## RESOLUTION NO. 19-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING SB 669 (CABALLERO), THE SAFE DRINKING WATER TRUST

**WHEREAS**, the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Municipal Utilities Association are sponsoring SB 669 (Caballero) to create the Safe Drinking Water Trust (the Trust); and

WHEREAS, drinking water is essential to life and the lack of access to safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities is a public health issue that the state should address; and

WHEREAS, a funding solution for operation and maintenance and consolidation costs is needed that can complement existing federal and state funding sources for capital costs; and

**WHEREAS**, ACWA and CMUA have developed the Trust proposal to provide the needed funding solution;

WHEREAS, SB 669 would create the Trust in the state Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust would be funded with an infusion of General Fund dollars during a state budget surplus year; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a record General Fund budget surplus for the 2019-'20 fiscal year, and a portion could be used to fund the Trust's principal; and

WHEREAS, the net income from the Trust would provide the needed durable source of funding; and

WHEREAS, a statewide water tax on local water bills of approximately 3,000 community water systems would work against the common goal of keeping water affordable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Palmdale Water District formally supports SB 669.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS: 11th day of March 2019.

Vincent Dino, President Board of Directors

Palmdale Water District

Don Wilson, Secretary

Board of Directors

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