

# WATER LEAGUE

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in water stewardship.*

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**In Memoriam**  
John L. Gardiner

February 11, 2025

To: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

Representative Ken Helm, Co-Chair

Representative Mark Owens, Co-Chair

Representative Sarah Finger McDonald, Vice-Chair

Representatives Court Boice, Annessa Hartman, Bobby Levy, Pam Marsh,  
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RE: Water League conditionally supports HB 2988 to study Artificial Recharge  
and Aquifer Storage and Recovery.

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and  
committee members,

Please consider a direct appropriation of funds to pay for the expanded work  
load this bill will place on OWRD staff. The chances of getting a proper study  
through the enactment of an unfunded mandate are low if OWRD is not to  
sacrifice other important work.

We hope studying Artificial Recharge includes diffuse water infiltration using  
shallow terraced depressions and other earthworks to enhance base flows in  
streams during the summer and fall.

Sincerely,



Christopher Hall

Executive Director