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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

May 16, 2018

Senator Holly Mitchell
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Funding for Emergency Pipeline and Barge to Ensure Drinking Water Supply

Dear Senator Holly Mitchell:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to support Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson's April 13th written request for a \$3,100,000 appropriation for the State Water Resources Control Board and Department of Water Resources, for the purpose of administering emergency drinking water supply funds to Santa Barbara County water agencies.

While the rest of the state has emerged from emergency drought conditions, Santa Barbara County has remained in a state of severe drought, limiting the ability of the Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board (COMB) to build emergency water reserves. In addition to the drought, the County has suffered devastating wildfires and mudslides, which created wide spread debris flows that have damaged critical water infrastructure, and that significantly threaten current water supplies and the ability for agencies to deliver safe drinking water.

The County respectfully requests that \$3,100,000 be funded in the 2018-2019 budget for emergency drinking water supply grants so that we may prevent a severe public and health crisis in the County.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org. Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg
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