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Assemblyman Anthony Rendon
State Capitol, Room 2136
Sacramento, CA
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Dear Assemblyman Rendon,

Current water bond proposals, SB 927 (Cannella/Vidak), SB 848 (Wolk), and AB 1331 (Rendon), include, for purposes of bond fund allocation, a restructuring of Regions 8 and 9 of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The bills move the south Orange County water districts from Region 9 of San Diego County to Region 8 of Orange County. This change raises concerns for south Orange County districts.

Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD), an agency within my Senate District 38, is concerned that shifting south Orange County to the larger Orange County region would not serve SMWD, or the other south Orange County districts. The primary concern of SMWD is that the south Orange County region is more aligned with the hydrologic needs of San Diego County and Region 9, the district's current governing region. A move to Region 8 would not better serve south Orange County, as the south Orange County watersheds are more similar to San Diego and Region 9 needs.

In addition, SMWD and south Orange County water districts currently have working agreements with the San Diego region for a variety of already-planned water projects.

Santa Margarita Water District is requesting that the current regional boundaries for this area remain unchanged and is specifically asking for an amendment to the current water bond proposals:

Current Bill Language States:

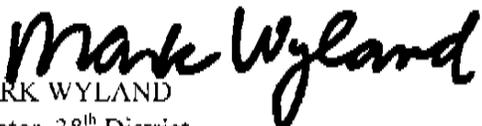
"For the South Coast hydrologic region, the department shall establish three funding areas that reflect the watersheds of San Diego County (designated as the San Diego subregion), the Santa Ana River watershed and southern Orange County (designated as the Santa Ana subregion)..."

Amendment Requested:

"For the South Coast hydrologic region, the department shall establish three funding areas that reflect the watersheds of San Diego County *and southern Orange County* (designated as the San Diego subregion), the Santa Ana River watershed ~~and southern Orange County~~ (designated as the Santa Ana subregion)..."

Thank you for taking the time to consider the concerns of the Santa Margarita Water District.

Sincerely,


MARK WYLAND
Senator, 38th District