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The Honorable Adam Gray
California State Assembly
State Capitol
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RE: Assembly Bill 1242 (Gray) SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gray:

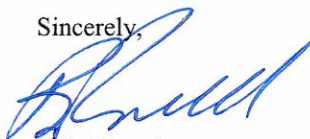
On behalf of the working men and women of Stanislaus, Merced, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, I am writing to strongly support AB 1242.

The BCTC strongly supports AB 1242 because it would protect the groundwater basins in the valley. This would be accomplished by ensuring that the State Water Board considers and mitigates the adverse impacts of any new water quality control plan. The Central Valley's groundwater table is a valuable resource and must be maintained with the ability to recharge the depleted table with surface flows.

AB 1242 would ensure that the Board consider and mitigate the adverse impact of any new water quality control plan. It would also require the Board to implement mitigation measures to reduce identified significant adverse impacts, and would prohibit the adoption of plans with adverse impacts that cannot be sufficiently mitigated.

We look forward to working with you in achieving passage of this critically important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



Billy Powell
Secretary-Treasurer