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**Communities Celebrate Assembly Vote to Create a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund, and Urge Early Senate Vote to Concur**

Sacramento, CA- The Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund Coalition released the following statement from Phoebe Seaton, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability; Jonathan Nelson, Policy Director, Community Water Center; and Jennifer Clary, Water Programs Manager, Clean Water Action in response to the Assembly's vote to approve SB 200, which creates and funds the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund:

"Today's Assembly vote brings us one step closer to solutions for the million Californians without safe drinking water. We would like to thank the Speaker for his commitment to finding a solution this year, SB 200's co-authors, and to the members who voted to support SB 200. We now urge a swift vote by the Senate and a prompt signature by Governor Newsom so we can get to work making their commitment a reality. "

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