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May 4, 2020

Cameron Smyth
Mayor

The Honorable Scott Wilk
California State Senate, District 21
State Capitol Building, Room 3063
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill Miranda
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 797 (WILK): SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wilk:

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Bob Kellar
Councilmember

I am writing to express the Santa Clarita City Council's appreciation to you for introducing Senate Bill 797, relating to the processes of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). At the regular meeting on April 28, 2020, the City Council voted unanimously to support this important measure.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

I understand that the legislature is prioritizing bills this year that address the COVID-19 crisis and support the development of resources to combat the virus. If this bill is not considered this year, please know that the Santa Clarita City Council and staff stand ready to work with you to secure enactment of this critical legislation in future legislative years.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

We believe that you have structured Senate Bill 797 well; to enable the SWRCB to be in possession of the most current information prior to considering whether to issue a water appropriation permit. This measure is thoughtfully designed to ensure that the public, stakeholders and interested parties have an opportunity to have their views presented and considered by the SWRCB. This will allow the SWRCB to have a solid foundation upon which to base a credible decision regarding a water appropriation application, which is now over a quarter-century old.

Thank you for your leadership on this matter and we look forward to working with you in support of this measure. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position of this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental

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Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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