



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Letter of Support for California Assembly Bill 460 Regarding Water Rights Enforcement  
**Sponsors:** Natalie Arroyo, Steve Madrone  
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5/21/2024	1	Board of Supervisors		

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor Natalie Arroyo and Supervisor Steve Madrone

**Agenda Section:** Initiated by Board Member

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Letter of Support for California Assembly Bill 460 Regarding Water Rights Enforcement

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter of support for California Assembly Bill 460.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The recommended action supports the following areas of the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Plan:

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

**DISCUSSION:**

California Assembly Bill 460 would allow the State Water Resources Control Board to more effectively enforce existing law to protect water rights, human health and safety and the environment from irreparable harm. Due to restrictions in the current law, it can take weeks, or longer, for the State Water Resources Control Board to stop unauthorized water use. California Assembly Bill 460 would increase the penalties for water rights violators and allow the State Water Resources Control Board to immediately halt any illegal actions.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There are no costs directly associated with signing the attached letter of support for California Assembly Bill 460. As a result, the recommended action will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

The recommended action will not impact current staffing levels.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Board discretion.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Letter of Support for California Assembly Bill 460
2. California Assembly Bill 460
3. California Assembly Bill 460 Myth v. Fact

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Meeting of: N/A

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