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The Honorable Richard Bloom
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4001
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: AB 2313 (Bloom, D – Santa Monica) – Water: judges and adjudications - Support

The Honorable Assemblymember Bloom:

The Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) has adopted a support position on AB 2313 water, judges and adjudications. AB 2313 aids in the education of judges related to water law. The adjudication of complex water cases benefits from the involvement of judges and staff with extensive expertise in this area of the law, but there are limited training resources for judges who adjudicate these cases.

OCWD is a global leader in water resiliency and is dedicated to the development of a sustainable, safe water supply for 2.5 million people. Home to the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), the world's largest water recycling project for potable use, OCWD is currently constructing the GWRS Final Expansion that, when completed in early 2023, will provide enough water for one million Orange County residents. OCWD is also a leader in monitoring, assessment, and treatment for PFAS detected at many locations in the Orange County groundwater basin.

If you have any questions and/or would like any additional information, please contact Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin at (714) 477-3750 or adunkin@ocwd.com.

Sincerely,

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