

# UCC Water Policy Principles and Policy Statements

## Approved by UCC Board of Directors – 1/12/2022

### PRINCIPLES

- The UCC Water Policy should represent a **consensus-based work product** that acknowledges and/or mitigates differences among member counties.
- The UCC Water Policy should reflect a **uniquely urban perspective** that differentiates and elevates the urban voice in state water policy conversations and advocacy.
- The UCC Water Policy should acknowledge where and to what extent we can have **substantive influence** in the policymaking arena.

### POLICY STATEMENTS

#### #1 – Funding

- UCC supports a combination of state and federal resources to increase and support sustainable water supply and conservation statewide as well as to sustain our state’s agricultural economy and address food insecurity.
- UCC recognizes the need – and will explore an array of potential options – for an ongoing revenue source dedicated to water availability, reliability, conservation, and delivery.
- UCC acknowledges that additional investments in water supply, storage, and delivery are necessary to ensure water remains accessible and affordable in all communities, including those that are disadvantaged.

#### #2 – Drought Response and Mitigation

- To successfully respond to the state’s geographic water needs as well as to mitigate the increasingly challenging drought conditions, UCC supports the following actions:
  - Additional water storage achieved through public works projects to ensure adequate water supply; and
  - An extended moratorium on permitting challenges to create a pathway to construction and completion of agreed-upon water projects.
- UCC supports regional and/or local assessment of the state’s drought needs to appropriately reflect differing geographic and drought conditions across our state’s diverse topographies.



### **#3 – Clean and Safe Drinking Water**

- UCC supports efforts to expand and protect water supplies by:
  - Modernizing drinking water and wastewater infrastructure; and
  - Supporting programs and funding to expand the use of reclaimed water, water recycling, ecosystem restoration, and groundwater supply projects.