



April 6, 2020

**VIA Online Portal to Author; Senate Committee on Agriculture; and Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water**

The Honorable Bill Dodd  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 4032  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1028 (Dodd) – Agriculture: Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995:  
Environmental Farming Incentive Program – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Dodd:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes to support SB 1028** as amended on March 19, 2020, your bill to require the Scientific Advisory Panel on Environmental Farming to help government agencies incorporate the conservation of natural resources and ecosystem services practices into agricultural programs.

Since the 1960s, the League has been in the forefront of efforts to protect air, land, and water resources in all settings, including agriculture. Now that climate change threatens sustainability more than ever, these efforts are urgent. We support SB 1028 because we believe that, with relatively minimal cost to the taxpayer, the bill would implement an appropriately diverse combination of strategies (e.g., financial, scientific, regional, educational) that tackle the need to better conserve natural resources and ecosystem services in agricultural practices.

We also recommend that funding support agronomic practices that benefit agricultural, environmental, and urban uses within a groundwater basin and not enable water transfers outside the basin, particularly for private profit.

**The League of Women Voters of California urges support of SB 1028 as a next step toward moving the state to a better position for climate change adaptation, with the caveat that attention be paid to maintaining controls over water sales, as specified above.**

Sincerely,

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

Carol Moon Goldberg  
President