

August 12, 2020



The Honorable Ami Bera  
United States House of Representatives  
1727 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Doris O. Matsui  
United States House of Representatives  
2311 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Kerry Schmitz, Chair  
Sean Bigley, Vice Chair

The Honorable Tom McClintock  
United States House of Representatives  
2312 Rayburn House Office Building  
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- Del Paso Manor Water District
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- Yuba City, City of

Dear Congressman Bera, Congresswoman Matsui and Congressman McClintock,

The Regional Water Authority (RWA) writes in support of the recent action by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) recommending the Sacramento Regional Water Bank (Bank) for federal assistance under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act). U.S. Department of Interior, Assistant Secretary Timothy Petty recommended to the Committee on Appropriations that the Bank receive \$870,000. As supporters of the WIIN Act's California water provisions, we are grateful for your leadership in advancing sustainable water storage projects for California. As you and your colleagues consider USBR's Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations, we look forward to approval of the Bank award as mandated by WIIN. In the coming weeks, we also request that you support expeditious obligation of these funds.

USBR's recommendations on project selections comes several years after Congress appropriated funding for WIIN storage projects. The RWA is concerned that further delays in the actual provision of funds to our Bank will create needless delays and setback our progress to bring the Bank online and begin to deliver a drought proof water supply for the region. To this end, if Congress is unable to pass a final Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for FY 2021 by October 1, 2020, we strongly request that you include language approving of the Bank as part of any Continuing Resolution that might be adopted to maintain governmental operations beyond October 1, 2020. We make this request because the Bank funding was appropriated during past fiscal years and there would be no adverse impact to fiscal year 2021 decision making.

Again, we appreciate your ongoing support of our work to deliver safe and reliable water supplies and improve the ecosystem of the Sacramento region. Please let us know if you require any additional information on the Bank. We would be pleased to provide any assistance. If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 847-7589.

**Associates**

- County of Placer
- El Dorado County Water Agency
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
- Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Peifer'.

Jim Peifer  
Executive Director