



January 29, 2020

Anthea Hansen, General Manager
Del Puerto Water District
117840 Ward Avenue
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Patterson, CA 95363

RE: Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project

Dear Ms. Hansen,

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors supports the Del Puerto Water District's and San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority's (Project Partners) proposed Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project, which would provide approximately 82,000 acre-feet of new off-stream water storage.

In 2018, Stanislaus County produced approximately \$3.6 billion in agricultural commodities. One in eight jobs in Stanislaus County is agriculturally-related, and agriculture contributed a total of \$7.1 billion to the County's economy. The multibillion-dollar agriculture industry is important to Stanislaus County, and its residents. Stable and reliable sources of water are integral to the vitality of the region. The Central Valley has experienced extreme volatility in its water supplies due to hydrologic and regulatory restrictions related to the delivery of water supplies South of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The proposed project will allow the Project Partners to better manage this valuable resource and improve water supply reliability by storing water from the Delta-Mendota Canal. Surface water storage will greatly decrease draws upon ground water which in turn will benefit the existing and future groundwater table.

The Board of Supervisors values efforts to protect water and recognizes that it is a precious commodity. One of the Board's highest priorities is ensuring reliable water resources. The proposed project supports this goal. The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is pleased to submit this letter of support for the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristin Olsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kristin Olsen, Chairwoman
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
District 1

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