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Resolution for Cities/Counties/Special Districts Supporting SB 669 (Caballero), the Safe Drinking Water Trust

WHEREAS, the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Municipal Utilities Association are sponsoring SB 669 (Caballero) to create the Safe Drinking Water Trust (the Trust); and

WHEREAS, drinking water is essential to life and the lack of access to safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities is a public health issue that the state should address; and

WHEREAS, a funding solution for operation and maintenance and consolidation costs is needed that can complement existing federal and state funding sources for capital costs; and

WHEREAS, ACWA and CMUA have developed the Trust proposal to provide the needed funding solution;

WHEREAS, SB 669 would create the Trust in the state Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Trust would be funded with an infusion of General Fund dollars during a state budget surplus year; and

WHEREAS, there is a record General Fund budget surplus for the 2019-'20 fiscal year and a portion could be used to fund the Trust's principal; and

WHEREAS, the net income from the Trust would provide the needed durable source of funding; and

WHEREAS, a statewide water tax on local water bills of approximately 3,000 community water systems would work against the common goal of keeping water affordable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District formally supports SB 669.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on March 19, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: (5) Directors, Herndon, Graham, Mirbegian, Lieberman and Freeman

NOES: (0) ABSTAIN: (0) ABSENT: (0)

ATTEST:

Linda Herndon

President of the Board of Directors

Kirk Clovd

Secretary to the Board of Directors

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