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Mr. Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
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RE: Support for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Proposition 1 Application

Dear Chair Quintero:

I am writing in support of the Water Supply Investment Program funding application submitted for Proposition 1 funding for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

My office has been informed that the Los Vaqueros Reservoir is an off-stream reservoir in Brentwood, with fully screened Delta intakes, that can be expanded to provide multiple public benefits that qualify for Proposition 1 funding. I am told the public benefits of this project include: supply for South-of-Delta wildlife refuges; drought and emergency preparedness; statewide integration potential; protection of water quality; and recreation enhancement.

The reservoir is currently owned and operated by Contra Costa Water District. Regional partners have now evaluated the expansion for public benefits and benefits for their own agencies.

Expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir is an innovative project that embodies what the voters approved when they passed Proposition 1. Expanding an existing facility to extend operational flexibility for other agencies, while providing significant public benefits to the environment is a wise use of local ratepayer and state taxpayer dollars.

I respectfully request that the California Water Commission give favorable consideration for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Proposition 1 application in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,



Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress