



California Legislature

March 3, 2014

Honorable Anthony Rendon
California State Assembly
State Capitol, 2136
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Stormwater Management Funding in AB 1331

Dear Assemblymember Rendon:

Thank you for your leadership of the Water Bond Working Group, to develop the Assembly's proposal for a water bond in AB 1331. We appreciate the Working Group's development of the *Principles* and *Framework* for a water bond to replace the \$11.14 billion water bond currently on the ballot.

We appreciate the *Principles*' recognition of the importance of capturing stormwater for water supply. The challenge of managing California's stormwater, however, is much broader and more central to California's water future, especially for our urban regions. Stormwater is a challenge in terms of both water supply and water quality. In order to address these challenges, California needs to invest in a wide range of sustainable stormwater infrastructure.

AB 1331 currently includes "up to" \$250 million in stormwater funding, as part of the regional allocations for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program. Consistent with the request from the Los Angeles Division of the League of Cities, we request that stormwater management receive its own allocation of "at least" \$250 million, independent of the IRWM Program.

The need for State investment in water infrastructure is clear. Investment in stormwater management offers a critical link to a sustainable water future for California. Those investments should be substantial.

Sincerely,





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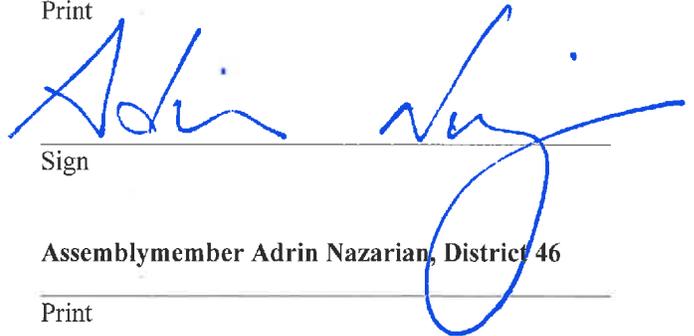
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