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April 30, 2025

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 Shafter-Wasco Groundwater Recharge Project.**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Shafter-Wasco Groundwater Recharge Project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District, located at 16294 Central Valley HWY, Wasco, CA 93280. The funding will go towards constructing seventy-seven acres of groundwater recharge storage within the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District service area. This new basin is expected to capture an average of 1,700 acre-feet annually for the cities of Shafter and Wasco. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it will redirect surface water to increase groundwater table levels, avoid subsidence, and improve the groundwater quality of disadvantaged Kern County communities, ensuring an adequate, long-term supply of potable water for the drought-stricken region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

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

Sincerely,

Congressman David G. Valadao  
Member of Congress