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JOINT STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE NINE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Boards are proud to protect the state's most precious resource: water. As the chairs of the regional water boards, we are committed to demonstrating the boards' efficiency, performance and accountability, and to giving California residents improved service for the same tax dollars.

With these goals in mind, we support the improvements contained in the restructuring package announced by the State Water Board. These enhancements build upon a 40-year record of successfully working with the State Water Board and upon the even older record of the regional water boards. California's comprehensive framework for protecting and enhancing water quality remains sound. Nonetheless, as the complexity of California's water quality challenges grows, we must evolve to address these challenges.

In view of this dry year and other stresses being put on California's water system, these improvements are necessary and timely. The regional water boards will work to make sure they begin paying dividends quickly.

Our regional boards have already looked inward and made a number of substantial improvements. The comprehensive restructuring proposal builds on these initiatives to protect California's water resources for present and future generations. We believe this balanced approach will benefit our water, the environment and all Californians.

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