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Submitted via email: hr2w@oehha.ca.gov

Attn: Dr. Carolina Balazs
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**RE: Letter of Support for ACWA and CMUA Comments RE Public Review Draft of
*Achieving the Human Right to Water in CA: Assessment of the State's
Community Water Systems and Draft Mapping Tool***

Dear Dr. Balazs:

Sacramento County appreciates the opportunity to provide public comment on the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Public Review Draft Report titled, *Achieving the Human Right to Water in California: An Assessment of the State's Community Water Systems* (Draft Report) and Draft Mapping Tool (Draft Tool).

The Sacramento County Water Agency has worked closely with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) on this issue and the County supports their submitted comments. Specifically, we are concerned that water agencies and other systems responsible for providing safe drinking water to the public have not had the opportunity to vet the Draft Report and Draft Tool. We echo ACWA and CMUA's call on OEHHA to, at a minimum, consider further engagement with the water community:

- Host a water community meeting to review and discuss the ACWA and CMUA comments prior to OEHHA finalizing the report and tool;
- Provide water systems with the raw data from the tool when requested;
- Develop and institute a process that allows water systems the ability to respectfully appeal data shown in the tool and contextualize it with more relevant accurate information; and
- Form an advisory group comprised of diverse water agencies, academia, community advocates and other interested stakeholders to serve in collaboration with OEHHA and provide an ongoing opportunity to discuss current indicators, future indicators, and versions of the tool.

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We look forward to sharing with you the County Water Agency's input, data and examples before finalizing the report and tool. I am available to answer any questions at dranen@saccounty.net or 916-874-4627.

Sincerely,



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