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Assemblymember Edwardo Garcia  
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**RE: AB 2041 California Safe Drinking Water Act: Primary Drinking Water Standards: Compliance - Support**

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) writes in support of AB 2041. It is our understanding that the operative legal opinion is the State Water Resources Control Water Board (Water Board) has this authority to set a compliance period. Although OCWD would prefer greater assurance from seeing this authority in state law, we turn our support to the second important aspect of last year's bill, which is to ensure a viable path to achieve compliance with a drinking water regulation deemed unaffordable at the community water system level. Your bill, AB 2041, requires the Water Board to assess the affordability of a new drinking water regulation, and where the proposed regulation is determined unaffordable for a community, to create a plan to assist the water system to achieve compliance within an allowed period.

OCWD supports AB 2041 and urges its approval by the Legislature. Please contact Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin at (714) 477-3750 or [adunkin@ocwd.com](mailto:adunkin@ocwd.com) if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

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