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The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
Chairwoman, Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee
1021 O St., 6320
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: OPPOSE, AB 1337 (Wicks) State Water Resources Control Board, Water Shortage

Dear Chairwoman Bauer-Kahan,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to inform you that we must respectfully oppose AB 1337, which would expand the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to, among other things, curtail water diversions and to issue regulations purporting to protect the public trust. The bill would also authorize the State Water Board to impose civil liability penalties up to \$1,000 per day or up to \$2,500 per acre-foot of water diverted or used in violation of adopted regulations.

Passage of AB 1337 would be detrimental to Solano County as it would limit the local control and flexibility the county needs to manage its water resources. AB 1337 would impede on various water purveyor's ability to continue to serve the counties, cities, and agricultural needs, and restricts the county's ability to develop programs and projects for water reuse, recharge, and conservation.

Specifically, Solano County is opposed to AB 1337 because it goes against key provisions in the county's Legislative platform. These provisions are as follows: to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and the County's interests relative to agricultural resiliency, water supply, and water rights; Solano County is also opposed to AB 1337 because it works against the promotion of programs to incentivize new developments to incorporate green infrastructure and water reuse conservation measures.

For these reasons, Solano County must respectfully oppose AB 1337.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

The Honorable Bill Dodd, Senator
The Honorable Lori D. Wilson, Assemblymember
The Honorable Buffy Wicks, Assemblymember
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