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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

July 10, 2017

The Honorable Senator Robert M. Hertzberg
California State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 231 (Hertzberg) Sustainable Local Agency Funding

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

On behalf of the County of Santa Barbara, Project Clean Water, we support SB 231 (Hertzberg): "Sustainable Local Agency Funding" to provide greater opportunities for the County of Santa Barbara to fund projects that manage storm water runoff.

Storm water is a key source of local water supply and careful management is necessary now more than ever due to California's continuing cycles of drought. It can also carry pollutants into groundwater, creeks, rivers and the ocean. We have insufficient funding for the type of infrastructure needed to meet ever-increasing demands, competing with critical programs such as health and safety.

SB 231 is an important step toward smarter management of storm water. We applaud you for maintaining the strict transparency and accountability requirements in Proposition 218, which ensure that local fees be used only for the purposes for which they were collected and only in amounts necessary to meet local needs.

Thank you for introducing this important measure.

Sincerely,

Cathleen Garnand, Interim Project Clean Water Manager

CC (email) Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair Assembly Local Govt Committee
Julissa Delgado, Senator Hertzberg's office