



April 7, 2016

The Honorable James Gallagher  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5128  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Bruce Presser**  
*President*

Re: Assembly Bill 2551 - SUPPORT

**Jeffrey Walker**  
*President-Elect*

Dear Assemblymember Gallagher:

**Michael Cooper**  
*Vice President*

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies, California, I write in support of your Assembly Bill 2551, which would allow a local agency to use the construction management at-risk, design-build, public-private partnership, or design-build-operate method of delivery on a surface storage project.

**Ralph Guida, IV**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

**Mary Erchul**  
*Immediate Past President*

**John Moossazadeh**  
*ACEC National Director*

**Brad Diede**  
*Executive Director*

As the last several years have demonstrated, California is in desperate need of additional surface water storage. The voters approved significant funding for surface storage expansion in Proposition 1, and the process has now moved to the California Water Commission to identify the most viable project. Expanding the use of the design-build method of delivery for the selected project provides an efficient and cost effective tool for this necessary public works project.

ACEC California represents approximately 950 engineering and land surveying firms and 22,000 professionals who provide a wide variety of engineering, surveying, environmental consulting and construction management services for all types of residential, public works, commercial and industrial projects, and we thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Kelly Garman  
Director of Government Affairs

*Professional engineers and surveyors dedicated to building a better California.*