



August 2, 2016

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2909 (Levine)

Dear Chair Lara:

On behalf of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) I am writing to express our support of AB 2909, as amended on August 1, 2016, relating to expedited water transfers.

RWA is a joint powers authority that represents 22 water suppliers and affiliated agencies in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter and Yolo Counties. These suppliers provide reliable water supplies to over 2,000,000 people and the businesses that serve the Sacramento metropolitan area.

AB 2909 provides for an expedited review and approval process for certain types of water transfers, including previously approved transfers and transfers that provide environmental benefit. By establishing 30-day review processes for the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Water Resources this bill takes a practical approach to ensure that substantially similar transfers that have been completed before do not have to go back to square one for approval. RWA believes AB 2909 provides a positive tool that will improve water management and efficiency in California.

For these reasons, RWA supports AB 2909 and respectfully requests your "YES" vote when the bill is heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Woodling'.

John Woodling, Executive Director

cc: Assemblymember Marc Levine (Author)
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