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AB 1043 (CHAU) – SUPPORT

The California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), supports AB 1043 (Chau), as amended August 22, 2014, which allows local agencies that receive Proposition 84 grants or loans for groundwater projects to receive the money that they are able to recover from responsible parties if it is used to fund additional groundwater cleanup activities.

Proposition 84 authorized \$60 million to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), now the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), for loans and grants for projects to prevent or reduce contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water.

Proposition 84 requires the repayment of money that is subsequently recovered from parties responsible for the groundwater contamination. Unfortunately, the requirement for repayment to the State serves as a disincentive for local agencies to pursue potentially responsible parties. AB 1043 will remove this disincentive for local agencies to go after potentially responsible parties by allowing a local agency to receive back, from the SWRCB, the money that they recover from responsible parties as long as that money is used to fund additional groundwater cleanup activities.

By allowing local agencies to receive the money that they recover for cleanup costs from a responsible party, AB 1043 will provide more funding for cleanup activities necessary to restore contaminated groundwater and expand our water supply.

PLEASE VOTE “AYE” ON AB 1043