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PROTECT CALIFORNIA'S WATER SUPPLIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM INVASIVE GOLDEN MUSSELS

Golden mussels were first detected in California in October 2024 and are now spreading rapidly. Left unaddressed, they will clog pipelines, pumps, and water conveyance facilities, harm water quality, and disrupt ecosystems—posing a major risk to California's water supply reliability, groundwater recharge, hydropower facilities, agriculture, and recreation.

AB/SB 149 TAKES NECESSARY ACTION

The Legislature has amended AB/SB 149 to update Fish and Game Code (FGC) §§ 2301–2302 and Harbors and Navigation Code (HNC) §§ 675–676.1 to:

1. **Extends quagga and zebra mussel protections to golden mussels and other invasive freshwater mussels.**
2. **Authorizes water agencies** operating under approved mussel control plans to continue water deliveries without fear of enforcement actions.
3. **Provides that reservoir operators** allowing boating implement mussel prevention programs.
4. **Ensures collected fees** can support mussel prevention and control.

WHY IT MATTERS

- **Infrastructure Protection:** Prevents costly damage to water systems and hydropower facilities.
- **Water Supply Reliability:** Ensures imported water can be moved and stored for urban, agricultural, and environmental needs statewide.
- **Affordability:** Funds recreational reservoir control to contain costs and prevent local ratepayers from bearing the full burden of invasive mussel management.
- **Ecosystem Health:** Reduces the spread of invasive mussels that threaten native species and fisheries.

We urge your “AYE” vote on AB/SB 149

Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency
African American Farmers of California
Alameda County Water District
Association of California Water Agencies
Burbank Water and Power
California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association
California Special Districts Association
Calleguas Municipal Water District
Central Basin Municipal Water District
Central Coast Water Authority
Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency
Contra Costa Water District
Desert Water Agency
Eastern Municipal Water District
El Dorado Irrigation District
Foothill Municipal Water District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Irvine Ranch Water District

Kern County Water Agency
Kings River Conservation District
Kings River Water Association
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Milk Producers Council
Municipal Water District of Orange County
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
Napa County Flood Control
Nisei Farmers League
Northern California Water Association
Palmdale Water District
Placer County Water Agency
San Benito County Water District
San Bernardino Valley MWD
San Gabriel Valley MWD
San Luis Canal Company
San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Santa Clara Valley Water District

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
State Water Contractors
Solano County Water Agency
Sonoma Water
Southern California Water Coalition
Stockton East Water District
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
Twain Harte Community Services District
Union Public Utility District
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District
Ufca Water and Power Authority
Valley Ag Water Coalition
Water Blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley
Western Growers Association
West Basin Municipal Water District
Western Municipal Water District
Western Tree Nut Association
Zone 7 Water Agency