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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.

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