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April 3, 2018

The Honorable Laura Friedman  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, California 94249-0043

**Re: AB 2975 (Friedman) – OPPOSE  
Wild and scenic rivers – As Introduced February 16, 2018**

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

On behalf of the County of Fresno, we write to express our opposition to your Assembly Bill (AB) 2975. This bill seeks to expand the scope of California's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act with potential adverse impacts on the State's water supply system, water supply development, water rights, and drought response.

The County of Fresno is part of the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJWWIA) with the objective of achieving development of the long-proposed Temperance Flat Reservoir project. This project located on the San Joaquin River, northeast of Fresno, would provide a vitally needed source of additional surface water storage. A new dam would be constructed within the upper reaches of existing Millerton Lake to form the new reservoir, which would have a capacity of 1.3 million acre-feet. A vast amount of data collection, studying, and planning has been invested by State, Federal, regional, and local agencies in this project. In August 2017, the SJWWIA submitted an application to the California Water Commission for funding under the water bond (Proposition 1, Chapter 8) to help pay for Temperance Flat.

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors believes that AB 2975 could be used to obstruct the development of Temperance Flat's vastly increased and water storage capability, which is essential to addressing the San Joaquin Valley's current water crisis and new State groundwater sustainability mandates. Such obstruction would be to the detriment of the health and welfare of the Valley residents, businesses, and agriculture.

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For these reasons, the County of Fresno opposes AB 2975.

Sincerely,

**Fresno County Board of Supervisors**



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cc: Fresno County Legislative Delegation  
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