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California Water Commission
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RE: Support for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Proposition 1 Application

Dear Chair Quintero and Commissioners:

On behalf of San Jose Water Company (SJWC), I write in support of the Water Supply Investment Program application submitted for Proposition 1 funding for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project. SJWC is the largest retailer served by Santa Clara Valley Water District, delivering approximately half of all the water they supply to nearly 1 million residents in the greater San Jose metropolitan area.

In 2014, California voters approved \$2.7 billion in funding for water storage projects as part of Proposition 1: the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Act of 2014. The approval by voters signaled that they understand the importance of water storage and are willing to fund construction projects. The recent drought followed by the wettest year on record only provides further evidence of the state-wide need for more storage to prepare for droughts and flood emergencies.

Los Vaqueros Reservoir, an off-stream reservoir in Brentwood with fully screened Delta intakes, has the potential to provide multiple public benefits that qualify for Proposition 1 funding. Public benefits of this project 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 that leverages the operating surface storage to enhance regional and environmental benefits.

We appreciate the California Water Commission's consideration of this important project and encourage the Commission to approve the Proposition 1 funding application.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me with any questions at (408) 279-7815.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew R. Gere". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrew R. Gere
President and Chief Operating Officer

cc: California Water Commission members