

TO: Honorable Monique Limon, Chair  
Senate Natural Resources and Water  
Members, Senate Natural Resources and Water

FROM: Norwood Associates, LLC

DATE: April 11, 2025

RE: SB 90 (Seyarto)--SUPPORT

On behalf of our client, Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of California (IIABCal) we are writing to offer our Support for the above referenced bill.

The increasing frequency and severity of wildfires across our state demands innovative and efficient solutions. The recent devastating fires in Los Angeles County demonstrated the urgent need for reliable water access during firefighting operations. When power outages disrupted water systems, firefighters faced significant challenges in containing rapidly spreading flames, and helicopter operations were hampered by inadequate water refilling capabilities.

SB-90 addresses these challenges directly by supporting mobile rigid water storage and dip tanks, which offer a flexible and cost-effective alternative to traditional heli-hydrants. These units, priced between \$65,000 and \$95,000 each, provide the same critical firefighting support as traditional systems that cost around \$300,000. Their mobile nature allows for rapid deployment to areas where they are needed most, avoiding the delays and regulatory hurdles that come with permanent installations. Additionally, SB-90 ensures water availability during emergencies by funding backup generators for water systems, maintaining consistent water pressure even during power outages, which are becoming increasingly common during wildfire events.

For the above stated reason, IIABCal would urge your “AYE” vote on SB 90. Thank you

Thank you.

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