



August 26, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Office of Governor Brown
State Capitol, Room 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 385 (Hueso) Chromium-6 Drinking Water Standard - Plans
POSITION: REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the Southern California Water Committee (SCWC), I am writing to request your signature on SB 385 (Hueso), related to implementation of California's new chromium-6 drinking water standard.

SCWC's water agency members are committed to meeting the state's new drinking water standard for chromium-6, but the existing timeline for compliance does not take into account the complex steps – from designing appropriate treatment systems to securing financing to building and testing new treatment facilities – that water systems must take to meet the new standard.

SB 385 would ensure that drinking water agencies can continue to work to achieve compliance under a closely monitored and safeguarded process that will ensure compliance by the earliest feasible date. Without this bill, some public water systems will be deemed in violation of the standard in 2015, even though it was not possible to comply in the time provided under the regulation.

As evidenced by its passage through the Legislature without a single “no” vote, there is broad and bipartisan support for this important solution for public water systems.

For the aforementioned reasons, SCWC supports SB 385 and respectfully requests that you sign this critical legislation without hesitation.

Sincerely,

Richard Atwater
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Senator Ben Hueso
Martha Guzman-Aceves, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Brown
Cindy Tuck, Deputy Executive Director for Government Relations, ACWA

