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Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Armando Quintero, Chairman
California Water Commission
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Dear Chairman Quintero and Commission Members:

We write to express support for Water Supply Investment Program (WSIP) funding relative to all applications received for potential CALFED surface water storage projects, namely Temperance Flat Reservoir, Los Vaqueros Reservoir, and Sites Reservoir.

The CALFED Bay-Delta (CALFED) program represents a new era in surface water storage planning, where projects are conceived to support multiple objectives, including more traditional purposes of water supply reliability, hydropower, and flood protection, in conjunction with ecosystem restoration and water quality improvements. The proposed CALFED projects will provide greater water supply reliability for California's growing population, agricultural heritage, and diverse economy, as well as aquatic and riparian ecosystem restoration in the Delta and its tributaries, and improved drinking and habitat water quality. These storage projects possess significant public benefits, including ecosystem restoration, water quality, flood protection, emergency response, and recreation.

CALFED identified five potential surface water storage projects in the CALFED Preferred Program Alternative, three of which we expect to apply for Proposition 1 WSIP funding: Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage (Temperance Flat), Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion, and North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (Sites). These three projects will help California most, at a time when storage is critically needed to prepare for future times of drought and flood emergencies.

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. We believe that voters approved Proposition 1 with large-scale surface storage projects in mind, namely the CALFED preferred alternatives. This approval by voters signaled that they understand the importance of water storage and their willingness to fund construction projects.

The recent drought followed by one of the wettest years on record only further highlights the state-wide need for more storage to prepare for drought and flood emergencies. These CALFED projects, identified over many years and through an extensive process with rigorous science and analysis, public stakeholder input, and government agency review at the local, state and federal level, represent California's best opportunities for necessary storage investments to modernize

our water infrastructure system for the 21st Century. Thank you for your consideration, and we urge you support the CALFED projects that apply for Proposition 1 funding from the WSIP program.

Regards,



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