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

Dear Chair Quintero:

The Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council is writing to express our support for the Water Supply Investment Program funding application submitted by the Contra Costa Water District 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: the 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.

Los Vaqueros Reservoir is an off-stream reservoir in Brentwood that has the potential to provide multiple public benefits that 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.

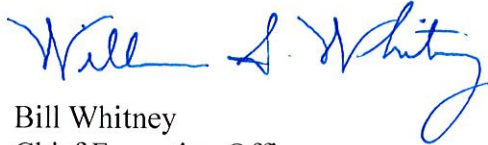
Construction of this project will also create critically needed jobs for local and regional workers over the duration of the project. These jobs, and the income they generate, will also provide a substantial investment in regional businesses, including the hospitality and service industry. Additionally, once implemented, this project will provide a new source of reliable water supply that is needed to sustain overall regional economic growth and employment in all business sectors, including housing, construction, and other infrastructure investments.

Expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir is a project that embodies what the voters approved when they passed Proposition 1. This is a forward-thinking project, operating surface storage in a unique way for regional and environmental benefits.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact my office with any questions at (925) 228-0900.

Sincerely,



Bill Whitney
Chief Executive Officer
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cc: California Water Commission members

Jerry D. Brown, General Manager, Contra Costa Water District