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Dear Chair Clem and members of the House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use and Water:

HB 4012 is masquerading as a solution to a non-existent problem. We already have good, sound legislation on the books to support water storage projects through lottery bonds. That funding source has already been put in place through SB 839 passed in the 2013 session.

In actual fact, HB 4012 is a bad bill that seeks to gut the carefully thought-out provisions in SB 839 (2013) that were adopted to ensure that water development projects supported by public funds provide a public benefit and do so without decimating our already threatened fish runs.

SB 839 (2013) was passed with statewide support from both irrigation interests and conservation interests. It was, and is, a reasoned compromise.

I trust that you will thoughtfully consider the damage that HB 4012 would do to the collaborative approach adopted in SB 839 in the 2013 session, and I hope that you will vote against it.

Thank you,

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