



March 2, 2017

Felicia Marcus  
Chair, State Water Resources  
Control Board  
And Members  
California EPA Building  
1001 I st.  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: 3/7/17 Board Meeting—Item 7 Consideration of a Proposed Resolution Adopting a Comprehensive Response to Climate Change**

Dear Chair Marcus:

We strongly support the proposed resolution on climate change. Climate change is the greatest existential threat to our time, and needs to be considered with everything that we do. This resolution will move the Board to take a stronger approach to help curtail greenhouse gas emission.

Climate change will challenge water management in California. The projected cycling of extreme droughts with extreme flooding will stress a system designed for a relatively stable climate, as we have seen these past years. With more precipitation falling as rain instead as snow, we will be less able to meet the demands of all water users, even in wet years.

Almost one-fifth of energy used in California is dedicated to getting water where it needs to go. It is imperative that we look at how we use water in California by reducing how much energy the sector uses. This can be done by developing local water sources that are less dependent on imports, and focusing on conservation and efficiency.

The proposed resolution will takes initial steps to address climate change, and help make it a key focus for the Board. It will help the Board coordinate with other agencies to protect California from the dangers climate change will present. We urge the Board to adopt this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Policy Advocate