



California Groundwater Association

April 6, 2017

The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Senate
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SENATE BILL 1 – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Beall:

On behalf of the California Groundwater Association (CGA), I am writing to respectfully oppose your legislation, SB 1 as written.

The well drilling rigs used to drill water wells on California cost, on average, over \$1 million each and have an expected lifespan of 50 years of usage. That is why the federal EPA has granted a waiver for these vehicles from Clean Air Regulations for 40 years.

Under your legislation, Section 18 to be specific, all water well drilling rigs currently in use must be taken out of use beginning in 2020 with all current rigs out of service no later than 2023. Your legislation will effectively put most members of the CGA out of business. Many of the CGA's member companies are third and fourth generation, family owned businesses who have worked overtime to ensure that California's population, as well as farmers and growers have had adequate water available during the long California drought. This legislation will decimate the entire industry.

Therefore, we must oppose your legislation.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ronald Hedman' with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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