarding unimpaired surface flows may have severe impacts on both, groundwater quality and groundwater levels. AB 1242 requires the Water Board to consider impacts to groundwater basins as a result of their actions and requirements.

In closing, we support AB 1242 because it requires the Water Board to consider the broader impacts and ramifications of their actions. We respectfully ask for your aye vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny J. Merkley".

Danny Merkley
Director of Water Resources

Cc: The Honorable Adam Gray
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