

Letter: Proposition 3 good for Northern California

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The Rural County Representatives of California, of which Butte County is a member, supports Proposition 3, the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018, on the November ballot.

This citizens initiative provides us a unique opportunity to invest in projects that serve California rural communities, including Northern California. The Initiative provides funding for a variety of purposes, including forest and watershed improvements (\$300 million), Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation (\$640 million), flood plan implementation (\$150 million) and agricultural land protection.

I believe Proposition 3 provides direct investments to our region, yielding benefits of an improved water supply, improved water quality and reducing the threat of wildfire in our communities.

In addition, Proposition 3 includes programs to address safe drinking water, fisheries and wildlife protection, and other grant funds that could be used to develop local resiliency and help our local water districts, resource conservation districts and other agencies with the projects they need to improve our water supply and working lands.

Proposition 3 is not a divisive partisan issue. In addition to Rural County Representatives of California, the Association of California Water Agencies, California State Association of Counties, California Chamber of Commerce, National Wildlife Federation, California Farm Bureau Federation, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, GOP candidate for governor John Cox, and many regional groups and counties support Proposition 3.

Since 1960, bonds have been the means to fund water projects in California. I encourage you to vote yes on Proposition 3.

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