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We are writing in support of Assembly Bill 1242. As you know, the State Water Resources Control Board has proposed new unimpaired flow requirements on the Tuolumne, Merced and Stanislaus Rivers. The consequences of such a plan will reach far beyond agriculture, and will be devastating to our local economy.

Cities bear a tremendous responsibility to ensure quality infrastructure and protect the public's safety, and can only do so effectively when they have adequate means. We are responsible for providing safe drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents. City governments in the Central Valley, which represent some of the state's most economically challenged and disadvantaged populations, have been disproportionately negatively affected measures such as the new flow proposals which are designed to meet statewide needs but only require actions that penalize this area. Our people simply cannot afford this hit on our economy and quality of life.

AB 1242 will restore fairness to the discussion. It requires mitigation for increased flows, aiding in meeting the state mandate of groundwater sustainability. And it is not one sided.

We believe that AB 1242 provides a critical protection to our people, our economy and our way of life. It ensures that the agency tasked with the important mandate of environmental stewardship recognizes that beneficial use of the water includes both human use and agricultural economic use. Hundreds of thousands of central valley lives will be impacted by this flow proposal. We should not lose sight of them.

We look forward to seeing this common-sense solution implemented, and offer our full support to Assembly Bill 1242 and its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JoAnne L. Mounce".

**JoAnne Mounce**  
President, Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities

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(This letter does not reflect a support position of the League of California Cities, it is solely the position of the Central Valley Division of the League of California Cities)

