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**Sample Testimony For Non-Acequia Members or Leaders Who Want to Support SB 46:**

* Good morning, Madame Chair (or Chair Woman Stefanics) and members of the Committee. My name is [your name] and I am with [organization]. I am a [farmer/irrigator; supporter of acequias and their valuable contributions to our state].
* We have heard from the bill sponsor today, along with expert testimony, that there currently is an unmet need of around $400,000 for vital legal and technical assistance to acequias so that they have equitable access to such resources for highly complex water right settlement agreement negotiations and for the even more complex implementation of finalized settlement agreements. The state must take action to increase the annual recurring appropriation to the ACDF to ensure equitable access for acequias to legal and technical assistance.
* I support SB 46 because providing acequias with equitable access to legal and technical assistance benefits our state in many ways: it helps move adjudications forward toward completion – which we need to happen in order to engage in meaningful water management – and it helps ensure acequia compliance with highly complex settlement agreements. Water sharing and water conservation are also advanced through settlement agreements and settlement implementation and, most importantly, by supporting our acequias.
* I respectfully urge your support for SB 46 and your continuing support for acequias statewide.

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