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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Seaborn Reservoir Groundwater Recharge

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Seaborn Reservoir Groundwater Recharge Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tulare Irrigation District, located at 6826 Ave 240, Tulare, CA 93274.

The funding would be used to complete the Feasibility Study, Environmental Compliance paperwork and designs to make the project eligible for further funding through various grant and loan programs. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because its completion will provide approximately 4,000 AFT of new surface water supply storage, floodwater mitigation, water storage, and preserve existing riparian habitat. The completion of this project would create weirs and other infrastructure to divert flood water off the St. Johns and Kaweah Rivers into a surface storage reservoir so that it can be released safely back into the rivers at a later time, protecting cities like Visalia and Tulare. Increased ability to import surface water for groundwater recharge in wet years when flooding is a risk is critical to building resiliency for the City of Tulare and many of the surrounding disadvantaged communities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

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".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress