



# California Legislature

August 5, 2015

California Water Commission  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**RE: California Water Commission- Formation of the Central Valley Water Storage Joint Powers Authority**

Dear Members of the Commission:

We, the undersigned Members of the Legislature support the formation of the Central Valley Water Storage Joint Powers Authority (Central Valley JPA), as a lead agency to apply for water storage funds under Proposition 1 (Water Bond).

In 2000, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision (CALFED ROD) identified five potential surface water projects for further site-specific studies, including additional new storage in the Upper San Joaquin River Basin, known as Temperance Flat. The Temperance Flat project will provide California more than one million acre-feet of additional storage capacity for the public, agricultural economy, and to protect the environmental health of the Delta. Increased surface water supplies are critical to meet the needs of the California's growing population and continued demand for safe, healthy food from Central Valley agriculture.

Last year, the Legislature, the Governor and voters approved the \$7.5 Billion Water Bond, which specifically approved \$2.7 Billion in funding for large water storage projects like Temperance Flat. In addition, the Water Bond allows multiple agencies or joint powers authorities (JPA's) to form and apply for the \$2.7 Billion designated for large storage projects. Given the statewide benefits large storage projects will provide, especially for Central Valley Counties, we support the formation of a "Central Valley Water Storage JPA" to serve as a lead agency to apply for storage funds. While this authority is still undergoing formation of charter and may submit a formal name change, this JPA comprised of six-counties, local Native American Indian Council, water management authorities and disadvantaged communities, will function as principal proponent and facilitator to design and secure funding, and acquire, construct, manage and govern water storage projects such as Temperance Flat and other storage projects in the Central Valley.

We thank the Water Commission for its continued work to provide additional water supplies to California. As the Commission moves forward on appropriating the \$2.7 Billion, we ask that the Commission strongly consider the statewide benefits of these projects, including Temperance Flat, soon to be developed by the formation of the Central Valley Water Storage JPA. The effort of this collaborative authority has vast importance on the long term sustainability of this region and will assure continued water delivery and economic prosperity to the State of California. Thank you for your consideration of this request, should you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at (916) 319-2031.

Sincerely,



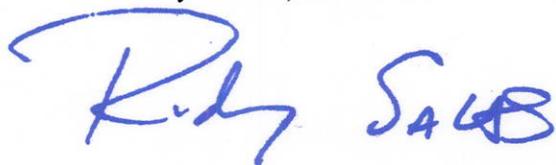
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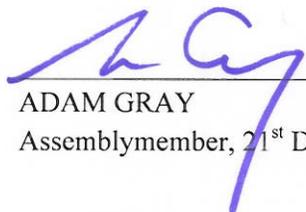
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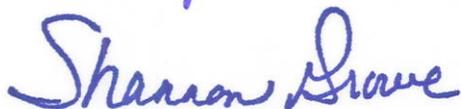
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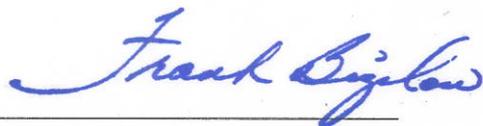
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