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March 25, 2025

The Honorable Adam Schiff
The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Letter of Support – Request for Appropriation

To Whom it May Concern:

Dear Senators Schiff and Padilla,

On behalf of the Calaveras County Water District (District) Board of Directors, I write to express our strong support for the request to appropriate \$3.1 million in Section 219 funding in FY 2026 Corps of Engineers' Construction funds for CCWD's wastewater reclamation facility in Copperopolis, California.

Congress passed a Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations bill that included \$11.2 million in construction funds for the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 219 project at the Copper Cove Wastewater Reclamation Facility in Calaveras County. The Corps incorporated that funding amount in the FY 2024 ACOE Work Plan. CCWD greatly appreciates this appropriation, and we thank you for your support, as well as for the approval of \$1 million in Section 219 funding in FY 2023 and \$1 million in 2022.

CCWD is working closely with USACE to implement cost-effective solutions for our Copper Cove Wastewater facility. We respectfully request \$3.1 million in funding for FY 2026 to help us complete significant portions of the facility's upgrades. The project is progressing with 90% of the design and environmental documents completed, and minor revisions to the Pond 6 enlargement plans expected to be submitted in FY2025. Up to \$2,000,000 has been allocated for design and environmental review, \$13,200,000 for tertiary treatment equipment installation, and \$3,100,000 for system improvements. The project will enhance filtration, storage, and wastewater treatment by upgrading the tertiary filter, installing SAF pretreatment, improving solids handling, and raising the Pond 6 dam by 10 feet. Replacing the tertiary filter and raising the dam are critical steps to ensure that CCWD can offset the use of Stanislaus River water for irrigation and protect sensitive environmental areas downstream.



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We deeply appreciate your strong support, as well as that of U.S. Representative Tom McClintock and our former Senators. With your continued support, we are confident that this critical public health and safety project will advance efficiently through construction.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me or CCWD's General Manager, Michael, at 209-754-3001 or michaelm@ccwd.org

Sincerely,

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