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**RE: CCLHO OPPOSE** position on SB 962 (Anderson) Public water systems: point-of-use treatment

Dear Dr. Chapman:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Board voted on May 2, 2012, at the CCLHO Semiannual Business meeting to take an oppose position on SB 962. Our recommendation is that the California Department of Public Health should take the CCLHO position into consideration in your analysis of the legislation. Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, provides for the operation of public water systems, and requires the State Department of Public Health to adopt regulations for these purposes. Under existing law, regulations adopted by the department are required to include requirements governing the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment by public water systems in lieu of centralized treatment, where feasible. Existing law requires the department to adopt emergency regulations governing the permitted use of point-of-entry and point-of-use treatment by public water systems in lieu of centralized treatment and requires that these emergency regulations remain in effect until January 1, 2014, or the effective date of the required nonemergency regulations. Existing law limits these regulations to public water systems with less than 200 service connections.

SB 962 proposes to extend the use of point-of-entry and point-of-use devices on drinking water delivery systems from 200 service connections to 500 service connections and from expiration of this temporary 'fix' to sub-standard drinking water to January 2016. These actions circumvent one of public health's most foundational tenets—the provision of safe drinking water.

As you are aware, CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now the California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, and commissions, as well as officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [wilma.wooten@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:wilma.wooten@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 619-542-4181.

Sincerely,

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