



April 10, 2023

The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, chair
Assembly Committee on Water Parks and Wildlife
1020 N Street, Room 160
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 923 (Bauer-Kahan) – Floodplain restoration study -- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Bauer-Kahan and Members:

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) has represented small and mid-scale family farmers in California for over 45 years, seeking to preserve family-scale agriculture, promote local food systems, and advance environmental sustainability.

CAFF is pleased to support AB 923, which requires the Department of Water Resources to undertake a study of flood plain restoration and the potential impacts on flooding and groundwater recharge. There are some good examples of flood plain restoration in both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys and we believe much more could be done. We would recommend that the irrigation districts that are signatories to the voluntary agreements be explicitly included in the bill, as some of their commitments could be assisted by flood plain restoration.

Sincerely,

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