

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Robert M. Hertzberg
California State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 231 (Hertzberg) Stormwater Stewardship

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

On behalf of the City of Cupertino, we strongly support SB 231 (Hertzberg): "Stormwater Stewardship." SB 231 clarifies what constitutes sewer water to help protect communities from flooding as well as beaches and waterways from pollution.

Stormwater is a key source of local water supply and careful management is necessary now more than ever due to California's continuing cycles of drought. It can also be a pollutant that runs off through sewers and other channels. Yet, local agencies are limited in the type of infrastructure they can fund to manage storm and flood waters. Local governments are often underfunded and face financial constraints on stormwater projects that we need to manage water supplies and address water pollution in our communities.

SB 231 is an important step toward smarter management of stormwater as an integral part of both sewer and water systems. We are happy to support a bill that maintains the strict transparency and accountability requirements in Proposition 218, which ensure that local fees be used only for the purposes for which they were collected and only in amounts necessary to meet local needs. Thank you for introducing this important measure.

For these reasons, the City of Cupertino **Supports** SB231 (**Hertzberg**).

Sincerely,

Savita Vaidhyanathan, Mayor
City of Cupertino

cc: Andrew Fahlund, Water Foundation (Sponsor)