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RE: Support for Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Proposition 1  
Application

Dear Chair Quintero:

The Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID) is writing to express our support for the Water Supply Investment Program funding application submitted for Proposition 1 funding for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

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 further highlighted the state-wide need for more storage to prepare for drought and flood emergencies.

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. 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.

The reservoir is currently owned and operated by Contra Costa Water District. Regional partners have now evaluated the expansion for public benefits and benefits for their own agencies.

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.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact Nick Janes, BBID Director of Public Affairs, with any questions at [n.janes@bbid.org](mailto:n.janes@bbid.org).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Gilmore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "G".

BYRON BETHANY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
Rick Gilmore  
General Manager

Cc: California Water Commission members