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April 16, 2026

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1712 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wicks:

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 1712, which allows the City of Santa Fe Springs to consolidate its water utility with another public system to improve safety, reliability, and affordability.

By giving the City of Santa Fe Springs the option to merge its water utility with another system, AB 1712 would distribute operational responsibilities across a provider with greater resources, allowing the City to pursue much-needed upgrades to its system. The bill also emphasizes public accountability by requiring a four-fifths city council vote, a sale at no less than fair market value, the preservation of service quality, and an assurance that ratepayers will not be unfairly burdened. CCCA is pleased to support this legislation, as it would grant the City of Santa Fe Springs greater flexibility to manage its water system in a way that reflects community needs and local capacities.

CCCA represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our support of AB 1712.

Yours in service

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations