



May 1, 2023

Honorable Anna Caballero
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 366 (Caballero): SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero:

On behalf of CalDesal, I am pleased to inform you that we support your SB 366, as amended on April 27, 2023, related to the California Water Plan and long-term water supply targets.

CalDesal is a statewide association comprised of nearly 60 organizations, representing public and private sector entities as well as non-profit organizations, integrating the use of desalination to ensure a sustainable water future for communities throughout California. CalDesal is dedicated to helping California advance improved statewide water resilience which has been impacted by a changing climate, water supply challenges, and continued population growth.

Climate change and a multitude of other factors are having a monumental impact on the state's water resources. Scientists say the ongoing drought in the western United States marks the region's driest 22-year stretch in more than 1,200 years. While this year has been marked by flooding and historic snowpack levels, it is clear that these types of wet years are not reliable, and we will need to adapt to hotter, drier conditions. Action is needed to ensure we are not managing for scarcity but rather working toward a future where there is enough water for all.

SB 366 will modernize the California Water Plan statutes, including the establishment of long-term water supply targets that the state can work to achieve along with local and regional water agencies. Importantly, the measure builds on the Governor's recent "Water Supply Strategy" and ensures a water supply target will transcend any single Administration.

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For these reasons, CalDesal supports SB 366. Please don't hesitate to contact me at glennf@caldesal.org or (916) 216-1747 – or CalDesal's legislative advocate, Steve Cruz with Cruz Strategies at steve@cruzstrategies.com – if you have any questions regarding CalDesal's position on SB 366.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn A. Farrel', with a stylized, flowing script.

GLENN A. FARREL

Executive Director, CalDesal