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VIA Online Portal to Author, Senate Committee on Environmental Quality, and Senate Committee on Governance and Finance

The Honorable Robert Hertzberg
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1052 (Hertzberg) – Water quality: municipal wastewater agencies - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to strongly support SB 1052, which would authorize municipal wastewater agencies to enter into voluntary agreements to improve stormwater management and to treat stormwater as a local water resource.

The League of Women Voters of California supports measures that promote management and development of water resources in ways that emphasize conservation and encourage a variety of water supply sources. California faces climate projections of higher temperatures coupled with precipitation amounts and patterns much different from those the state's water management systems and infrastructure were designed to accommodate. Under these circumstances, it is essential that water managers be able to develop a more diversified and flexible water portfolio. In particular, stormwater and dry weather runoff need to be appreciated as resources to be captured and treated for use, augmenting recycled water supplies and surface water for groundwater recharge and for landscape and agricultural irrigation.

Municipal wastewater agencies have the infrastructure, capacity, and water quality expertise to divert and treat stormwater and dry weather run-off. **The League of California Voters of California strongly supports SB 1052, legislation that will supplement the existing authority of municipal wastewater agencies to make use of this valuable water resource.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" being the most prominent.

Carol Moon Goldberg
President