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The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair  
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State Capitol, Room 2206  
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**Re: AB 184 (Berman) – Sea Level Rise Planning: Database  
As Amended May 23, 2017 – SUPPORT  
To be Heard in Senate Appropriations Committee – June 26, 2017**

Dear Senator Lara,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) writes in support of AB 184 (Berman), related to sea level rise planning. This bill will help ensure that important work preparing and planning for sea level rise will continue.

Existing law requires agencies to collaborate to produce and update a Planning for Sea Level Rise Database online. The goal of this database is to describe what California is doing to prepare for and adapt to sea level rise, and it includes actions taken by cities, counties, regions, and various public and private entities. However, this law is currently set to sunset on January 1, 2018.

AB 184 would extend the sunset date by five years. CSAC recognizes the potential for serious impacts on all levels of government as a result of climate change, and supports planning for the fiscal impacts of climate change adaptation, mitigation, and strategy implementation. Additionally, counties recognize the need for leadership and commitment at the federal, state, regional, and local levels to develop strategies to combat the effects of climate change, recognizing that a one size fits all approach is not appropriate for California's diverse communities. AB 184 will continue the important work of coordinating and planning for sea level rise to ensure our state is as prepared as possible.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports AB 184. If you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at [cmartinson@counties.org](mailto:cmartinson@counties.org) or 916-327-7500, ext. 504.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cara Martinson'.

Cara Martinson  
Legislative Representative

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