



TO: Honorable Members of the California Legislature

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RE: **Budget Trailer Bill Based on SB 623 (Monning):**

SURVEY SHOWS STATEWIDE OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TAX ON DRINKING WATER

The Brown Administration is proposing a **budget trailer bill**, based on SB 623 (Monning), to fill gaps in funding for safe drinking water. While agreeing with the intent behind the measure, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and over 135 public water agencies have an oppose-unless-amended position because the budget trailer bill proposes a tax on drinking water.

A recent survey shows there is overwhelming opposition among likely voters to the proposed new drinking water tax. Attached is a memo from Tulchin Research with the details.

ACWA and the over 135 public water agencies are proposing an alternative solution. Learn more at www.acwa.com/no-water-tax. If you have any questions, please contact us at (916) 441-4545, cindy@acwa.com or wendyr@acwa.com.

Enclosure

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