



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF CALIFORNIA

March 19, 2019

The Honorable Anna Caballero  
Member, California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5052  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 414 – SUPPORT  
As Introduced February 20, 2019**

Dear Senator Caballero:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I write to inform you of our support for your Senate Bill 414, the Small System Water Authority Act of 2019. RCRC is an association of thirty-six rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each of those member counties.

The State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) has identified over 330 systems that cannot provide safe drinking water to its customers. These systems often serve less than 10,000 people. Many of these residents are located in disadvantaged communities within rural counties, and are largely privately-owned or mutual water companies. Systems that fail to provide access to clean, reliable, drinking water should be prompted to have a plan to mitigate natural contaminants, manmade contaminants, or fix their under-maintained water systems.

SB 414 provides a process for failing public water systems that serve less than 10,000 people or less than 3,000 service connections to come into compliance, or be absorbed into a new Small System Water Authority (Authority) created by SWRCB and the applicable Local Agency Formation Commission. The new Authority would work to competently operate currently non-compliant public water systems with either contiguous or non-contiguous boundaries.

RCRC appreciates the opportunity to work with you on your past efforts to address the needs of the communities served by these systems, and are pleased to support SB 414 as it moves through the legislative process. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mwarmerdam@rcrcnet.org](mailto:mwarmerdam@rcrcnet.org) or (916) 447-4806.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mary-Ann Warmerdam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

MARY-ANN WARMERDAM  
Senior Legislative Advocate

cc: Members of the Senate Governance & Finance Committee  
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