

City of Riverside, California Office of the Mayor

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The Honorable Dave Min Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee 1021 O Street, Room 3220 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 366 (Caballero) – The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets – As Amended

3/22/2023 - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Min.

On behalf of the City of Riverside, I write to express our support for SB 366 (Caballero) related to the California Water Plan and long-term water supply targets.

Climate change and a multitude of other factors are having a monumental impact on the state's water resources. Scientists say the ongoing drought in the western United States marks the region's driest 22-year stretch in more than 1,200 years. While this year has been marked by flooding and historic snowpack levels, these types of wet years are not reliable, and we will need to adapt to hotter, drier conditions. Action is needed to ensure we are not managing scarcity but working toward a future with enough water for all.

SB 366 will modernize the California Water Plan statutes, including establishing long-term water supply targets that the state can work to achieve infrastructure improvements along with local and regional water agencies. This bill builds on the Governor's recent "Water Supply Strategy" and ensures a water supply target will transcend any single Administration.

For these reasons, the City of Riverside supports SB 366. If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Todd Corbin, General Manager of Riverside Public Utilities, at (951) 826-5772.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lock Dawson Mayor, City of Riverside

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

The Honorable Anna Caballero

City of Riverside Legislative Delegation