



May 23, 2016

The Honorable Lois Wolk
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: SB 1340 – Support

Dear Senator Wolk:

On behalf of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) I am writing to express our support of SB 1340 regarding the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act. By adding a permit requirement for larger landscapes, SB 1340 would help assure that stand-alone landscape projects are designed and constructed utilizing the latest in water efficient irrigation technologies.

SB 1340 would implement Recommendation #3 from Section 7 of the May 2016, Independent Technical Panel on Demand Management Measures final draft report. Specifically, SB 1340 updates the state's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance to include a provision requiring a written permit for the installation, replacement, or expansion of any automatic irrigation system on a non-residential landscape or a residential landscape greater than 10,000 square feet.

RWA agrees that the proper design, installation, and control of automatic landscape irrigation systems are essential to improving water use efficiency. A permitting requirement for large, stand-alone irrigation projects will help assure these improvements.

For these reasons, RWA supports SB 1340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Woodling'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

John Woodling
Executive Director

Associates

El Dorado County Water Agency
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