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May 23, 2016

The Honorable Lorena S. Gonzalez Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee State Capitol, Room 2114 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1716 (McCarty) - Support

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez,

On behalf of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) I am writing to express our support for AB 1716 (McCarty) regarding the creation of the Lower American River Conservancy.

As one of many stakeholder groups involved with the preservation of the Lower American River, RWA members understand and appreciate the importance of the American River Parkway. Not only is the Parkway known as one of the crown jewels of the Sacramento region, it also provides multiple state and local benefits including water supply, flood control, endangered fish habitat, and water quality protection for the Delta. Creation of the Lower American River Conservancy will provide a key partner and assistance to the local agencies and stakeholders dedicated to protecting, preserving and enhancing this important resource.

For these reasons, RWA supports AB 1716.

Sincerely

cc:

John Woodling Executive Director

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