

California Legislature

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Mr. Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
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RE: Support for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Proposition 1 Application

Dear Chair Quintero:

As Legislators representing the Contra Costa Water District service area, we are writing to express our 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 recognized this 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. Its approval by voters signals that they understand the importance of water storage and are willing to fund necessary construction projects. The recent drought, followed by one of the wettest years on record, serves to further highlight the statewide 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 Los Vaqueros Reservoir expansion is an innovative project that embodies the goals that 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.

We, the undersigned Legislators, ask you to support this important project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,





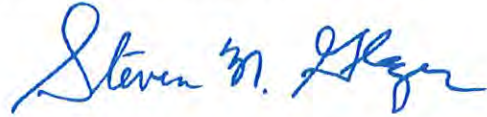
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