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May 2, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
1020 N Street, Room 502
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee 2
1020 N Street, Room 502
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Budget Request – PFAS Groundwater Contamination

Dear Chairs Skinner and Wieckowski:

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), I write to respectfully request \$500 million be included in the 2022-23 budget for grants to local agencies to monitor water quality and remediate perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS), a contaminate of emerging concern.

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 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.

PFAS comprises a family of over 5,000 chemical compounds used in products like non-stick and water repellent products, fire-fighting foams, cleaning products, polishes and waxes, electronics manufacturing and other industrial activities, and certain types of food packaging. Existing law requires a water system to stop well production or issue a public notice if PFAS substances are detected above a regulatory response level. A water system operator must remediate the PFAS-affected well or remove the well from operation. Remediation can cost over \$4 million per well.

CGC requests \$500 million be included in the 2022-23 budget to provide grants to local agencies for water quality monitoring and remediation for PFAS. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sincerely,



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President, California Groundwater Coalition