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### AB 1931 (Luz Rivas) Drinking Water – Lead Service Lines **OPPOSE**

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The organizations listed below oppose AB 1931 and urge a “No” vote when the Assembly votes on the measure. AB 1931 would enact a highly detailed and unnecessary state law for the replacement of lead service lines (LSLs) by community water systems with the focus on the part of the line on the landowner’s or customer’s property.

Appropriate regulation of lead in drinking water is critical to public health. AB 1931, however, is fundamentally flawed:

- In 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) announced a new two-pronged approach regarding the regulation of lead in drinking water- focusing on LSA replacements - as part of the **Biden Administration’s Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan**.
  - First, USEPA authorized recent Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) to go into effect on December 16, 2021, with a compliance deadline of October 16, 2024.
  - Second, **USEPA is developing a new proposed rule**, the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), to strengthen the LCRR. USEPA plans to finalize the LCRI before the LCRR compliance deadline.
- **Given that the Biden Administration is in the process of strengthening the new federal requirements for LSL replacements, AB 1931 could result in conflicting or duplicative and different requirements for what is already a complex program.**
- **The State Board’s costs to implement, and the funding used to comply with, AB 1931 could be wasted** if the federal requirements that are under development conflict with or are different from AB 1931.
- Additionally, there are ZERO identified LSLs in CA on the water system side, and **this bill would PROHIBIT the removal of any remaining lead components**. It is the opposite of “getting the lead out.”
- There are many other problems with the bill, such as proposed unnecessarily burdensome requirements.

### Our organizations urge a “No” Vote on AB 1931

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