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June 20, 2014

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

**RE: SUPPORT - SB 848 (Wolk) - As Currently Amended
The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality & Water Supply Act of 2014**

Dear Senator Wolk:

On behalf of Placer County Board of Supervisors (Board) I am writing to you in support of your bill, SB 848 as currently amended, which seeks to place a \$10.5 billion water bond before voters on the 2014 State ballot.

Specifically, SB 848 contains provisions that are consistent with the Placer County Water Principles letter issued in May (attached). Investment in California's water infrastructure and management is necessary to secure water supply reliability throughout the State, restore and sustain our natural environment, and address groundwater supplies as an integral part of water reliability. Additionally, this bill would provide water treatment for communities without safe water, increase flood safety and water recycling programs.

Importantly, SB 848 excludes language that funds advancement of the controversial twin tunnels in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan while ensuring appropriate allocation of funds to conservancies. Conservancies, such as the Sierra Nevada Conservancy which spans 25 million acres within key watersheds, protect California's sensitive lands and improve water reliability, wetlands and forest health.

SB 848 represents a very balanced policy approach to address the water concerns facing the State and Placer County. Further, the cost associated with this bill is less than the existing bond measure on the November ballot, which signals fiscal prudence to taxpayers by leadership.

SB 848 is a necessary and timely measure that the California Legislature and Administration should support as an important key positive step in addressing the State's water crisis. For all the reasons stated, the Board supports SB 848. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Allison Carlos at (530) 889-4027 or acarlos@placer.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Jack Duran, Chairman (District 1)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Attachment: Placer County Water Principles

cc: Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Senator Ted Gaines
Senator Jim Nielsen
Assembly Member Brain Dahle
Assembly Member Dan Logue
Assembly Member Beth B. Gaines
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May 20, 2014

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: 2014 Water Bond Legislation

Dear Governor Brown:

The Placer County Board of Supervisors appreciates the continued discussion in the Legislature regarding 2014 water bond legislation. Placer County remains committed to the following principles on this topic.

A water bond must:

1. Expand water storage capacity and improve groundwater management.
2. Provide funding for regional water infrastructure that will diversify water supply and enhance reliability.
3. Not advance controversial projects such as the twin tunnels that would create long-term water scarcity issues for northern California communities as currently proposed in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).
4. Provide equitable funding for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and California Tahoe Conservancy with consideration of geographic land area coverage in the distribution of dollars. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy covers more than 25,500,000 acres and the Tahoe Conservancy covers more than 241,000 acres for activities that include, but are not limited to, natural resource restoration and protection, and watershed management (forest management and fuel treatment projects that reduce wildfire risks and promote watershed health).

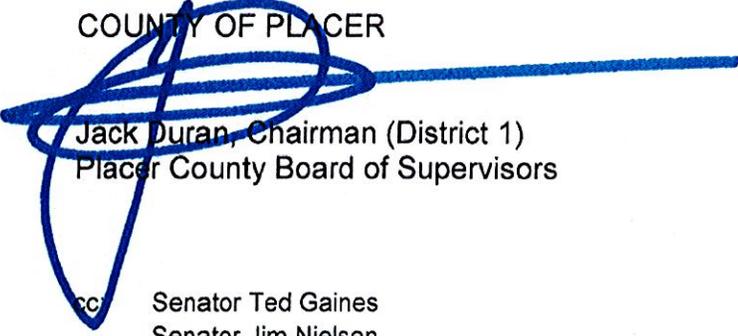
We appreciate your commitment to improving California's water supply and restoring and sustaining our natural environment. The Placer County Board of Supervisors will evaluate all bond proposals using these principles. Future investment in California's water infrastructure should consider how all counties statewide contribute to the overall quality of our economy, environment and sustainability. Placer County is committed to working with your Administration to address the State's need for long-term water sustainability and crafting a viable plan for California's water future.

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
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