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Testimony In Support of
HB7221 AAC Access to Water Planning Information

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The damage inflicted on 9/11 was not limited to loss of thousands of lives and destruction of property. It inspired us to pass draconian secrecy laws which sequestered information from public access. Included was much information about our water supply. Fear of terrorism in unspecified ways dominated our thinking.

We are now in the midst of decades-overdue comprehensive state wide water planning. However some of the information necessary to move forward with this process is still hidden from view. These secrecy laws kept information about supply plans and water resources of the water companies hidden.

HB 7221 renders this necessary information accessible so that the water planning process can move forward. We clearly understand that the water planning we must complete is not possible without access to this information.

The Sierra Club endorses HB 7221, and looks forward to a robust water planning process replete with the necessary information to make it successful.

