



NCWA
Northern California Water Association

*To advance the economic, social and environmental sustainability of Northern California
by enhancing and preserving the water rights, supplies and water quality.*

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Honorable Adam C. Gray
California State Assembly
California State Capitol, Room 4117
Sacramento, CA 94249-0021

RE: AB 1242 -- SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gray,

The Northern California Water Association (NCWA) supports AB 1242.

The four consecutive years of drought have highlighted the tradeoffs that the State Water Board and water resources managers face when making decisions involving the allocations of surface water supplies. This includes the dynamic addressed in the bill, where the redirection of surface supplies under a Water Quality Control Plan could significantly affect important surface water supplies for various beneficial purposes, including cities and rural communities, farms, salmon, birds; as well as lead to additional groundwater pumping that may affect groundwater sustainability as envisioned by the new Groundwater Sustainability Act. This redirection of surface supplies would also limit the ability to recharge (both direct and in-lieu) our precious aquifers so they are sustainable over time. From our perspective, these serious impacts should not be considered significant “but unavoidable” adverse impacts to the region and the State Water Board must mitigate the adverse impacts of any new water quality control plan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David J. Guy
President