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September 11, 2014

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

**RE: SB 1168 (Pavley), SB 1319 (Pavley), AB 1739 (Dickinson) –
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), I would like to applaud you on your steadfast commitment to improve the local management of California's groundwater resources, and respectfully request your signature on SB 1168 (Pavley), SB 1319 (Pavley) and AB 1739 (Dickinson). These three bills will substantially improve groundwater management in California.

CGC's members include public and private water suppliers who rely upon groundwater to help meet the water supply needs of millions of California residents and sustain our economy. CGC member agencies are currently managing groundwater basins throughout the state. Given the first-hand experience our members possess, we have been able to provide a unique perspective in the stakeholder discussions and thank you for the opportunity to be an active participant in the discussion all year, starting with the release of the Water Action Plan.

We recognize the serious challenges that the state is facing with the drought, widespread groundwater depletion, areas of land surface subsidence, and groundwater quality deterioration. CGC is committed to ensuring that California's groundwater basins are managed responsibly throughout the state and believe that this package of bills is a great step towards this goal.

We appreciate the commitment that you have made to address one of California's most pressing water management issues – the need for improved and sustainable groundwater management. A statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management is urgently needed – the status quo is not acceptable.

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For the reasons outlined above, CGC respectfully requests your signature on SB 1168, SB 1319 and AB 1739.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Manning', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ken Manning

President, California Groundwater Coalition

cc: Martha Guzman-Aceves, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
The Honorable Fran Pavley
The Honorable Roger Dickinson