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## Support for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Proposition 1 Application

Dear Chair Quintero:

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) is writing to express its strong support for the Water Supply Investment Program funding application submitted by the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) for Proposition 1 funding for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

In 2014, California voters approved \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects as part of Proposition 1: 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 the wettest year on record further highlighted the State's 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 has the potential to provide multiple public and environmental benefits that qualify for Proposition 1 funding, including: drought and emergency preparedness for the entire Bay Area; statewide integration potential; protection of water quality; supply for South-of-Delta wildlife refuges; and recreation enhancement.

Expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir is a forward-thinking project, operating surface storage in a unique way for regional and environmental benefits. In addition, it brings San Francisco Bay Area and Central Valley regional partners together and creates opportunities to transfer any supplemental water created to the benefit of many.

Central San is the wastewater treatment and recycled water provider in central Contra Costa County that serves some of the same service area as CCWD. Central San has the potential to produce and serve recycled water to two nearby oil refineries in Martinez, which currently use more than 22,000 acre-feet per year of CCWD's Central Valley Project (CVP) raw water supply. The recycled water from Central San could be

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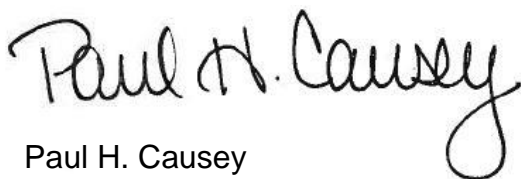
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made available for beneficial reuse at the refineries, which would free up the current imported raw water supply. An expanded Los Vaqueros Reservoir would provide the opportunity to store and/or transfer that freed-up water supply to serve other water agencies and/or wildlife refuges in need. Facilitating expanded recycled water supplies is another one of the many benefits of the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

We appreciate the California Water Commission's consideration of this important project and encourage the Commission to approve CCWD's Proposition 1 funding application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact Roger S. Bailey, Central San's General Manager with any questions at (925) 229-7300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul H. Causey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Paul H. Causey  
Board President

cc: California Water Commission Members  
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