



State Senator Henry Stern
Chair Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
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RE: AB933, Ecosystem Resilience and Watershed Protection Act (Petrie-Norris)

Dear Senator Stern,

The Planning and Conservation League(PCL) urges you to support AB933, the Ecosystem Resilience and Watershed Protection Act (Petrie-Norris).

The PCL is impressed with the critical work of local watershed partnerships to reduce flood damages, manage stormwater runoff, restore streams and riparian corridors, improve fish and wildlife habitat, avoid damaging fires, and train and employ youth in conservation work.

AB933 will give critically needed capacity to these groups with technical assistance to design, plan, and implement projects that advance community identified needs.

State grant programs such as this Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator Program that assist local organizations that engage the public and local expertise in watershed protection is a good investment of state resources, and support for these projects is needed more than ever in a time of climate uncertainty and growing scarcity of water and riparian habitats.

Sincerely,

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