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Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife  
1020 N. Street, Room 160  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Chairperson Papan and Members of the Committee:

**Subject: SB 366 – The California Water Plan: Long Term Supply Targets [Support]**

The California Alliance for Golf (CAG), a California nonprofit corporation, is a consortium of the state's leading golf organizations/associations/businesses that speaks on behalf of the \$15.1 billion California golf community, its roughly 3.2 million devotees, thousands of workers, and roughly one thousand golf facilities. The following comments in general support of SB 366 are filed in accordance with the Alliance's procedures for issuing comments and taking positions on proposed legislation.

All credible evidence points toward a future in which a warming/drying climate yields somewhere between ten and twenty percent less water from the sources upon which the state has relied for most of its history – e.g., Sierra snowpack, Colorado River Basin, groundwater reserves. While Californians have done much to incorporate conservation into their ways of living and doing business and can and must do more, conservation alone won't suffice. Additional sources of supply in addition to conservation (yes, water saved qualifies as "supply"), sources to displace the 20<sup>th</sup> Century supply cum storage technologies that have been largely exhausted, are going to be required to ensure that California can continue to enjoy the same benefits of economic vitality, environmental sustainability, recreational opportunity, and the other basics of a high-quality life that the 20<sup>th</sup> Century strategies cum investments produced.

Whether through the application of specific targets, as has become commonplace with respect to the various technological transfers required to achieve a carbon neutral position or cleaner air/water, or through the application of less specific goals or aspirations, some version of what SB 366 offers in terms of crafting a long-term strategy for focusing attention on 21<sup>st</sup> Century supply infrastructures like storm water capture, aquifer recharge, nonpotable reuse, and potable reuse in addition to increased conservation, would go a long way toward avoiding what very well could have happened in California in 2022-2023 had the state suffered a 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of severe drought – a possibility that we avoided only by dint of luck and one that all credible evidence indicates is something our long-term planning ought to anticipate.

SB 366 would take California down the path of anticipating and avoiding that possibility and would do so by creating a more robust public input process that adds tribes, labor, and environmental justice interests to the mix.

Respectfully submitted,

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