



September 18, 2019

**VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author**

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 19 (Dodd) – Water resources: stream gages – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature on SB 19 (Dodd) to develop a plan for a network of stream gages.**

Since the 1960s, the League has been in the forefront of efforts to protect air, land, and water resources. We strongly support developing and maintaining a statewide inventory of ground and surface water supplies. In order to effectively manage our water resources, we need to understand the timing and volumes of flows. Hence the need for a robust network of stream gages.

Climate change increases risk of freshwater scarcity in California, making it more critical than ever to better understand how much freshwater there is at any given time and its characteristics. There are over 3,600 locations in California where stream gages have been active at some point, but only 54 percent have been active recently. For prudent management of water resources, we need a planned network to provide adequate data.

**The League of Women Voters of California strongly urges your signature on SB 19 as a next step toward moving the state to a better position for water management in climate change adaptation.** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg".

Carol Moon Goldberg  
President