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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1153

Hello Senators,

I encourage you to vote no on SB1153. Here are a few thoughts on why to oppose SB1153:

It is a solution in search of a problem.

Limits Flexibility: By imposing vague and broad environmental assessments, this bill would severely restrict water users' ability to adapt to changing conditions.

Litigation Risk: SB 1153 opens the door to years-long delays and costly litigation from third parties, without improving environmental protections.

Redundant & Unnecessary: SB 1153 adds new, duplicative standards to a process already governed by strict anti-injury and anti-enlargement rules.

No Stakeholder Input: Although the governor's office will claim otherwise, the water user community has had no meaningful engagement in this ill-conceived policy proposal.

Thank you for representing the rural folks in your districts.

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