



By the Honorable Patricia Wiggins, 2nd Senatorial District;
the Honorable Carole Migden, 3rd Senatorial District;
the Honorable Patty Berg, 1st Assembly District;
the Honorable Noreen Evans, 7th Assembly District;
and the Honorable Jared Huffman, 6th Assembly District;
Relative to Commending the

California Groundwater Association

WHEREAS, The California Groundwater Association (CGA) is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made in the local community and throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, CGA is a nonprofit organization that has promoted protection of groundwater since 1948, and its members include water well drilling and pump contractors, suppliers, and manufacturers, geologists, engineers, hydrologists, government employees and others working in the groundwater field; and

WHEREAS, A pioneer in groundwater protection, CGA drafted the first Water Well Construction Specifications in the 1960s for the State of California and, in 1977, as the drought worsened, CGA served as the clearing house for emergency requests for water wells in the state; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, CGA played a pivotal role in requiring all water wells be drilled by licensed contractors and, in the 1990s, CGA was instrumental in the development of the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 74 setting forth California Water Well Standards; and

WHEREAS, CGA also sponsored legislation to protect groundwater and promote emergence of new energy saving technology of ground source heat pumps and drafted standards for geothermal heat exchange wells for the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, A tireless advocate in raising public awareness of water conservation and recycling, CGA encourages all Californians to protect and conserve the state's water resources and continues to work with national, state, and local agencies to develop workable, effective laws and regulations to protect groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the California Groundwater Association has upheld its mission of caring for California's groundwater resources, giving high quality service to members and the public, and acting in the best interest of the groundwater industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATORS PATRICIA WIGGINS AND CAROLE MIGDEN AND ASSEMBLY MEMBERS PATTY BERG, NOREEN EVANS, AND JARED HUFFMAN, That the California Groundwater Association be commended on the celebration of its sixtieth anniversary and on the vital role it has played in protecting groundwater in the local community and throughout the State of California, and extended best wishes for continued success in the future.

Joint Member Resolution No. 462
Dated this 11th day of August, 2008.

Honorable Patricia Wiggins
2nd Senatorial District
(On behalf of the above Members)