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March 30, 2022

The Honorable Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 7620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1476 (Bradford) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero,

On behalf of the California Groundwater Coalition (CGC), I write to express our support for SB 1476 (Bradford) which would update the purchasing authority for the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) by providing WRD with greater flexibility to procure materials, supplies, and professional services, bringing its authority in line with other local agencies.

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.

WRD is the largest groundwater agency by population in California, managing and protecting local groundwater resources for four million residents. The district's purchasing authority has not been updated in 20 years. In that time, WRD has changed from purchasing imported water to replenish the West Coast and Central Groundwater Basins, to being completely independent of imported water through the construction and operation of advanced water treatment facilities and a groundwater desalter.

The flexibility provided by SB 1476 will ensure WRD can continue providing uninterrupted access to safe, reliable, high-quality groundwater. Streamlining purchasing authority for materials and supplies will result in a more efficient and cost-effective process. Maintaining production at WRD water treatment facilities is essential to preserve the district's ability to replenish the groundwater basins.

For these reasons, CGC is in support of SB 1476 and respectfully requests your "AYE" vote when this bill comes before you. If you have questions about CGC's position please contact our Legislative Advocate, Rosanna Carvacho Elliott at 916-479-7400 or rosanna@clearadvocacy.com.

The Honorable Anna Caballero

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ann DuBay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ann" and last name "DuBay" clearly legible.

Ann DuBay

President, California Groundwater Coalition

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
The Honorable Steven Bradford