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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 429 (Hernandez) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition, I write to respectfully request your signature on SB 429 (Hernandez), which extends the sunset date of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (SGBWQA) from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2030.

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.

The San Gabriel Valley Area 1 Superfund Site was placed on the National Priorities List in 1984, covering approximately eight square miles of contaminated groundwater. The San Gabriel Valley is home to more than one million residents who continue to rely on groundwater as an important source of their drinking water.

The SGBWQA implements groundwater cleanup through a cooperative agreement with the US EPA and is currently negotiating settlement agreements with Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) and the US EPA. SB 429 extends the sunset date of the SGBWQA to July 1, 2030, allowing the SGBWQA to continue negotiating settlement agreements to obtain and allocate water treatment and remediation funding from PRPs.

We believe that SB 429 is important to the continued protection of residents and businesses in the San Gabriel Valley through the SGBWQA's ongoing efforts to clean up the regional groundwater supply, and therefore respectfully request your signature on the bill.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Manning
President, California Groundwater Coalition

cc: Martha Guzman-Aceves, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of Governor Brown
The Honorable Ed Hernandez

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