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Board President  
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Joshua Eddy  
Executive Director

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Ashley Boren  
Executive Director  
Sustainable Conservation

Dear Governor Brown:

Charles Boyer, Dean  
Jordan College of  
Agricultural Sciences,  
California State  
University, Fresno

With more than 58 percent of California experiencing an 'exceptional drought' combined with the negative economic impact of \$2.2 billion to the state's overall agricultural sector, action is desperately needed on a water bond. On behalf of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, we strongly support your leadership in developing a fiscally responsible water bond that includes significant funding for water storage and the implementation of the California Water Action Plan.

Donald Bransford, Owner  
Bransford Farms

Don Cameron,  
General Manager,  
Terranova Ranch, Inc.

Our current drought situation should not allow legislation to solely focus on short-term solutions, when long-term actions are also needed to improve the reliability of California's water system. Water bonds over the past several decades have not included water storage or the infrastructure necessary to meet our critical needs during times of drought. To address climate change, and the likelihood of more frequent droughts, it is essential that we invest in storage to capture water when it is available for later strategic uses. That is why your leadership is also needed to achieve sustainable groundwater management throughout California. We applaud your work in bringing stakeholders together to craft legislation for improved local management of this precious resource.

Nancy Casady  
General Manager  
Ocean Beach People's  
Organic Food Co-Op

Dan Dooley  
Vice President,  
University of California

Ben Drake, President  
Drake Enterprises

Michael Gallo, Co-owner  
Joseph Gallo Farms

Eric Holst,  
Senior Director,  
Environmental Defense  
Fund

With your leadership a solution can be found that balances the needs of a healthy environment, a growing economy and the continued viability of California's unique and valued role in food production. We pledge our support to your efforts and stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Bryce Lundberg,  
Vice President,  
Lundberg Family Farms

Sincerely,

Martha Montoya,  
President,  
Los Kitos Produce

Craig McNamara

Miles Reiter,  
Chairman and CEO,  
Driscoll Strawberry  
Associates, Inc.

Joy Sterling, CEO  
Iron Horse Vineyards

cc: Secretary Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Nancy McFadden, Executive Secretary, Governor's Office  
Dana Williamson, Cabinet Secretary, Governor's Office  
Gareth Elliot, Legislative Affairs, Governor's Office  
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Riverside Unified School  
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