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The Honorable Loni Hancock
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Via email to: renee.estoista@sen.ca.gov

April 11, 2014

Re: Support SB 1199, State Wild and Scenic River designation for the Mokelumne River

Dear Senator Hancock:

The Environmental Water Caucus, as represented by the logos and names attached to this letter, supports Senate Bill 1199, which would designate the Mokelumne River a state Wild and Scenic River from Salt Springs Dam to Pardee Reservoir.

The Mokelumne is a hard-working river known for providing high-quality water for more than 1.4 million East Bay ratepayers as well as foothill communities and valley agriculture. Its powerhouses provide energy for more than 200,000 homes under a federal license developed collaboratively with several of our members.

Protecting 37 miles of the Mokelumne as a State Wild and Scenic River will ensure these current beneficial uses of the river continue. The designation will protect traditional cultural uses of the river as well as important fish and wildlife habitat, including historic

spawning habitat for California's salmon and steelhead. It will also enhance the rural economies of Amador and Calaveras Counties by providing for family recreation, boosting tourism, and ensuring that this locally beloved river is permanently protected for present and future generations.

Wild and Scenic designation for the Mokelumne offers a rare solution that protects the river for those who depend on it today as well as generations to come.

Please share our support with the members of the Legislature.

Very truly yours,



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**ATTACHMENT TO LETTER IN SUPPORT OF SB1199
STATE WILD & SCENIC RIVERS DESIGNATION
FOR THE MOKELUMNE RIVER**

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Tuolumne River Trust



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