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Mr. Armando Quintero, Chair
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
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Subject: Support for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Proposition 1 Application

Dear Chair Quintero:

Thank you for meeting with my colleagues and me on May 17, 2017, in our Sacramento legislative offices to discuss Proposition 1 Water Supply Investment Program funding for projects vital to water supply reliability for Santa Clara County. On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), I again express our strong support for the funding application submitted for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

The District is one of many Bay Area and Central Valley partners with an interest in expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir which would help strengthen water supply portfolios to better manage droughts, emergencies, climate change, and regulatory challenges that limit supplies. Los Vaqueros Reservoir is an off-stream reservoir in Brentwood, with fully screened Delta intakes, that has the potential to provide multiple public benefits that qualify for Proposition 1 funding.

The reservoir is currently owned and operated by Contra Costa Water District. However, the water supply benefits for the District and other regional partners are far reaching and include:

- Supply for South-of-Delta wildlife refuges;
- Drought and emergency preparedness;
- Statewide integration potential;
- Protection of water quality; and
- Recreation enhancement.

Expanding Los Vaqueros Reservoir is a project that embodies what the voters approved when they passed Proposition 1. This is a forward-thinking project, operating surface storage in a unique way for regional and environmental benefits.

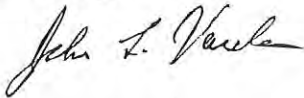
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We appreciate the California Water Commission's consideration of this important project and encourage the Commission to approve the Proposition 1 funding application. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bart Broome in our Sacramento legislative office at (916) 448-8497.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Varela".

John L. Varela

Chair/Board of Directors

cc: California Water Commission members

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