**CITY LETTER HEAD**

**Date**, 2017

The Honorable Shirley Weber

California State Assembly

State Capitol

P.O. Box 942849

Sacramento, CA 94249-0079

**RE: AB 1323 (Weber) Sustainable water use and demand reduction: stakeholder workgroup. – SUPPORT.**

Dear Assembly Member Weber:

The **[insert your CITY here]** would like to express its support of the proposed legislation Assembly Bill 1323 (Weber), which would require the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to convene a stakeholder workgroup to develop, evaluate, and recommend proposals for establishing new water use targets for urban water suppliers.

A number of bills have been introduced in the Legislature proposing the next iteration of long-term water use efficiency beyond the existing 2020 timeframe. Inevitably, those bills represent different stakeholder perspectives, visions, and approaches to the development of California’s future efficiency and conservation framework. In the face of these conflicting perspectives, AB 1323 takes an important and necessary step towards creating consensus recommendations that can be advanced legislatively.

California’s recent drought demonstrated the pressing need for improvements in how we plan for and respond to exceptionally dry conditions. Water agencies across the state agree that smart, thoughtful enhancements to the state’s water laws can make California more drought-resilient. **[Option to discuss your CITY’S water use efficiency and/or conservation issues and community concerns, here.]**

AB 1323 would ensure that a deliberate and meaningful process is undertaken, in which a broad range of stakeholders are able to develop consensus recommendations that would make not only conservation, but also water use efficiency, a way of life in California

The **[insert your CITY here]** is committed to finding fair solutions to challenges that affect our communities, and this bill is a commonsense approach towards that effort. For this and the reasons described above, the **[insert your CITY here]** is proud to support AB 1323.

Should you have any questions about our positon or about **[Insert your CITY’S name here]**, please contact **[insert contact name, here],** **[insert contact’s job title, here]**, **[insert contact phone number, here]** or at **[insert contact e-mail address here]**.

Sincerely,

**[Insert contact name, here]**

**[Insert contact’s job title, here]**

**[Insert your City name here]**

cc:

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