OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 4, which establishes strong environmental protections and transparency requirements for hydraulic fracturing and other well stimulation operations.

I am also directing the Department of Conservation, when implementing the bill, to develop an efficient permitting program for well stimulation activities that groups permits together based on factors such as known geologic conditions and environmental impacts, while providing for more particularized review in other situations when necessary.

The bill needs some clarifying amendments and I will work with the author in making those changes next year.

Sincerely,

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