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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
Chair, Senate Subcommittee 2
State Capitol, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Richard Bloom
Chair, Assembly Subcommittee 3
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: PFAS Investigation and Site Cleanup – SUPPORT

Dear Chairs Wieckowski and Bloom:

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), I write to express support for the Governor's budget proposal to provide \$4.282 million in reimbursement authority and 21 permanent positions to oversee cleanup of contaminants including PFAS.

CGC was formed at the urging of California state and local officials who believed that increased efforts were needed to educate and inform policy makers and the public about California's groundwater resources. CGC members include public and private groundwater management entities located throughout California and consist of experts with technical, legal, and professional groundwater and related expertise.

As you know, the issue of PFAS contamination in our soil and groundwater is a significant threat to our state's water supply. PFAS moves through groundwater basins, and a huge concern for CGC members as the presence of PFAS is taking wells offline across the state.

Given the increased testing for PFAS as mandated by the state, the number of cleanup sites and investigations will increase. Dealing with PFAS contamination in a groundwater basin or well is enormously expensive. CGC supports the "polluter pay" principal but this approach requires staff time and money to investigate, and a responsible party cannot always be found. Given the costs that will be faced by water agencies throughout the state to deal with PFAS contamination, it is critical that State Water Board staff be involved in oversight of cleanup and by going after polluters.

For these reasons, CGC supports the Governor's budget proposal to provide 21 positions and \$4.282 million in reimbursement authority to the State Water Board to oversee PFAS cleanup and respectfully requests that this proposal be adopted in the 2021-22 state budget.

If you have questions about CGC's position please contact our Legislative Advocate, Rosanna Carvacho Elliott at 916-812-6519 or rosanna@clearadvocacy.com.

Sincerely,



Ann DuBay
President, California Groundwater Coalition

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Budget Subcommittee 2
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