



May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Project Funding Request for the Kaweah Siphon Resiliency Project.**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kaweah Siphon Resiliency Project in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tulare Irrigation District, located at 6828 Avenue 240, Tulare, CA 93274.

The funding will go towards a new siphon for the Main Intake Canal under the Kaweah River. This Project will provide surface water supplies to approximately 65,000 acres within Tulare Irrigation District's service area for irrigation uses. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will provide surface water to increase groundwater levels, avoid subsidence, and improve groundwater quality throughout the irrigation district's boundaries, ensuring an adequate, long-term supply of potable water for the drought-stricken region.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G. Valadao".

Congressman David G. Valadao  
Member of Congress