

February 15, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
California State Senate
State Capitol Building
Room 2059
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 606 Water management planning—SUPPORT

Dear Senator Skinner:

The League of Women Voters of California is pleased to support SB 606, your bill to establish permanent water efficiency standards and goals across California and a timeline to meet those goals.

The LWVC water position has long supported developing and enforcing policies and standards to coordinate groundwater and surface water management. During the recent drought, it became clear that requirements under existing Urban Water Management Plans were not adequate to deal with longer and more intense droughts, and that compliance with existing agricultural water management regulations had been poor. SB 606 will improve urban drought contingency planning and provide necessary oversight of the state agencies charged with developing and enforcing water efficiency standards.

In addition to supporting wise management of water resources, the LWVC, through its climate change action policy, promotes energy conservation and efficiency in all kinds of infrastructure, including the various kinds of water infrastructure that account for a large percentage of California's electricity demand. The League appreciates the potential energy savings and emissions reductions associated with more efficient use of water that can be anticipated with passage of this bill.

Efficient use of the water we have is the most cost-effective way to meet California's water needs and associated climate change challenges. Thank you for your efforts to advance this important measure.

Sincerely,



Helen L. Hutchison
President