

Senator Don Perata, Chair
Senate Rules Committee
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Subject: Confirmation of Tam Doduc as Chair of State Water Board

Dear Chairman Perata and Committee members:

The Sonoma County Water Coalition (SCWC) asks you to **support the confirmation of Tam Doduc** as Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). SCWC represents 31 organizations and speaks for over 27,000 concerned citizens concerned about present and future is water supply and quality in Sonoma County and California's North Coast Region.

Ms. Doduc's has a high level of expertise in business management and engineering, and her career has combined distinguished private and public sector employment. A Registered Civil Engineer, Ms Doduc's private sector experience in the day-to-day intricacies of regulatory compliance will serve her well at the State Water Board, along with her strong record of able service to both the State Water Board and the Air Resources Board. Her work on environmental justice issues will assist the Board to better serve communities that often are under-represented in responses to governmental programs and proceedings.

Ms. Doduc thus has invaluable expertise for addressing the complex environmental problems targeted by Cal/EPA, such as aerial deposition of pollutants and polluted runoff.

Tam Doduc firmly believes that the State Water Board and the regional water boards must work cooperatively to carry out the collective mission to preserve, enhance, and restore California's water resources, and has worked hard to maintain lines of communication and trust between the State Water Board and the regional water boards. This focus on communication and cooperation between the State and regional Water boards is of great importance to us and other concerned citizens, who primarily interact with regional boards. We are also heartened by her willingness to impartially consider all stakeholder views on controversial issues, evident at recent public hearings.

For all the above reasons, the Sonoma County Water Coalition strongly supports Tam Doduc for the position of Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board.

Sincerely,

(Name) for the Sonoma County Water Coalition

cc: Dr. Alan Lloyd, Cal/EPA Secretary (FAX: 916-324-0908)