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## EXHIBIT 20-B

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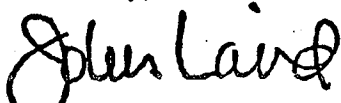
Dear Directors:

I appreciate your board members and staff taking time to discuss AB 1421 with my staff over the last several weeks. Your comments and clarifications were very helpful and we have attempted to address the issues that you raised in the draft language that I am currently reviewing and my staff is vetting. Your patience in dealing with the timelines of the Legislature has been greatly appreciated.

Based on legislative deadlines, we have approximately one month before bills need to move out of Senate policy committees. I would like to spend the next two weeks addressing stakeholder needs and prepare final language for the Senate's policy Natural Resources and Water Committee to review. Please be assured that I intend to work with your staff and committee members prior to the next hearing and keep you abreast of new changes. My hope is to present an amended bill in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee that reflects input that I have received from you and other interested parties. Therefore, I have requested that the Senate committee delay scheduling a hearing for at least another two weeks.

Again, I appreciate your patience and your participation.

Sincerely,



JOHN LAIRD  
 Assemblymember, 27<sup>th</sup> District