

April 10, 2023

The Honorable Ken Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Notice of Support – Federally Integrated Species Health (FISH) Act (H.R. 872)

Dear Congressman Calvert:

I am writing to inform you that the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors has taken a position of support on your bill, the FISH Act (H.R. 872).

Valley Water is pleased to support this bill that would amend the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to vest within the Department of the Interior the responsibilities under the ESA of managing certain species of fish that are currently managed under other agencies. As Silicon Valley's primary water agency, our duties include providing flood protection and environmental stewardship for Santa Clara County's more than 800 miles of creeks and streams, and ensuring a clean, healthy, and reliable water supply for our county's nearly two million residents. We appreciate that this bill would consolidate management of certain fish species under one agency, reducing bureaucratic barriers that hinder effective implementation of the ESA for these species.

Thank you for introducing this important bill. If there is any way Valley Water may be of assistance in the bill's passage, please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 630-2237, or by e-mail at mlugo@valleywater.org.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Alex Padilla
The Honorable Anna Eshoo

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The Honorable Jimmy Panetta

