



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 13, 2020

The Honorable David Bernhardt
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Bernhardt,

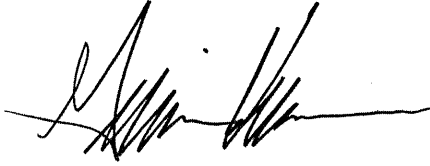
I am writing to request federal support for the Del Puerto Water District's Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project (DPCRP), which would improve water supply reliability for local agriculture users and wildlife refuges, and strengthen the region's resilience to drought through enhanced groundwater management.

The DPCRP would construct an **85,000 acre-foot** reservoir on Del Puerto Creek, **as well as four dams, conveyance facilities and other infrastructure, to store water delivered from the Central Valley Project**. The reservoir would allow the District to store water in wetter years, enabling more reliable deliveries in times of drought – benefiting numerous west side agricultural communities as well as wildlife refuges south of the Delta – and supporting regional groundwater management through reduced need for pumping.

Under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act of 2016 (WIIN Act), the Secretary of the Interior may participate in state-led storage projects in California if requested by the Governor, and if the California Water Commission has made a determination of consistency with Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act. The Commission determined the project to be consistent with Proposition 1 in September 2019, finding that it will increase water supply reliability and reduce the impact of drought.

California shares the Department of the Interior's commitment to investing in new water storage. Projects like the DPCRP, which aim to bolster resiliency by utilizing locally-stored water during periods of drought and uncertain water deliveries, are an important component of the state's innovative efforts to build a more resilient, sustainable water system for the future. I respectfully ask you to consider this project for WIIN Act funding.

Sincerely,

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Gavin Newsom
Governor of California