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The Honorable Luis A. Alejo
Chair, Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
1020 N Street, Room 171
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2712 (Daly) – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Alejo:

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), I write to respectfully express our opposition to AB 2712 (Daly) which will prevent the Orange County Water District (OCWD) from implementing remediation projects to clean up groundwater contamination unless they go through a lengthy review and approval process.

The California Groundwater Coalition (CGC) was formed at the urging of California State and local officials who believe that increased efforts are needed to educate and inform policy makers and the public about California groundwater resources. CGC members include public and private groundwater management entities located throughout California and consist of experts with technical, legal, and professional groundwater and related expertise.

CGC strongly supports the timely remediation of groundwater contamination to enhance the long-term beneficial use of California's groundwater resources. Unfortunately, the review and approval process contained in AB 2712 will significantly delay groundwater cleanup efforts in Orange County. This delay will have a negative impact on groundwater quality – something that CGC must oppose. In order to protect their local groundwater supply, OCWD must have the ability to quickly remediate groundwater contamination and seek cost recovery from responsible parties.

We believe that AB 2712 will endanger the groundwater supply and quality within Orange County and therefore must respectfully oppose this bill. If you have any questions regarding our position on this measure, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Legislative Advocates Chris Frahm or Rosanna Carvacho at 916-594-9700.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Manning
President, California Groundwater Coalition

cc: Members, Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
The Honorable Tom Daly