

June 5, 2013

The Honorable Katcho Achadjian Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee State Capitol Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Senate Bill 246 (Fuller) - Support [As Amended April 23, 2013]

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian:

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA), representing over 1,000 special districts and affiliate organizations throughout the state, supports Senate Bill 246 (Fuller), which modernizes and reorganizes the enabling act of the Bighorn-Desert View Water District. CSDA represents all types of special districts, which provide millions of Californians with core local services such as water, irrigation, wastewater and more.

Bighorn-Desert View was established by AB 1819 (Woodruff), a consolidation between the Desert View County Water District and the Bighorn Mountains Water Agency in 1990. SB 246 would update the enabling act to improve clarity, functionality and provide greater transparency and accountability to its ratepayers. Additionally, this bill would remedy any legal uncertainty currently presented by the enabling act without affecting any other public agency.

For these reasons, CSDA is pleased to support SB 246 and respectfully requests the committee's favorable consideration when the measure comes before it on June 12. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jean Fuller

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