



The Honorable Jared Huffman

Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee
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ACME (Aerospace Cancer Museum of Education) is writing you Support Assembly Bill No.49 (AB49) Feuer-Huffman.

Dear Assembly Member Huffman and Members of the Committee,

After many recent dry years, 2009 has the potential to be one of the most severe drought years in the History of California. Supplies from our major reservoirs are below average and with the shut down of 47 drinking water wells in the San Fernando Valley from Aerospace Contamination, the lack of potable water is becoming a frightening reality. AB 49 would:

- Meet the Governor's goal by requiring a 10% reduction in statewide urban per capita water use by 2015, and a 20% reduction in statewide urban per capita water use by 2020.
- Provide flexibility to water suppliers by allowing them to comply on an individual or regional basis, and by allowing them to allocate savings across customer classes in the manner they deem appropriate to their service area.
- Require agricultural water suppliers to implement specified Best Management Practices, and to report on savings from those practices.
- Require agricultural water suppliers every 5 years to prepare water management plans and submit those plans to the Department of Water Resources
- Establish compliance with these requirements as a precondition for receiving state water management grants or loans.
- Authorize use of existing state bond funds to carry out this measure, and give consideration to disadvantaged communities in allocation of those funds.

Please vote "aye" on AB 49 when it is heard in your committee. Thank you for considering our views.

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