



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

Ken Stripling

DATE: June 13, 2017

SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEGISLATION: HOUSE RESOLUTION 2116

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt the Legislative Committee's recommendation to support House Resolution 2116 (Knight) and transmit position statements to Representative Steve Knight; Senator Dianne Feinstein; Senator Kamala Harris; the House Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans; and other Members of Congress and committees, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

Authored by Congressman Steve Knight (R-25-CA), House Resolution 2116 proposes to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in a series of water reclamation projects to provide a new water supply to communities previously impacted by perchlorate contamination plumes.

It is estimated that more than half a dozen drinking-water wells in the Santa Clarita Valley have gone unused because they are contaminated with perchlorate, a potentially harmful chemical byproduct of munitions manufacturing. The contamination is believed to come from the Whittaker-Bermite site, where treatment for perchlorate contamination began in February 2016.

House Resolution 2116 would provide grant opportunities to local agencies, authorizing the Bureau of Reclamation to fund new water supply programs to offset the loss of groundwater due to perchlorate contamination. Congressman Knight proposed similar legislation last year, House Resolution 4610 (2015-16), which was referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans on February 25, 2016, and no further action was taken on the bill.

House Resolution 2116 was introduced in the House of Representatives on April 25, 2017, and referred to the House Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans on April 27, 2017.

The City Council Legislative Committee met on May 19, 2017, and recommends that the City

Council adopt a “support” position for House Resolution 2116.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a “neutral” position on House Resolution 2116
2. Adopt an “oppose” position on House Resolution 2116
3. Take no action on House Resolution 2116
4. Refer House Resolution 2116 back to the Legislative Committee
5. Other action, as determined by the City Council

FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted 2016/17 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

House Resolution 2116 (Knight)