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Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
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Subject: ***LETTER OF SUPPORT—WSIP Funding for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion***

Dear Chair Quintero:

Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) is writing to express our support for the Water Supply Investment Program (WSIP) funding application submitted for Proposition 1 funding for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

Zone 7 is the wholesale drinking water supplier to approximately 240,000 people, local institutions and businesses in the Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and the Dougherty Valley area in San Ramon, as well as the unincorporated areas of Eastern Alameda County. Additionally, Zone 7 provides untreated water for agriculture irrigation to 74 users in Eastern Alameda County. Under normal conditions, approximately 80 percent of Zone 7's supply comes from the State Water Project (SWP) after being conveyed through the Delta and the South Bay Aqueduct. As part of its water supply management strategy, Zone 7 stores drought supplies downstream of the Delta in Kern County groundwater banks and in the San Luis Reservoir; recovery of this stored water during droughts requires Delta pumping to be operational and the availability of sufficient exchange capacity in the SWP system.

In 2014, California voters approved \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects as part of Proposition 1: the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Act of 2014. Los Vaqueros Reservoir, owned and operated by the Contra Costa Water District, is an off-stream reservoir that has the potential to provide a variety of benefits. In addition to the agency-funded water supply benefits of the project, there are also multiple public benefits which would qualify for Proposition 1 funding, including: supply for South-of-Delta wildlife refuges; drought and emergency preparedness; statewide integration potential; protection of water quality; and recreation enhancement.

Zone 7's Water Supply Evaluation Update (2016) underscored the need for Zone 7 to pursue water supply options to enhance storage flexibility and improve long-term water supply reliability for the Livermore-Amador Valley. The expansion of Los Vaqueros Reservoir could provide a source of water supply to Zone 7 when the SWP's main pumping facility in the Delta (the Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant) is inoperable due to repairs or emergency conditions (e.g., high-salinity conditions due to dry hydrology or levee break).

We appreciate the California Water Commission's consideration of this important project and encourage the Commission to approve the Proposition 1 funding application for the project. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me with any questions at the number above or via email at jduerig@zone7water.com.

Sincerely,



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General Manager

cc: California Water Commission members