

March 18, 2014

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

Re: AB 1331 (Rendon) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Rendon:

On behalf of the California Water Association (CWA), the statewide trade group representing 116 water utilities that are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") and that serve nearly 6 million Californians, I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 1331 (Rendon), which would submit the Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014 to the electorate for approval this November.

This water bond will provide much needed funding for California's aging water infrastructure and for projects and programs designed to address statewide water supply and Delta ecosystem issues. Investing in water supply projects will help improve the State's economy by creating jobs, and by fostering a safe and reliable water supply on which the state's residents and employer community can depend.

CWA extends its support for AB 1331 and thanks you for your leadership on this important issue. CWA especially appreciates your support and assistance in ensuring that CPUC-regulated utilities will be eligible for funding from this bond, thus ensuring that their customers, who support such bonds through their taxes, have the opportunity to share in the benefits of the bond.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone numbers listed herein, or our Legislative Advocate, Jennifer Capitolo at 916-442-8888, if you have any questions regarding CWA's position on this measure.

Sincerely,



Jack Hawks

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