

April 2, 2018

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
Chair  
Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 160  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: AB 2670 (Kiley) Free Hunting Days – SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Garcia:

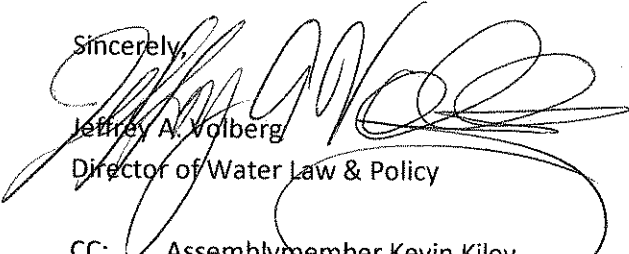
California Waterfowl is pleased to support AB 2670 (Kiley), which would require the Director of the Department of Fish & Wildlife to establish two free hunting days per year. The bill would require any non-licensed hunter participating in a free hunting day to be accompanied by an experienced licensed hunter and to have taken the hunter safety test.

California Waterfowl works to restore wetlands, and to maximize the food and habitat value of restored and existing wetlands for both migratory and local breeding populations of waterfowl. The organization is rated four stars by Charity Navigator ([www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)). California Waterfowl believes that hunters are the driving force for wetland conservation. CWA works to ensure that Californians have adequate access to hunting lands, and that regulations and laws don't stifle responsible, ethical hunting.

This bill would remove a restriction on the authorization of two free hunting days in existing law, and change the authorization to a requirement. The bill would provide a means of introducing non-hunters to hunting. The department is engaged in a process of retention, recruitment, and reactivation, and this bill could be useful to the process.

We urge your "Yes" vote on this useful bill. If you would like further information about California Waterfowl and its conservation programs, please contact Jeffrey Volberg at (916) 217-5117 or [jvolberg@calwaterfowl.org](mailto:jvolberg@calwaterfowl.org) or Mark Hennelly at (916) 648-1406 or [mhennelly@calwaterfowl.org](mailto:mhennelly@calwaterfowl.org).

Sincerely,

  
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