

May 17, 2018

The Honorable Laura Friedman
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2975 — Wild and scenic rivers — SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

The League of Women Voters of California is pleased to support AB 2975, your bill to protect California's rivers from any federal attempts to roll back protections under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The League at both state and national levels has long been supportive of environmental protections, and has consistently supported state standards that are at least as stringent as federal standards. Our water positions explicitly call for supporting measures to preserve wild and scenic rivers.

We have watched with alarm as a few of California's congressional representatives have tried to weaken protections for some Central Valley rivers and watersheds, and attempted to undermine endangered species protections. There is no immediate profit in stewardship of natural resources, so it is essential that government continue to represent and defend them.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to protect our natural resources. In keeping with prior positions, the League of Women Voters of California supports AB 2975.

Sincerely,



Helen L. Hutchison
President