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Subject: Request to Coordinate with Commission Staff for a Supplemental Funding Determination for Additional Inflationary Adjustment to Harvest Water WSIP Award

Dear Chair, Commissioners, and Executive Officer:

On behalf of the Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer), thank you for the California Water Commission’s continued leadership in advancing Harvest Water through the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). SacSewer appreciates the Commission’s support of Harvest Water as a conjunctive use project delivering substantial ecosystem and water quality public benefits. Harvest Water is currently under construction, with transmission and distribution pipeline installation complete and pump station and customer connections underway. Harvest Water anticipates beginning recycled water deliveries in 2027. At this time, SacSewer requests coordination with Commission staff to evaluate and recommend a Supplemental Funding Determination to the Commission for an inflationary adjustment, in accordance with the WSIP Regulations, updated December 2025.

The Commission’s original WSIP funding determination for Harvest Water was based on monetized public benefit values expressed in 2015 dollars, consistent with WSIP regulations and the standardized valuation framework used during the application evaluation process. As documented in the Commission’s June 2023 Staff Report for the Harvest Water Final Award Hearing, Commission staff subsequently recognized that inflation between the 2015 valuation baseline and the time of final award materially affected the real dollar value of both project costs and public benefits. In that Staff Report, Commission staff updated Harvest Water’s monetized ecosystem and water quality benefits to 2022 dollars by applying an inflation adjustment to the original benefit values while maintaining the approved project scope and valuation methodology used in the initial WSIP determination. The Commission subsequently approved a final WSIP funding award reflecting this inflation-adjusted valuation framework.

Since the 2022 inflation adjustment, additional inflationary pressures have continued to affect both project costs and public benefits. In light of continued inflation, and consistent with the Commission’s prior actions, SacSewer respectfully requests the opportunity to work collaboratively with Commission staff to evaluate an additional inflationary adjustment. Specifically, SacSewer requests coordination with staff to apply the same inflation adjustment methodology previously used by the Commission to update Harvest Water’s monetized public benefit values from the 2022 basis to a more current year (e.g., 2026). This approach would ensure consistency with prior WSIP determinations, preserve the integrity of the original public benefit valuation methodology, and maintain alignment with the intent of Propositions 1 and 4 to fund public benefits based on real dollar value.

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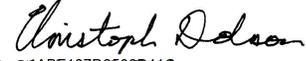
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SacSewer remains fully committed to delivering the public benefits promised in its WSIP funding agreement and looks forward to continued coordination with Commission staff. SacSewer will provide the supporting information Commission staff determines necessary to calculate the inflationary increase. We appreciate the Commission's consideration of this request and welcome further discussion with Commission staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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