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Ben Musselman, Agency Manager  
Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency  
3025 East Spanish Trail Road  
Moab, Utah 84532

Dear Ben,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency's application to the Bureau of Reclamation for funding through the Upper Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program. The proposed project to develop a diversion point in the Colorado River has the potential to significantly benefit the Matheson Wetlands as well as the residents of the Moab Valley.

The environmental benefits of this project are substantial. By enabling the flow of water over and through the Matheson Wetlands, the project will provide essential hydration for the diverse wildlife that inhabits the region, fostering biodiversity, and preserving the ecological health of this valuable area. In addition, this project will help recharge the natural springs critical to the wetlands' sustainability.

Moreover, the implementation of this project has promising implications for water conservation efforts. Utilizing the water source for irrigation and outdoor landscape purposes will contribute significantly to the conservation of the Valley Fill and Glen Canyon Group Aquifers, which are vital water resources for our community. Additionally, the potential to pump water to Ken's Lake can create further opportunities for recharge at various locations within the Moab Valley, promoting a more sustainable water management strategy.

We believe that this initiative aligns perfectly with our shared goals of resource conservation, environmental stewardship, and community benefit. Therefore, we strongly encourage the Bureau of Reclamation to provide the necessary funding to support the Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency's endeavor.

Thank you for considering our support for this important project. We look forward to the positive impact that this initiative will have on both the Matheson Wetlands ecosystem and the community of Moab Valley as a whole.

Sincerely,

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Jamie Harvey, Commission Chair  
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