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California State Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
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RE: Letter of support for the Mokelumne River bill SB 1199

Dear Senator Hancock and California State Assembly Committee on Natural Resources,

The Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) works to protect and restore ancient forests, watersheds, coastal estuaries, and native species in Northern California. EPIC uses an integrated, science-based approach, combining public education, citizen advocacy and strategic litigation.

On behalf of nearly 20,000 members, supporters and online activists, we urge you to support SB 1199 which would designate the Mokelumne River a state Wild and Scenic River from Salt Springs Dam to Pardee Reservoir.

The Mokelumne River is known for providing water for more than 1.4 million East Bay ratepayers as well as foothill communities and valley agriculture. Additionally, it provides energy for more than 200,000 homes in the area. The designation as a State Wild and Scenic River will protect traditional and current cultural uses of the river as well as important fish and wildlife habitat including California's salmon and steelhead. Protecting 37 miles of the Mokelumne as a State Wild and Scenic River will ensure that this river is permanently protected for present and future generations.

Wild and Scenic designation for the Mokelumne offers a solution that protects the many benefits this river provides for those who depend on it.

Best Regards,

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