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Adam Gray  
Assembly Member District 21  
P.O. Box 942849  
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Sacramento, California 94249-0021

Dear Assembly Member Gray,

The City of Ceres is in support of Assembly Bill 1242.

We have been following closely the action that is currently being proposed by the State Water Resources Control Board to divert over 350,000 acre-feet of water away from irrigation for the theoretical purpose of improving the water quality in the rivers and the Delta for aquatic life. It does not appear that there is any scientific basis for the actions that are proposed.

The actions that are proposed by the State would have a devastating effect on agriculture in the Central Valley and on the economy. It would result in not only minimizing the surface water available for use in agriculture and local domestic use, but would also greatly limit any groundwater recharge.

The City of Ceres currently relies completely on ground water for domestic uses. The quality and quantity of groundwater available has deteriorated. As the water table drops because of the increased demand and the regulations on water quality continue to increase, finding and developing groundwater sources becomes more difficult and more expensive. Further limiting the recharge of the groundwater would place cities like Ceres in a serious position in supplying water for our citizens.

Sincerely,

Chris T. Vierra  
Mayor

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         City Manager