March 1, 2019

The Honorable Bill Dodd
State Capitol, Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 19 Water resources: stream gages.

Position: Support

Dear Senator Dodd:

On behalf of the Regional Water Authority ("RWA"), I am writing to express RWA’s support for SB 19, your measure related to a state plan for a network of stream gages.

As introduced on December 3, 2018, SB 19 would, upon appropriation, require the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages. The bill expressly requires the plan to prioritize the placement, modernization, or reactivation of stream gages where a lack of data hinders water management.

Statewide water suppliers, including RWA and Sacramento area water suppliers, flood managers, and environmental interests would benefit from a plan to update and upgrade the network of stream gages. There is an often expressed sentiment among statewide water observers that “you can’t manage what you can’t measure.” A stream gage plan is one important step necessary to improve water measurement and ultimately water management in the state.

For these reasons, RWA supports SB 19. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ryan Ojakian of RWA’s Staff at (916) 967-7692 or rojakian@rwah2o.org.

Sincerely,

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