



March 19, 2025

The Honorable Anna Caballero
1021 O Street, Suite 7620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 72 The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets 'California Water for All'

Dear Senator Caballero:

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) writes to express our support for SB 72, the California Water Plan: long-term supply targets, to modernize the California Water Plan to drought proof California and establish long-term water supply targets.

OCWD is a special district that manages the Orange County Groundwater Basin, which supplies approximately 85% of the water to 2.5 million residents. Nineteen cities and retail water districts pump water from the basin at about half the cost of imported water from Northern California and the Colorado River. OCWD is home to the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), the world's largest potable reuse facility, developed in partnership with the Orange County Sanitation District to recycle 100% of available wastewater flows and provide a sustainable water supply.

SB 72 will help secure California's water future by establishing long-term supply targets for urban, agricultural, and environmental uses. The bill also ensures state agencies work collaboratively with local water agencies, wastewater service providers, and other stakeholders to achieve these targets.

OCWD supports legislation that enhances water reliability, affordability, and security for Orange County. For this reason, OCWD has supports SB 72. We would also like to extend an invitation for you and your staff to visit OCWD and tour the GWRS. Please contact me or Alicia Harasty, Legislative Affairs Liaison, at aharasty@ocwd.com or (714) 477-3750 to schedule a tour or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis R. Bilodeau".

President
Orange County Water District