



California Groundwater Association

May 24, 2017

The Honorable Laura Friedman
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ASSEMBLY BILL 975– OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

On behalf of the California Groundwater Association (CGA), I am writing to respectfully oppose your legislation, Assembly Bill 975 which expands the area protected in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System from immediately adjacent to the river segment to within a quarter mile of the river.

We oppose this bill because it is not site-specific. Many times we work in areas that are within feet of streams. This would stop any drilling within a quarter mile. .

Additionally, this also restricts property owner's rights and the value of their properties.

The California Groundwater Association is a non-profit organization that has promoted protection of groundwater since 1948. CGA's members include water well drilling and pump contractors, suppliers and manufacturers, geologists, engineers, hydrologists, government employees and others working in the groundwater field. CGA represents over 15,000 groundwater professionals working with water well owners throughout California. Beyond maintaining high standards in the groundwater industry, the CGA is devoted to providing continuing education to its members and furnishing accurate information to the public regarding the quantity, quality and availability of California's groundwater resources.

Many of the CGA's member companies are third and fourth generation, family owned businesses that may be negatively impacted due to increased restrictions on where wells may be drilled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Hedman".

Ron Hedman
President

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