

March 5, 2024

The Honorable Lori Wilson  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 8110  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support of Assembly Bill 2257**

Dear Assembly Member Wilson:

The Stockton East Water District is pleased to inform you of our support for Assembly Bill 2257, related to the exhaustion of administrative remedies under Proposition 218.

A rise in Proposition 218 litigation is making it increasingly difficult to ensure agencies can pass fair and reasonable rates to cover the costs of operations and maintenance. Oftentimes, these suits are filed without first having raised these alleged violations with the public agency during the public notice-and-comment process leading up to the decision to adopt rates or assessment. Requiring litigants to engage in an agency's public comment process before challenging water and sewer rates and assessments in court, if public agencies follow specified procedures, could mitigate costly litigation. In the event of litigation, the bill would limit the administrative record to evidence presented to the agency during the ratemaking process.

AB 2257 would bolster the financial stability of public water and sewer agencies by creating a robust public process that facilitates dialogue, transparency, and the opportunity to resolve issues and avoid costly litigation.

This legislation will reduce an agency's exposure following a rate or assessment increase, while concurrently improving the chances of a successful rate or assessment setting process. For these reasons, Stockton East Water District is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2257. Please feel free to contact our General Manager, Justin Hopkins at 209-948-0333 or at [jhopkins@sewd.net](mailto:jhopkins@sewd.net) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Richard Atkins  
President

CC:

Kris Anderson, Senior State Relations Advocate, Association of California Water Agencies  
Assembly Member Carlos Villapudua  
Senator Susan Talamantes-Eggman

Weekly Water Report	As of: Feb 20, 2024	As of: Mar 5, 2024	
<b>New Hogan (NHG) TOC</b>	<b>175,008</b>	<b>177,161*</b>	<b>AF</b>
Storage:	191,822	211,160*	AF
Net Storage Change:	+6,681	+19,338	AF
Inflow:	2,483	1,549*	CFS
Release:	103	272*	CFS
<b>New Melones (NML) Allocation</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>AF</b>
Storage:	1,972,469	2,000,126*	AF
Net Storage change:	-1,205	+27,657	AF
Inflow:	1,781	3,398**	CFS
Release:	1,387	468**	CFS
<b>Source: CDEC Daily Reports</b>			

<b>Goodwin Diversion (GDW)</b>			
Inflow (Tulloch Dam):	2,451	1,164	CFS
Release to Stanislaus River (S-98):	1,521	1,002	CFS
Release to OID (JT Main):	0	0	CFS
Release to SSJID (SO Main):	0	0	CFS
Release to SEWD:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	CFS
Total Release	1,521	1,002	CFS
<b>Source: Tri-Dam Operations Daily Report</b>			
<b>Farmington Dam (FRM)</b>			
Diverted to SEWD:	0	0	CFS
Diverted to CSJWCD:	0	0	CFS

<b>Surface Water Used</b>			
Irrigators on New Hogan:	0	0	
Irrigators on New Melones:	0	0	
Out-Of-District Irrigators:	0	0	
DJWWTP Production:	26	22	MGD
North Stockton:	8	3	MGD
South Stockton:	5	4	MGD
Cal Water:	19	8	MGD
City of Stockton DWSP Production:	7	9	MGD

<b>District Ground Water Extraction</b>			
74-01	0	0	GPM
74-02	0	0	GPM
North	0	0	GPM
South	0	0	GPM
Extraction Well # 1	<u>0</u>	0	GPM
Total Well Water Extraction	0	0	GPM
Total Ground Water Production	0	0	MGD

**Note: \*\*The data reported here is available as of 03/03/24**

**\*The data reported here is available as of 03/04/24**

**All other flow data reported here is preliminary, as of 9:00 a.m. on 03/05/24**