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Anthony Saracino, Chair  
California Water Commission  
State of California, Resources Building  
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Re: Justice Ronald B. Robie

Dear Mr. Saracino:

This letter is to request consideration of, and to recommend, Justice Ronald B. Robie, Justice of the Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, for recognition by the California Water Commission. We join with others in requesting that a State Water Project facility, the Thermalito Pumping-Generation Plant, be named in his honor because of his significant contributions to the development of water law and water resource management in California.

Justice Robie has a long and distinguished record of public service. As a staff member of the California Water Commission in the 1960's, Justice Robie worked on passage of the Porter-Cologne Act which created the State Water Resources Control Board. Governor Ronald Reagan then appointed him to the newly-created State Water Resources Control Board and he served from 1969 to 1975. During his tenure, the State Water Resources Control Board developed key policies and procedures for water quality and water rights.

In 1975, Governor Brown appointed Justice Robie as Director of the Department of Water Resources and he served in this capacity until 1983. As Director, he provided leadership during one of the most severe droughts in California history. He also was instrumental in obtaining legislation for the development of the State Water Project facilities.

Best, Best & Krieger has a history of over 100 years in California and is a nationally-recognized leader in the area of water resources including water rights, water quality and the development and preservation of our State's water resources. As a former judge of the Sacramento County Superior Court and now, as Justice of the Court of Appeal, Justice Robie has had a significant judicial role in the development of water law. He has worked tirelessly on the cases before him, including important decisions affecting all Californians. Additionally, he has volunteered countless hours to public service including his service as a member of the Board of

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Directors of the Water Education Foundation, an educational association of California judges on water law matters, and has taught water law at the McGeorge School of Law.

We believe that Justice Ronald B. Robie is deserving of recognition for his over 40 years of public service. For these reasons, we respectfully request the California Water Commission designate the State Water Project facility referenced herein as the "Ronald B. Robie Thermalito Pumping-Generating Plant."

We appreciate the Commission members' consideration of this wholehearted recommendation and request.

Sincerely,



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