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Dear Secretary Laird and Director Kenna:

The California Water Commission is pleased to endorse the California Biodiversity Council's Resolution, "Strengthening Agency Alignment for Natural Resource Conservation." The endorsement was made at the Commission's April 17, 2013 meeting and demonstrates support for the Council's leadership and ongoing commitment to the goals of sustaining the diversity of natural resources and improving cross-agency coordination.

The guiding principles of the Council and this resolution are consistent with the goals of the Water Commission to promote policies that encourage sustainable management of water and a healthy environment, and to serve as a public forum to discuss water issues.

Our respective organizations share a common vision, namely, that the alignment of policies and programs to protect natural resources can result in more productive and efficient activities by agencies that are responsible for managing vital public trust resources. Furthermore, we recognize that the effective engagement of the public and stakeholders builds strong and sustainable partnerships that benefit the conservation and management of natural resources in California.

The Honorable John Laird
Director James G. Kenna
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We look forward to continuing to work with each of you and all of the members of the Biodiversity Council to support policies and activities that protect and enhance California's natural ecosystems, valuable resources, and quality of life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Byrne", is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Joe Byrne, Chair
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cc: Christine Nota, Executive Committee Chair
California Biodiversity Council

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