



COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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June 8, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the Assembly
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8330
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Speaker Rendon:

RE: Support for Governor Newsom's Infrastructure Streamlining Package as Part of State Budget

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) serves approximately 300,000 residents in its 1,000 square-miles of service area ranging from the San Geronio Pass to the Salton Sea, mostly within the Coachella Valley area of Riverside County, including small areas within Imperial and San Diego counties.

CVWD supports adoption of the package of Budget Trailer Bills introduced by Governor Newsom on May 19th. While all the trailer bills introduced have merit and will facilitate job creation and infrastructure improvement, CVWD wishes to call special attention to the bills most relevant to water service providers.

Although CVWD is physically located far from the California Aqueduct, exchange agreements with the Metropolitan Water District on the State Water Project mean CVWD is impacted by water supply challenges in the Delta. For this reason, the trailer bills on Delta Reform Act Streamlining and Fully Protected Species Reclassification have direct benefits to water supply reliability in our region. In addition, reforms to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the CEQA Judicial Streamlining trailer bill are of particular benefit to water agencies, and the Governor even called out specific water supply projects that would benefit from this effort.

CVWD respectfully asks that you and your fellow legislators support adopting the Governor's Infrastructure Streamlining Package as part of the State Budget.

Sincerely,

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J. M. Barrett
General Manager

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