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RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION  
ELECTIONS AND REDISTRICTING  
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March 6, 2014

Hon. Felicia Marcus  
Chairwoman, State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

We write to express our concern with potential actions that the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) may be taking at its upcoming March 12 meeting regarding water allocation for agriculture.

The Board will soon be making a decision as to how much water needs to be preserved as "emergency supplies" for health and safety reasons. Many individuals and concerned parties have brought to our attention the fact that, depending upon the Board's estimates of how much water is needed in reserve for both this year and next, could result in a sever reduction of water allocations for agriculture statewide.

We need to keep agriculture interests at a high priority when making decisions that impact California. Agriculture is the backbone of California's economy, and we need to take great care not to create unnecessary and perhaps irreparable harm to farmers and ranchers. While we understand the difficult circumstances you face and the urgency to address our current drought emergency, it is also important that the Water Board be deliberate in using its broad discretion with potentially dire ramifications hanging in the balance.

We strongly encourage you to reject any proposals that would remove agriculture from the definition of health and safety. Additionally, we are urging the Water Board to postpone any decision to be made until April 1, 2014 in order to allow interested parties to provide input and provide for due consideration. We urge you to seek a fair solution that achieves the consensus of all stakeholders, and protect the interest of agriculture in our state.

Sincerely,

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Kristin Olsen  
Assemblymember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

Cc:

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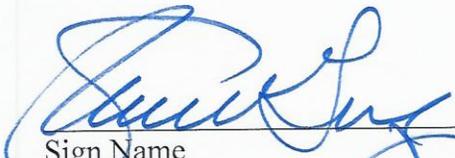
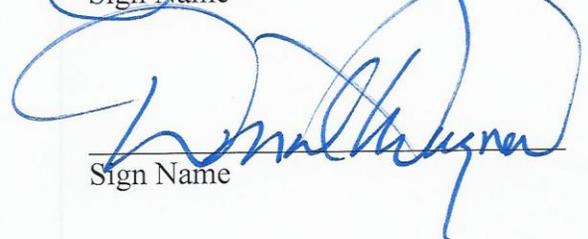
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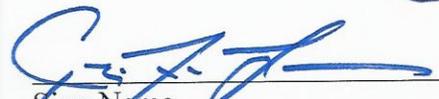
  
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