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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:

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group is pleased to express support for the Water Supply Investment Program application submitted for Proposition 1 funding for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

The Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents more than 350 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers on issues, programs and campaigns that affect the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley, including energy, transportation, education, housing, health care, tax policies, economic vitality, and the environment. The Leadership Group's members collectively provide nearly one in every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley, and have more than \$3 trillion in annual revenue.

In 2014, California voters approved \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects as part of Proposition 1 (2014). The Leadership Group was pleased to support Proposition 1 and the approval by voters signaled that they understood the importance of water storage. The recent drought followed by the wettest year on record further highlighted the need for more water storage so that we are better prepared in the future.

Los Vaqueros Reservoir is an off-stream reservoir in Brentwood, CA, with fully screened Delta intakes, that has the potential to provide multiple public benefits that qualify for Proposition 1 funding. These public benefits include supply for South-of-Delta wildlife refuges, drought and emergency preparedness, statewide integration potential, protection of water quality, and recreation and enhancement. The reservoir is currently owned and operated by Contra Costa Water District and the reservoir and its expansion have garnered a wide range of support and regional partners.

Expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir is a project that embodies what voters in the San Francisco Bay Area region and throughout California approved when they passed Proposition 1. This is a forward-thinking project that would allow for more surface storage in a way that provides numerous public benefits.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for this application. If you have any questions on our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at 408-501-7858 or mmielke@svlg.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Mielke
SVP, Environment and Energy
Silicon Valley Leadership Group