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Joseph Byrne, Chairman
Members of the Commission
California Water Commission
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Dear Chairman Byrne and Members of the Commission:

I want to commend the efforts of the Water Commissioners and Commission staff for your tremendous endeavor to openly and objectively draft the regulations to guide the appropriation of funds under the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). Over the past two years, the Commission has facilitated an open line of communication with the stakeholders, the legislators that conceived WSIP, and the Californians that voted on Proposition 1 with the understanding that they would receive meaningful aboveground water storage. You listened to and accepted public comment from varied—sometimes conflicting—perspectives and created regulations that have satisfied many of my own concerns.

I urge the Water Commission to accept the Proposed Revisions to Regulations (dated November 21, 2016) at the December 14 Commission meeting to complete the regulation phase on time and to continue toward the next steps of making key water storage projects a timely reality.

Thank you each for your service to all of California. I look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Sincerely,

JIM NIELSEN
Senator, Fourth District