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FROM: **Del Puerto Water District and San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority,
Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Storage Project Sponsors**

DATE: February 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Letter of Support to Approve Proposition 1 WSIP Funding for Second Solicitation Applicants

Dear California Water Commissioners:

Del Puerto Water District (DPWD) and the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (SJRECWA), together the "Project Applicants," applied and were approved of by the California Water Commission (Commission) for consideration of eligibility should the Commission move forward with funding for a second solicitation. We are in support of a second solicitation as it affords the State of California and its beneficial users of water a resilient and reliable water supply to prepare for worsening conditions due to a changing climate.

Specifically the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir (DPCR) would provide multi-benefits in dry (critical) years for storage of Central Valley Project (CVP) allocation during wet (non-critical) years for a number of diverse beneficiaries including:

- **Reliable Surface and Groundwater Supplies, Improved Water Quality, Operational Flexibility and Drought Resiliency South of the Delta** will be achieved with 82,000 af of CVP Water storage capacity without increased pumping demands through the Delta that will benefit highly productive farmlands in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, and Madera counties and reduce Delta water dependency during critical years.
- **11,000 af of storage for the Central Valley Improvement Act (CVPIA) Wildlife Refuges** to secure water reliability for the 75,000-acre Grassland Resource Conservation District and including Private, State and

Federal Wildlife Refuges., wetlands, wildlife corridors, and migratory species with potential cost savings to U.S. Bureau of Reclamation of \$6.7M.

- **Municipal & Industrial Water Supply Reliability and Food Risk Reduction** for City of Patterson to remove homes from the FEMA flood maps and capture flood flows to benefit groundwater recharge with a potential flood damage reduction of \$1.3M/year; and as well as provide Delta-Mendota Canal capacity constraint mitigation.
- **Non-Public (75%) Cost Share Coupled with Federal and State Funding Support:** The DPCR is a private public partnership with 75% of the cost-share by the Project Applicants in addition to \$1.5-3M Federal Water Improvements Infrastructure for the Nation (WIIN) Act funding that will provide the DPCR a cost benefit of \$33.23M/yr versus costs of \$30.25M/yr resulting in a benefit cost ratio that exceeds 1.0 (B/C = 1.10).
- **State and Federally Supported:** In addition to the much needed funding, DPCR has received Letters of support from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, California Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Secretary of Interior, Water and Science; U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and U.S. Congressman Josh Harder, and Congressman Jim Costa.
- **Local and Regional Economic (\$18.5B) Stability Benefiting Disadvantaged Communities:** Water reliability and increased certainty for the agriculture and industrial communities sustains local jobs and water reliability in disadvantaged communities with a nation-wide benefit of food security.

Respectfully, we encourage the Commissioners to modernize and stabilize our water supply to address our most pressing 21st century challenges and **support** the Second Solicitation funding.

Sincerely,

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