



**OFFICERS**

**President**

James Gore  
Sonoma County

**1st Vice President**

Ed Valenzuela  
Siskiyou County

**2nd Vice President**

Chuck Washington  
Riverside County

**Past President**

Lisa A. Bartlett  
Orange County



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Graham Knaus

August 16, 2021

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2068  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 418 (Laird): Sea Level Rise Planning: Database  
As Amended March 17, 2021 – SUPPORT  
Set for hearing August 19, 2021 – Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) is pleased to support Senate Bill 418 (Laird), which will extend the sunset provision for the Planning for Sea Level Rise Database until January 1, 2028. California is a national leader in addressing sea level rise and SB 418 will ensure stakeholders at the forefront of addressing climate change and protecting our coastal communities continue to have access to this invaluable educational and assessment tool. This information includes various studies, programs, modeling, mapping, cost-benefit analyses, vulnerability assessments, adaptation assessments, and local coastal programs that have been created to prepare for sea level rise.

CSAC recognizes the potential for serious impacts on all levels of government as a result of climate change, and supports planning for the fiscal impacts of climate change adaptation, mitigation, and strategy implementation. Additionally, counties recognize the need for leadership and commitment at the federal, state, regional, and local levels to develop strategies to combat the effects of climate change, recognizing that a one size fits all approach is not appropriate for California’s diverse communities.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports SB 418. If you have any question about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at [cfreeman@counties.org](mailto:cfreeman@counties.org) or 916-662-6400.

Respectfully,

Catherine Freeman  
Legislative Representative

Cc: Members and Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
Senator John Laird, Author