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Assembly Minority Leader
State Capitol Room 3014
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RE: Support for \$1 billion in Climate Resilience Bond for Integrated Regional Water Management

Dear President pro Tem Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Leader Grove and Leader Waldron,

The Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (NSV) Group **strongly supports the allocation of \$1 billion for IRWM and other programs and projects that achieve regional and inter-regional water resilience** as described in the Governor’s proposed Climate Resilience Bond.

As you know, Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is a highly effective and efficient collaborative effort to plan and implement water management solutions on a regional scale. The IRWM approach delivers a higher value for investments by considering all interested entities, working across jurisdictional boundaries, encouraging diverse partnerships through collaboration, and prioritizing multiple benefit projects. Created as a result of the IRWM Planning Act of 2002, IRWM regions represent 99% of the state’s population.

The Governor correctly identified IRWM as the best program to implement the Water Resilience Portfolio. IRWM funds a diverse set of projects that meet the goals of regional partnership and climate resilience. IRWM has funded conservation, recycled water, stormwater, groundwater recharge, habitat restoration, salt removal and many other projects on a regional scale -- exactly the kinds of projects identified in the “Regional and Inter-regional Water Resilience” section of the proposed bond.

Investment in IRWM is leveraged by matching local funds. The 50 percent match required under Proposition 1 leverages state investment and increases overall finding for regional and inter-regional water resilience.

The NSV strongly urges retaining \$1 billion in the Climate Resilience Bond for IRWM and other programs and projects that achieve regional and inter-regional water resilience as proposed by the Governor.

Sincerely,



Ann Schwab, Chair

Northern Sacramento Valley IRWM

cc: Senator Bob Wieckowski, Chair Senate Budget Sub 2
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