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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

May 5, 2021

The Honorable Edwardo Garcia  
State Capitol, Room 4140  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: AB 588 California Safe Drinking Water Act: Compliance - Support


Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) writes in support of your bill AB 588 California Safe Drinking Water Act: Compliance. The bill requires the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to identify a compliance period or periods, when it adopts a primary drinking water standard, of not less than 30 days and not more than 3 years, and to consider specified criteria when identifying the compliance period, among other provisions. When adopting new drinking water standards, allowing time to comply and identify a pathway to compliance is essential for water systems.

The bill would also authorize the State Board to grant additional time for compliance beyond the identified compliance period on a case-by-case basis. Public water systems are required by AB 588 to provide written notice regarding its progress in achieving a compliance plan to the persons served by the public water system at least two times per year. In addition, AB 588 authorizes the State Board, if the State Board determines that a public water system is subject to potential contamination, to, by order, require the public water system to conduct a periodic water analysis in accordance with conditions specified by the State Board.

Again, when the State Board adopts new drinking water standards, allowing time to comply and identify a pathway to compliance is essential for water systems. For this reason, OCWD is in support of AB 588. Please do not hesitate to contact me or OCWD Legislative Liaison Alicia Dunkin at [adunkin@ocwd.com](mailto:adunkin@ocwd.com) or (714) 378-8232 if you have any questions and/or if we may be of any assistance on water policy issues in the coming year.

Sincerely,

  
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Board President

  
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Chair, Communications/Legislative Liaison Committee

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