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The Honorable Blanca Rubio
State Capitol
Room 5175
P.O. Box 942849
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RE: AB 2182 (Rubio) Emergency Backup Generators, water and
Wastewater Facilities: Exemption – Support

Dear Assemblymember Rubio:

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) writes in support of your bill, AB 2182, which is sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). The bill would provide flexibility for all critical service providers to use and maintain emergency power generators for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events.

In addition, AB 2182 would provide flexibility by: (1) confirming that backup power generation during PSPS events is considered an emergency use of generators; (2) ensuring that generator use for PSPS events is not limited by any time constraints; and, (3) providing testing and maintenance flexibility for these backup generators due to the strenuous nature of their use during PSPS events. For these reasons OCWD supports AB 2182. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. If the District can provide any assistance to you or your staff in any way, please do not hesitate to contact OCWD's Legislative Liaison, Alicia Dunkin, at adunkin@ocwd.com or (714) 477-3750.

Sincerely,

Vicente Sarmiento, Esq.
Board President