



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 19, 2017
To: Council Members, Sean McGlynn, Gloria Hurtado, Sue Gallagher, Daisy Gomez
From: Bennett Horenstein, Director of Water
Subject: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED: AB 1668 (Friedman) and
SB 606 (Hertzberg/Skinner) Water Management Planning

Attached are letters opposing AB 1668 (Friedman) and SB 606 (Hertzberg/Skinner) Water Management Planning unless amended.

In April, the Mayor signed a letter of support for both AB 1654 and AB 968 aimed at implementing the Governor's "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life" framework. On July 11, the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, chaired by Senator Hertzberg, passed stripped down versions of the bills with the intent to develop new language and amend bills, implementing the framework, during the legislative recess.

On August 15th the City Council signed a letter providing comments to the Assembly Water Conservation Working Group as they drafted legislation to implement the framework. AB 1668 and SB 606 were amended with language developed by the Working Group, however amendments published on August 29th are inconsistent with the policy principals outlined in the City's comment letter and still pose significant risk to maintaining local control of our water resources.

With the recent amendments, it was critical that the City immediately submit letters opposing both AB 1668 and SB 606 unless amended as the bill language would be detrimental to the City's interests of enhancing and maintaining local control, as outlined in the Council Policy by redirecting local authority of our resources to the State.

Due to the time constraints and a matter of urgency, the Mayor has signed the letters and they have been sent to the appropriate Committee/Member. You are receiving a copy of the letters and bills, as per Council Policy 000-40.