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Felicia Marcus, Chair  
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Dear Chair Marcus:

This letter is to express my support for the Soquel Creek Water District's application for \$2.5 million from the Proposition 1 Groundwater Quality Funding Program for its Pure Water Soquel groundwater replenishment project.

The Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin is in a state of critical overdraft and groundwater is the Soquel Creek Water District's only source of water. More than a thousand community entities rely on this groundwater source and the Pure Water Soquel project will take municipal wastewater from the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District or the City of Santa Cruz and produce 1,500 acre-feet annually by employing advanced water purification methods. This purified water would then be injected into the groundwater basin and provide a barrier against seawater intrusion.

The Pure Water Soquel project will create a reliable water supply for the greater Soquel community and I ask that you give all due consideration to the Soquel Creek Water District's request for Proposition 1 Groundwater Quality Funding Program funds.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. W. Monning", written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM W. MONNING  
Senator, 17<sup>th</sup> District

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