



July 24, 2003

The Honorable John Laird
California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
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RE: Support for AB 93 (Canciamilla)

Dear Assembly Member Laird:

The Regional Water Authority supports AB 93 (Canciamilla), which proposes a \$7.8 billion bond on a future California ballot. We believe that AB 93 is a critical next step by the state to assure that future generations of Californians have a safe and reliable supply of water.

RWA is an organization that represents the interests of nearly 20 water providers serving water to over one million people in Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado Counties. RWA's mission is to help its members protect and enhance the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources in the region. The attached RWA Fact Sheet provides a list of member agencies as well as additional information about the organization.

RWA supports the goals of AB 93. This legislation would make an important affirmative statement on the need for the state to invest in critically needed water supply infrastructure projects and includes the funds necessary to accomplish that goal.

RWA believes that AB 93 is consistent with and actually compliments the CALFED process - a process that RWA has supported in the past based on the assumption that measures aimed at meeting the water supply needs of California would advance at the same rate as environmental restoration projects. RWA supports the CALFED goal of investing in locally managed and controlled projects. AB 93 would provide critical financial resources necessary to implement a number of excellent local partnership projects consistent with the overall CALFED objectives.

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RWA believes that AB 93 is an extremely important piece of legislation that would send a positive signal to all Californians that the state recognizes the importance of investing in infrastructure projects that will have a long-lasting benefit. We therefore urge the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee to pass AB 93.

Sincerely,

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Attachment