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March 3, 2016

The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2137
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support AB 1755 (Dodd) The Open and Transparent Water Data Act

Dear Assemblymember Dodd,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing over 2,500 local businesses, is pleased to support AB 1755, the Open and Transparent Water Data Act.

AB 1755 would improve open and transparent access to water data currently managed by the state of California by placing that data in a new, publicly accessible and user friendly website. In addition, this bill would also create an online water transfer information clearinghouse to help ensure more water agencies can take advantage of the emerging water transfer market. Finally, by establishing a new public benefit corporation to build, house and manage the new data protocols, website and clearinghouse, this bill will ensure the top technology experts in Silicon Valley and across California are leveraged to build a state-of-the-art data system.

Improving California's water management is one of the great challenges of our time, and California's businesses know that what gets measured, gets managed. It's time for California to improve the way it measures its limited water supplies, and for that data to be made public.

For these reasons and more, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support AB 1755.

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus
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