March 5, 2020

The Honorable Henry Stern
Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
State Capitol, Room 5046
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 45 (Portantino, Allen, Hurtado & Stern) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Stern,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we would like to express our support of SB 45 (Portantino) the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022. Due to increasingly powerful effects of climate change, California has seen more natural disasters in recent years than ever before. Through SB 45, we believe that California can take steps towards making local communities and our natural systems more climate resilient by investing in programs that help the state adapt to and withstand the impacts of climate change.

Over the past few years, California has been severely affected by devastating wildfires, drought, sea-level rise, and flooding, which are only expected to increase in intensity and frequency. This past fire season broke records in nearly every category, burning over four million acres. Investing in preventative measures that promote resiliency and increase the state’s ability to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change will not only protect livelihoods and vital natural resources, but also save the state billions of dollars in avoided damage costs from climate-impacted infrastructure and working lands.

For the reasons stated above, we are writing to express our support for the array of activities that SB45 would fund that would prepare our communities, economy, and natural resources for a future shaped by climate change. Delaying these actions will come at considerable cost.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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