

June 28, 2019

The Honorable Bill Quirk
Chair, Assembly Environmental Safety and
Toxic Materials Committee
State Capitol, Room 2163
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 200 (Monning, E. Garcia, and Bloom) – Safe Drinking Water Funding Solution

Dear Chair Quirk,

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is pleased to support the overall solution contained in SB 200. Pairing with the funding in the approved State Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-'20, SB 200 would continuously appropriate \$130 million per year from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2030. SB 200 would also establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and set forth the scope of eligible entities, the allowed uses of the funding, and the process for the development of the State Water Resources Control Board's Fund Expenditure Plan.

While the vast majority of Californians have access to safe drinking water, hundreds of thousands of Californians live in disadvantaged communities that do not have access to safe drinking water. This reality is unacceptable and is a public health risk. ACWA applauds the leadership of Governor Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Atkins, Assembly Speaker Rendon and the work of the SB 200 Authors and the Conference Committee on the Budget. ACWA recognizes that many Legislators in both houses and on both sides of the aisle have played key roles in bringing this durable solution together.

ACWA urges an "AYE" vote when the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee hears SB 200 on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. I am glad to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable William Monning
The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
The Honorable Richard Bloom
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