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Honorable Adam Gray
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 94249

RE: Assembly Bill 1242 (Gray) Support Position

Dear Assembly Member Gray:

On behalf of the over 19,000 members of Local Union 1245 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, I am writing to strongly support AB 1242.

IBEW 1245 represents utility workers at 8 different water districts, including Merced Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District. These Districts are facing water shortages and critically low water levels that have never been seen. They must be permitted the opportunity to implement surface water saving planning and other water saving methods that are urgently needed. AB 1242 will protect the groundwater basins throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The bill will ensure that the State Water Resources Board appropriately considers and mitigates the adverse impacts contained in the new Bay/Delta Water Quality Program proposal. The Valley's groundwater storage is a critical resource and must be maintained with the ability to recharge the depleted table with surface flows.

AB 1242 will ensure that the State Water Resources Board considers and mitigates all adverse impacts of the Bay/Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The bill will also prohibit the adoption of any water control plan that cannot be sufficiently mitigated, due to severe drought conditions.

I and all IBEW 1245 members look forward to working with you to ensure passage of this very important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Dalzell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TOM DALZELL
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