



March 29, 2019

The Honorable Laura Friedman
Assembly Member, 43rd District
California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1414: Urban retail water suppliers: reporting

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

The Southern California Water Coalition is pleased to support AB 1414.

AB 1414 aligns reporting timelines for existing state water use and water resources reports with timelines required by the 2018 Long-Term Water Conservation Legislative Package. The reporting deadlines would be adjusted to fall on either January 1 or July 1.

Water use and water resource reports are increasingly time-intensive and resource-intensive to complete, and aligning reporting deadlines can benefit water agencies, ratepayers, and the State. This bill will reduce redundancy by consolidating five reporting deadlines spread throughout the year to two (January 1st and July 1st) without changing the content of the reports required of water agencies.

Adjusting reporting deadlines will also result in higher quality data and more accurate reporting. The current tight compliance deadlines require the submittal of preliminary data to the State. The deadline adjustments in this bill will give water providers more time to collect complete datasets and perform quality assurance, guaranteeing the State receives fully vetted data for use in its planning and policy decision making.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 1414. Ultimately, the water reporting streamlining efforts of AB 1414 allow water retailers to reduce the impact to water ratepayers and preserve the affordability of water while continuing to support the water use goals of the State. We appreciate your continued leadership on water conservation issues and look forward to the bill's passage.





Sincerely,

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Charles Wilson
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Southern California Water Coalition

CC: The Honorable Eduardo Garcia, Chair, Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee
The Honorable James Gallagher, Vice Chair, Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife
Committee
Members, Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee
Calvin Rusch, Assembly Republican Caucus

