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The Honorable Adam R. Telle
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
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Dear Assistant Secretary Telle:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Angels, in California, regarding our strong support for the Calaveras County Section 219 New Hogan Reservoir Raw Water Intake & Transmission Pipeline Project. Specifically, the Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) is seeking your support for CCWD's Section 7001 application for increasing the funding level for the Calaveras County Section 219 authorization in the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) 2026 Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development.

While CCWD is completing the Copper Cove Wastewater Treatment Plant and Reclamation Facility (Copper Cove Facility) under the existing authority of Section 219 (f) (86) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992 as amended by WRDA 2007, WRDA 2022 and WRDA 2024, CCWD has a new pressing matter to address. The existing authority, as you know, provides federal assistance for "water supply and wastewater infrastructure improvement projects in Calaveras County, California, including wastewater reclamation, recycling and conjunctive use projects." CCWD's new issue is the proposed project known as the New Hogan Reservoir Raw Water Intake & Transmission Pipeline Project, located in Valley Springs, Calaveras County, California.

The proposed project would begin at New Hogan Reservoir owned and operated by USACE and extend approximately two miles via a new 30-inch ductile iron pipeline to CCWD's Jenny Lind Water Treatment Plant. This project addresses multiple pressing challenges related to water supply reliability, public safety, and environmental constraints. Currently, the Jenny Lind WTP sources raw water from an aging infiltration gallery located in a vulnerable portion of the Calaveras River approximately one mile downstream of New Hogan Reservoir. The site lies at the confluence with Cosgrove Creek, which is historically flood-prone and subject to sediment deposition and seasonal algal blooms. High river flows regularly destroy the gravel access pad, disrupt operations, and threaten water quality. Conversely, during drought conditions, low flows reduce intake capacity and exacerbate water quality challenges. Additionally, the intake is within an environmentally and culturally sensitive zone that limits infrastructure improvements or hardening. Because New Hogan Reservoir is a USACE flood control facility, its managed releases further compromise the operational continuity of the downstream intake.



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To eliminate these vulnerabilities, the proposed project would construct a new water intake system directly within New Hogan Reservoir, supported by pumps and above-ground reservoir piping at dual depths. The project will provide significant and long-term monetary and non-monetary benefits at the local and regional level. Most notably, it will ensure uninterrupted municipal water supply service to over 11,000 residents in the Jenny Lind service area, particularly during flood or drought emergencies. The project reduces public health and safety risks by eliminating operational dependence on a vulnerable, flood-prone river intake and will ensure that clean, reliable water is available for firefighting and critical needs even in extreme events. Due to the estimated \$13-\$14 million total cost of the project far above the current authorized Section 219 Calaveras County funding cap, additional federal authorization will be necessary to fully fund and implement the project.

For these reasons, we strongly support the design and construction of this critical public health and safety project. To initiate the design and construction of the project, we are requesting that CCWD's Section 7001 application to increase the funding level of the Section 219 authorization for Calaveras County be included in the USACE's 2026 Annual Report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development. To address the critical water supply service needs of over 11,000 residents, particularly during flood or drought emergencies, we ask for your kind consideration of our request.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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