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To the Members of the California State Assembly

I am returning Assembly Bill 753 without my signature.

This bill establishes a new state fund for water quality projects with a focus on providing greenspace within disadvantaged communities and requires forty percent of annual revenue be taken from the Cleanup and Abatement Fund within the State Water Resources Control Board to fund these projects.

While I appreciate the author's intent to improve clean up of local waterways in disadvantaged communities, this bill reallocates revenue from an oversubscribed fund that is utilized to clean up waste, abate the effects of waste on waters of the state, and address urgent drinking water needs. This funding represents a critical need and we cannot afford to redirect it to a new account.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom