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March 1, 2017

Cameron Smyth
Mayor

The Honorable Scott Wilk
Member of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 4090
Sacramento, California 95814

Laurene Weste
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 146 (WILK): SUPPORT

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

Dear Senator Wilk:

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

I am writing to express the Santa Clarita City Council's appreciation to you for authoring Senate Bill 146, relating to the processes of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). At the regular meeting of February 14, 2017, the City Council voted unanimously to support the measure.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

As you well know, the City of Santa Clarita has been actively opposing the proposed sand and gravel mine in Soledad Canyon for the past 18 years. We are hopeful that the federal Interior Board of Land Appeals will uphold the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) August 28, 2015, decision to terminate the two, ten year consecutive sand and gravel mining contracts between BLM and CEMEX. Should the BLM's decision not be upheld, we appreciate your willingness and strong commitment in proactively authoring legislation critical to the issue.

We believe that you have structured Senate Bill 146 well; to enable the State Water Resources Control Board to be in possession of the most current information prior to considering whether to issue a water appropriation permit. As you have acknowledged, the bill does not limit the authority of the SWRCB. It is thoughtfully designed to ensure that the public, stakeholders and interested parties have an opportunity to have their views presented and considered by the SWRCB. This will allow the SWRCB to have a solid foundation upon which to base a credible decision regarding a water appropriation application, which is now over a quarter-century old.

Again, thank you for authoring this important legislation. The Santa Clarita City Council and staff stand ready to work with you to secure enactment of SB 146. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa



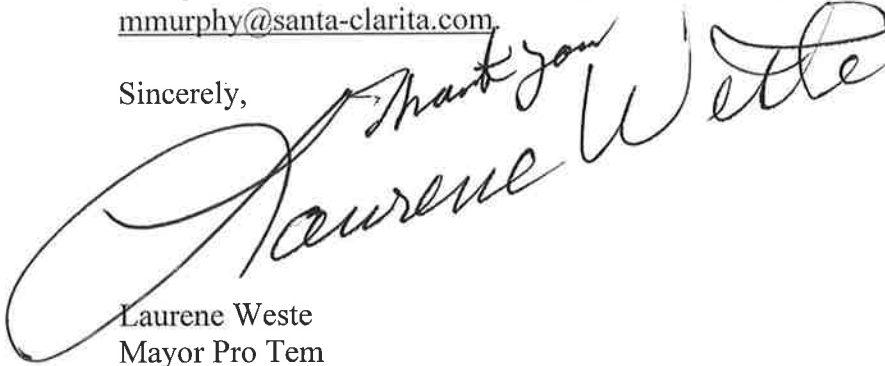
Honorable Scott Wilk

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Clarita City Council's support for Senate Bill 146, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,

Thank you
A large, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurene Weste". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over the typed name and title. Above the signature, the words "Thank you" are written in a smaller, cursive script.

Laurene Weste
Mayor Pro Tem

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cc: Members of the City Council
Senator Henry Stern
Assembly Member Dante Acosta
Assembly Member Tom Lackey
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Frank Oviedo, Assistant City Manager
Michael Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Jennifer Quan, League of California Cities