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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for “Urban Water Management Plans” Assembly Bill 149 (Chavez)

Dear Governor Brown:

AB 149 (Chavez) was recently approved by the Legislature and forwarded to you for action. On behalf of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), I am writing to inform you of our support for AB 149 (Chavez). With nearly 3,000 members representing 400,000 employees, the Chamber is the largest nonprofit advocate for regional businesses and is dedicated to growing commerce in the San Diego region. As part of this mission, the Chamber has committed itself to advocating for smart water policy and management. **We are writing to respectfully request your signature.**

The Chamber understands that allowing water suppliers to use the most current data for future planning and reporting would benefit all Californians, especially as we experience extreme drought conditions currently. AB 149 will provide water suppliers with the most accurate, current data by shifting Urban Water Management Plan adoption timelines in a manner that will allow them to utilize census data. This will eliminate the need for extensions of adoption dates for management plans and encourage smart water use, a practice that cannot be overemphasized in our current drought.

AB 149 is a bill that is timely and necessary. For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on AB 149. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chanelle Hawken, Vice President of Public Policy, at (619) 544-1365 or chawken@sdchamber.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Sanders', written over a horizontal line.

Jerry Sanders
President & CEO
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce