

Secretary for Environmental Protection statement on the passing of Senator Byron Sher

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SACRAMENTO â?? Secretary for Environmental Protection Yana Garcia issued the following statement today on the passing of professor, legislator, advocate and environmental fighter, Sen. Byron Sher.

â??While humble by nature, Sen. Sher was a towering environmental figure, authoring landmark laws including the California Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. He was the first California lawmaker to use the words â??global warmingâ?• in legislation. His legacy includes protecting the air we breathe, the water we drink and the natural resources we all cherish. He will be deeply missed.â?•

Byron Sher served in both the California Assembly and Senate. His major legislative accomplishments include the Groundwater Protection Act (1983), California Clean Air Act (1988), the California Safe Drinking Water Act (1989), among others.

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