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CA Water for All Coalition Issues Statement Regarding Senate Committee Passage of Senate Bill 366

Sacramento, CA – Today, [CA Water for All](#) lauded the Senate Committee of Natural Resources and Water’s passage of [Senate Bill 366](#) authored by Senator Anna Caballero (D-Merced). SB 366 would transform California water management so that instead of managing for scarcity, the State will work toward water supply targets to ensure adequate and reliable supplies for all beneficial uses.

SB 366 was approved by the Committee on a unanimous 11-0 vote and will face its next hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee next month.

“We’d like to thank the Committee for keeping this vital legislation moving forward,” said Barry Moline, Executive Director, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), co-sponsor of SB 366. “It’s critically important that policymakers address the inadequacies in the water system that are evident in times of drought and heavy rain. Even with this year’s precipitation, we cannot ignore our state’s long-term water supply challenges. We need bold action to secure our state’s water supply future.”

SB 366 would secure California’s future water supply by doing the following:

- Establishing bold water supply targets to capture and produce enough water for all uses.
- Modernizing the California Water Plan for a 21st century climate.
- Ensuring accountability for state agencies on water management issues.
- Complimenting and amplifying Governor Newsom’s Water Supply Strategy, ensuring there are water supply targets that extend beyond any single Administration.

“California’s perpetual water supply challenges continue to threaten our communities, businesses, economy, jobs, and the California way of life,” said Graham Knaus, Chief Executive Officer, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), co-sponsor of SB 366. “SB 366 seeks to shift the way our state approaches providing a long-term and comprehensive water supply for more than 40 million

Californians and is critical in creating accountability and a commitment from the State, the water community, and all stakeholders to establish necessary change.”

“Ensuring a secure and resilient water supply for all beneficial uses won’t be easy — that’s precisely why California needs a robust, comprehensive water supply plan that is informed by a wide variety of stakeholders,” said Tim Carmichael, President, California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance (CCEEB). “As Californians, we pride ourselves on our environmental ambitions. But without plans that set clear paths forward, we will continue to suffer the consequences of under-investment in our aging infrastructure. We have a highly skilled workforce ready to build a 21st-century infrastructure system that serves all Californians, no matter where they live. SB 366 is critical to achieving a sustainable water future.”

As a result of evolving and worsening climate conditions, an aging water infrastructure, a growing population, a global economy, and antiquated state policies, California is facing an ongoing water supply shortage of historic proportions. California’s current water system requires extraordinary commitment and investment in new water supplies. Policy solutions must be advanced to meet beneficial uses for all, we all have a responsibility to ensure the future of our water supply.

Co-sponsors of SB 366 include CMUA, CSAC, and CCEEB.

To learn more about SB 366, visit the state’s [Legislative Bill Information portal](#). [CA Water For All](#) is a statewide effort seeking to educate policymakers on the urgent need for a legislative solution to address California’s ongoing water supply challenges. The effort is focused on bringing together the water community, policymakers, and stakeholders to collaborate on ensuring Californians have a sustainable and reliable water supply for all beneficial uses now and for future generations. To learn more or become a supporter, visit www.CaWaterForAll.com.