



May 2, 2018

The Honorable Senator Ricardo Lara  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 5050  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
VIA FAX: 916-651-4933

**RE: SB 1133 (Portantino) California regional water quality control board: water quality control plans: funding. (As Amended 4/24/18) Notice of Support**

Dear Senator Lara:

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities® (Division), representing 86 cities in the county, supports SB 1133 which allows the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) to receive funding from permittees including the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the purpose of updating the Los Angeles region's water quality control plan.

SB 1133 will not bring any additional cost to the State. In fact, the passage of SB 1133 would allow the State to utilize local funding to meet recommendations of the California State Auditor that State and Regional Water Boards, "must do more to ensure that local jurisdictions costs to reduce storm water pollution are necessary and appropriate."<sup>1</sup>

The need to update the Los Angeles Basin Plan is critical to managing the costs of stormwater management which the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works estimates will cost \$20 billion countywide in operations and management alone. SB 1133 would allow the Regional Board to accept funds for the purposes of modernizing the Basin Plan with updated science and information which can help put real costs into perspective when evaluating stormwater management.

As Los Angeles County considers a stormwater parcel tax for the November 2018 ballot, SB 1133 provides an opportunity to fund a crucial and timely update to the Basin Plan. For these reasons, the Los Angeles County Division supports SB 1133.

Sincerely,

Miguel Canales  
President, Los Angeles County Division  
League of California Cities®

cc: Anthony Molina, Office of Senator Portantino

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2017-118.pdf>