



## CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR GOLF

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The Honorable Lois Wolk, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Water, Parks & Wildlife  
State Capitol, Room 3120  
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RE: AB 2270 – Support

Dear Assemblywoman Wolk,

I am writing on behalf of the California Alliance for Golf (CAG) to express our support for AB 2270 (Laird and Feuer), regarding recycled water and water quality.

California Alliance for Golf (CAG) is a newly formed non-profit corporation which functions as a trade association representing the golf industry in this state.

Many of our constituents currently use recycled water. We believe more golf courses would be potential end-users or customers for recycled water if some of their fears could be put to rest. Salts present one of the biggest challenges for golf course superintendents who currently use or considering the use of recycled water.

Self-regenerating water softeners use salt in their treatment processes. Once the water softening treatment has occurred to address hardness in the water, a salty brine is discharged back into the wastewater system. High salt concentrations in this brine increases the Total Dissolved Salts load (TDS) arriving at the wastewater treatment plant. Many local water supplies already have high background TDS levels. Adding salts via water softeners can have a material adverse consequence.

Several sources to which we have been referred (which we can provide on request) convince us that water softeners are degrading the quality of recycled water being used by many of our golf courses.

Reducing salts in recycled water will improve the attractiveness of recycled water as an alternative water supply source. CAG encourages the use of recycled water at golf courses and believes it would be similarly desirable for many outdoor irrigation applications if poor water quality is not a major deterrent.

CAG supports AB 2270 and looks forward to working with you in advancing this piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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