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The Honorable Ricardo Lara
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via email: narisha.bonakdar@sen.ca.gov

**Re: AB 1000 (Freidman): Water Conveyance: Use of Facility
Senate Appropriations Committee
Position: OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD), I am writing to express our opposition to AB 1000.

JCSD is a Special District and began providing water to its residents in 1966. At that time, the JCSD service area was a largely rural unincorporated part of Riverside County with several dairies and horse properties. Throughout its 51-year water supply history, JCSD has been at the forefront of creating a diverse water portfolio to ensure a safe and reliable supply. Our service area now includes over 120,000 residents and the recently incorporated cities of Jurupa Valley and Eastvale. Although the area retains its original rural atmosphere in many ways, JCSD's territory has been one of the fastest growing areas in the state, even through the last recession period. We expect additional growth and continue to plan for the future by securing additional water supplies to diversify our water portfolio.

Although the recent drought of 2011-2017 is now officially over, it is certain that California will experience additional droughts in the future. As such, JCSD supports the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, & Storage Project (Cadiz Water Project) as an additional water supply resource for existing customers and for sustainable responsible growth.

JCSD has invested significantly in development of local groundwater supplies including regional groundwater basin desalters to mitigate local legacy environmental impacts while expanding water supplies. As with most southern California agencies, importing water to meet demand is a necessity. We believe that the Cadiz Water Project is a responsible

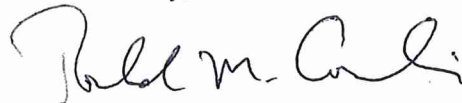
option to increase supply rather than further exhausting northern California or Colorado River supplies (imported) to meet a portion of our future demand. With this project, only 15 percent of our build-out water demands will come from imported supplies. Currently, JCSD imports 2 percent from outside our underlying groundwater basin.

The only area that is impacted by AB 1000 is the specific area surrounding the Cadiz Water Project by prohibiting the transfer of water unless new criteria is met. The legislation also attempts to create a new process for water conveyed in California's water transportation systems and poses a threat to any new water transfer project in California. Water transfers and conveyance are already highly-regulated and must follow CEQA. No additional processes are necessary or warranted. Additionally, the legislation seeks to impose additional environmental review. Since 2009, the Water Project has been extensively studied, publicly-reviewed, and approved under California's environmental laws.

We fully supported the rigorous environmental review process that the Cadiz Water Project completed. JCSD's track record illustrates good stewardship of the environment. Securing future water supplies today is financially beneficial to the ratepayers and customers of JCSD many of which reside in Disadvantaged Community areas.

For these reasons, JCSD opposes AB 1000. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (951) 685-7434 or tcorbin@jcsd.us

Sincerely,



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