



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**SEP 28 2022**

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2106 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) to develop a new, statewide commercial, industrial, and institutional stormwater permit. The bill also requires the Water Board to update its stormwater data system and conduct a series of hearings evaluating its stormwater program.

I support efforts to improve stormwater permitting and reporting, as outlined in our 2022 Water Supply Strategy, which sets a priority of helping local governments to develop stormwater capture projects with the goal to increase annual supply capacity. The Water Board has existing authority to set priorities, make findings, and determine the necessity of new stormwater regulations. This bill would result in significant new costs in the millions of dollars that would substantially increase waste discharge fees or require ongoing General Fund.

Changes to stormwater management would be best addressed in our budget process, working with existing authorities, and outlined in the Water Supply Strategy implementation steps. With our state facing lower-than-expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year, it is important to remain disciplined when it comes to spending.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Gavin Newsom