



June 17, 2019

**VIA Online Portal to Author and Email to Senate Committees on Environmental Quality and Natural Resources & Water**

The Honorable Ian Calderon  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 319  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 975 (Calderon) - California Adaptation Leadership and Coordination Act of 2019 – Support**

Dear Assemblymember Calderon:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes to support AB 975**, which would require the Secretary of Natural Resources, working with the Governor's office, to

1. Communicate with other countries, states, regional collaboratives and subnational governments to both support and promote the state's goals and policies re: ocean, coastal and terrestrial adaptation; and
2. Take other specific actions to plan for and implement adaptation policies to support sustainable, resilient and thriving places to live and grow businesses.

Since the 1960s, the League has been in the forefront of efforts to protect air, land, and water resources. We recognize that Climate Change is perhaps one of the greatest environmental challenges of our life time – and that preservation of our ecosystem in the face of climate change is essential for public health and the environment. Further, planning should not be done in silos, but works best when all levels of government are involved; and increasingly, with climate change, regional, interregional and international cooperation will be required. It is an approach AB 975 moves us toward.

Existing law calls for the Office of Planning and Research to coordinate adaptation strategies around climate change impacts. This bill calls for the Secretary of Natural Resources to reach out to neighboring countries, states and regional groups and take leadership responsibility to coordinate and share information and best practices around adaption, to provide research and collect of data on vulnerable communities and industries disproportionately affected by climate change impacts, and to implement adaption policies, among other things.

We urge you to support AB 975 as a next step toward moving the state to a better position for climate change adaptation.

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