SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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April 3, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

The San Juan County Board of Commissioners unanimously supports the application from the San Juan Water Conservancy District for funding to improve Recapture Dam. This funding will increase total water storage capacity by more than 1,000 acre-feet in the region.

This system provides critical water resources to Blanding, Westwater, White Mesa, the Blanding Irrigation Company, White Mesa Mill, and the broader San Juan County community.

Recapture Reservoir is part of the southeastern drainage of the Upper Colorado River Basin and feeds into the San Juan River. It is essential for water storage, flood control, irrigation, and recreation.

In the most recent State of Utah Dam Safety Report, Recapture Dam received a high hazard rating, which poses a significant concern for San Juan County's ability to safely store water and protect residents. Funding to improve the safety of this dam while adding capacity would be a direct investment in public safety and infrastructure resilience.

The Commission fully supports this effort and strongly urges prompt and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Lori Maughan
Commission Chair

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Lori Maughan, Commission Chair

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