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Searles Valley Minerals supports AB1466 following successful amendments

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RIDGECREST, Calif. – Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) announced a change of position from opposition to support for AB 1466, as amended on Sept. 4, 2025.

SVM expresses its appreciation to Assemblymember Hart for working collaboratively to develop meaningful amendments that address the needs of small groundwater users during adjudication. The amendments reflect a thoughtful approach to balancing the complexities of groundwater management with the realities faced by small water users.

Groundwater adjudications are lengthy and resource intensive processes that can pose significant challenges for small pumpers and farmers. The amended AB 1466 reduces these burdens while ensuring that small water users can protect their water rights and participate effectively in the adjudication process.

“The amendments to AB 1466 provide a framework that acknowledges the role of small groundwater pumpers in our community, while protecting their rights and promoting responsible groundwater management,” said Dennis Cruise, SVM President and CEO.

With the adoption of these amendments, SVM supports AB 1466 and remains committed to the Protect Our Valley’s Water coalition’s mission of protecting local water resources, promoting responsible water management, and ensuring a sustainable future for our region.