

March 23, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
California State Capitol, Room 408  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 231 (Hertzberg) Sustainable Local Agency Funding

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

On behalf of the City of Commerce we strongly support SB 231 (Hertzberg): “Sustainable Local Agency Funding.” SB 231 augments the tools that cities, counties, and other local agencies have to finance projects to manage stormwater.

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 applaud you for maintaining 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.

For these reasons, we are happy to support SB 231 (Hertzberg). Thank you for introducing this important measure.

Sincerely,

Ivan Altamirano  
Mayor

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Andrew Fahlund, Water Foundation (Sponsor)