



City of
SANTA CLARITA

23920 Valencia Boulevard • Suite 300 • Santa Clarita, California 91355-2196
Phone: (661) 259-2489 • FAX: (661) 259-8125
www.santa-clarita.com

May 24, 2021

Bill Miranda
Mayor

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

Laurene Weste
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 520 (WILK): SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wilk:

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

I am writing to express the Santa Clarita City Council's sincere appreciation and overwhelming support for Senate Bill 520, relating to the permitting processes of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this important measure at the regular meeting on April 27, 2021.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

This critical piece of legislation is thoughtfully designed to ensure that the SWRCB is in possession of the most current environmental circumstances and public input prior to a final determination on long-standing water appropriation applications.

Cameron Smyth
Councilmember

Significant changes have occurred locally and throughout the state in the past three-decades that have substantially changed water availability and other natural resources. For example, the SWRCB may wish to consider the available and dependable water supply to various communities as a result of the multi-year drought.

Furthermore, a review of the current role of the Santa Clara River, as it relates to habitat of the protected unarmored three-spine stickleback found in portions of the river and as a source of recharging the local aquifers, would appear appropriate when considering a water permit application within the Santa Clarita Valley.

Additionally, since 1990, Santa Clarita's population has more than doubled from approximately 110,000 residents to the current population of approximately 225,000.



The Honorable Scott Wilk

May 24, 2021

Page 2

As demonstrated in these examples, a number of significant changes have occurred in the area over the past 30 years that necessitate a need for the SWRCB to fully consider present day dynamics and circumstances rather than relying on information that is significantly out-of-date in making decisions with long-term impacts.

Thank you for your leadership and unwavering determination 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 our support for Senate Bill 520, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



William A. Miranda
Mayor

BM:MH

s:\ms\masi\legislative letters\SB 520 (Wilk) Support_5.24.21

cc: Members of the City Council
Senator Henry Stern
Assemblywoman Suzette Valladares
Assembly Member Tom Lackey
Kenneth W. Striplin, City Manager
Frank Oviedo, Assistant City Manager
Leadership Team
Masis Hagobian, Intergovernmental Relations Analyst
Jennifer Quan, League of California Cities
California Contract Cities Association
Joe A. Gonsalves & Son