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

Dear Chair Quintero:

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

California needs more storage to prepare for times of drought and flood emergencies. In 2014, California voters agreed with that need and approved \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects as part of Proposition 1: the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Act of 2014. The approval by voters signaled that they understand the importance of water storage and are willing to fund construction projects. The recent drought followed by one of the wettest years on record only further highlighted the state-wide need for more storage to prepare for drought and flood emergencies.

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. 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.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact Logan Ferree with any questions at (202) 225-5161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Huffman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jared Huffman  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans

cc: California Water Commission members  
Jerry Brown, General Manager, Contra Costa Water District