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The Honorable Luz Rivas
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
1021 O Street, Suite 6140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 54 (Allen), as amended June 16, 2022 – Support

Dear Assemblymember Rivas:

The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA)¹ is writing to provide our support for SB 54 (Allen). SB 54 strongly aligns with [CASQA's Vision for Sustainable Stormwater Management](#), particularly our goal to minimize pollution through True Source Control.

We strongly support efforts to reduce all pollutants at the source, especially plastics. Minimizing pollution, as opposed to attempting to remove pollution from the environment, is essential to sustainable stormwater management. True Source Control (the elimination of a pollutant at its source) and the use of alternative products offers the most effective and economical approach to the elimination of many pollutants that impair the beneficial uses of California's waterways. True Source Control also more appropriately aligns the cost of addressing pollution with its generation, rather than shifting the cost and environmental impacts to local communities. Minimizing pollution at the source is therefore not only more effective, but the most sustainable approach, particularly for plastics.

Thank you for considering this important solution to protecting California's waterways. We know countless hours have been put into the development of this carefully negotiated proposal and we are thankful for the Legislature's leadership on this important issue. If you have any questions, or would like to meet to discuss the needs of stormwater, please contact me at (310) 462-4939 or karen.cowan@casqa.org.

Sincerely,

Karen Cowan, Executive Director
California Stormwater Quality Association

¹ CASQA is a nonprofit corporation that advances sustainable stormwater management protective of California water resources. With approximately 2,000 members, our membership is comprised of a diverse range of stormwater quality management organizations and individuals, including over 180 cities, 23 counties, special districts, federal agencies, state agencies, ports, universities and school districts, wastewater agencies, water suppliers, industries, and consulting firms throughout the state. Collectively, CASQA represents over 26 million people in California.