

# City of Atwater



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**SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 1242 (Gray)**

Assembly Member Gray:

This letter is to inform you the City of Atwater City Council fully supports Assembly Bill 1242 legislation as written.

The City of Atwater has been diligently working on groundwater management issues in our region, in particular as it relates to compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

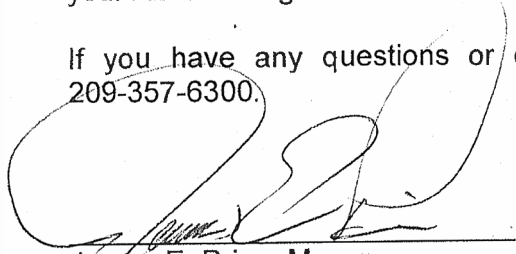
The Atwater City Council agrees that the only means by which sustainable groundwater management can be achieved in our region is through the wise and proper use of surface water supplies from the foothill storage reservoirs on the Merced river.

For the past two years, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) has been considering a proposal to develop new, increased flow requirements on the Merced River. The proposed plan would require more water to be diverted from the river to flow out of our region. These increased flows would no longer be made available for local reasonable and beneficial use, which would particularly impact aquifer recharge and achieving and maintaining sustainable groundwater management.

AB 1242 would require the Water Board, when adopting or approving a water quality control plan, to consider impacts on groundwater basins and prohibit the Board from adopting such plans without providing mitigation measures that would reduce the significant adverse impacts to our local economy. This is sound and well-contemplated water policy which we fully support.

On behalf of Atwater City Council, thank you for the opportunity to share our strong support for your AB 1242 legislation.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this issue please contact me at 209-357-6300.



James E. Price, Mayor  
City of Atwater