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The Honorable David Alvarez
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 5320
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 35—Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024: Administrative Procedure Act: exemption: program guidelines and selection criteria—SUPPORT (As Amended on January 14, 2026)

Dear Assemblymember Alvarez,

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 35. This bill would make a targeted process improvement to the distribution of Proposition 4 Climate Bond funds by exempting the development and adoption of program guidelines and selection criteria for the Bond's programs from the Administrative Procedure Act.

Approved by voters on November 5, 2024, Proposition 4 authorizes \$10 billion in general obligation bonds to advance statewide climate priorities, supporting communities like Santa Rosa in improving flood risk, wildfire resilience, and long-term infrastructure.

AB 35 preserves strong oversight and accountability standards for bond expenditures. The bill requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to publish at least annually a downloadable spreadsheet listing program and project expenditures, including key details such as project location and footprint, objectives, status, anticipated outcomes, public benefits (including benefits to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities), total cost, bond funding amounts, and matching funds.

AB 35 also replaces the emergency regulation approach with a clearer, more streamlined pathway—helping state agencies implement programs more quickly and enabling local governments to compete for and deliver projects without unnecessary delays. The bill also requires independent audits and stronger expenditure reporting to maintain transparency and fiscal accountability.



For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 35 and thank you for your leadership on this most important issue. Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate Dane Hutchings with California Public Policy Group at 916-974-9270.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Stapp".

Mayor Mark Stapp
City of Santa Rosa

*Thank you for your
work on this item!*
Mark

CC: Members and Staff of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
The Honorable Chris Rogers, Assembly District 2
The Honorable Damon Connolly, Assembly District 12
The Honorable Mike McGuire, Senate District 2