



March 1, 2019

Paul Schubert, Chair  
Kerry Schmitz, Vice  
Chair

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

**Re: SB 19 Water resources: stream gages.**

**Members**

California American Water  
Carmichael Water District  
Citrus Heights Water District  
Del Paso Manor Water  
District  
El Dorado Irrigation District  
Elk Grove Water District  
Fair Oaks Water District  
Folsom, City of  
Golden State Water  
Company  
Lincoln, City of  
Orange Vale Water Company  
Placer County Water Agency  
Rancho Murieta Community  
Services District  
Roseville, City of  
Rio Linda / Elverta  
Community Water District  
Sacramento, City of  
Sacramento County Water  
Agency  
Sacramento Suburban Water  
District  
San Juan Water District  
West Sacramento, City of  
Yuba City, City of

**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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Woodling', written over a white background.

John Woodling  
Executive Director

**Associates**

County of Placer  
El Dorado County Water  
Agency  
Sacramento Area Flood  
Control Agency  
Sacramento Municipal Utility  
District  
Sacramento Regional County  
Sanitation District