

# ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE

DEDICATED TO ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE



March 31, 2016

Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez  
California State Assembly  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: A.B. 2470 – *SUPPORT AS AMENDED***

Dear Assemblywoman Gonzalez:

This will update the position of Endangered Habitats League (EHL) on A.B. 2470, to allow access by the Sycuan Reservation to municipal water. With new amendments limiting such access to Tribal lands as of January 1, 2016, EHL is now in support. This addresses our previous concern as to potential new fee-to-trust lands.

We concur that it is a matter of public health and safety for facilities and uses on the Reservation to have the back up of municipal water in groundwater shortage situations. In addition, municipal water provides an environmental safeguard against groundwater depletion. While the Sycuan Tribe has acted responsibly on water conservation, tribal lands are not subject to local and state groundwater protection regulations.

In conclusion, EHL appreciates the changes made to the bill and now supports A.B. 2470 as amended.

Yours truly,

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Dan Silver  
Executive Director