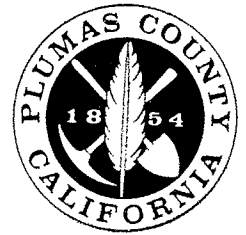


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April 15, 2009

The Honorable Dan Logue
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for A.B. 1520 (Evans) – State Watershed Program

Dear Assemblyman Logue:

The Plumas County Board of Supervisors would like to express its strong support for A.B. 1520, the California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act.

Plumas County is located in the center of the 2.4-million-acre Upper Feather River watershed, along with parts of six other counties and three National Forests. Over the past three decades, we have continuously supported the evolution of community-based watershed management strategies and, in doing so, have made great advances in reconciling stakeholder conflicts and implementing restoration projects and management plans with compound resource benefits.

A watershed-based approach to important interests such as water quality, water supply, flood control, and habitat preservation looks across jurisdictional boundaries and recognizes the physical reality of how our natural systems and natural infrastructure actually function. Facilitating community engagement as part of that watershed management process ensures that plans and projects have broad-based and lasting support from diverse interests.

The great diversity of California's terrain, ecosystems, and resource issues necessitates a local approach to watershed management. However, it is important for the State of California to continue its acknowledgement of the value of community-based watershed management and to provide the types of support and technical assistance that are appropriately and most efficiently delivered from the platform of a statewide program.

From the perspective of a rural area that encompasses the watershed for Lake Oroville and the State Water Project, we are continually attempting to plan for how our region will address the challenges identified by the Department of Water Resources in adapting to projections of reduced snowpack storage or requirements that may be imposed in efforts to stabilize the Bay-Delta. We are also working with the Forest Service and many other stakeholders to ensure forest management practices that balance the values of forest health, habitat, fire resiliency, and water quality, among other things.

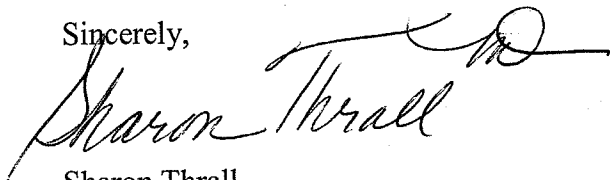
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There are significant local ramifications in all these matters, but there is also substantial interest from the State perspective in "upstream" Sierra watersheds in terms of water supply, water quality, flood control, and the preservation of biodiversity. For these reasons, we urge you to support the Statewide Watershed Program

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Thrall". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Sharon Thrall
Chair, Board of Supervisors