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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Upper Kings Groundwater Resiliency Program in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Alta Irrigation District located at 289 N L St, Dinuba, CA 93618. The funding would be used to capture and recharge surface water supply in wet years to allow for groundwater pumping in dry years. Phase 1 consists of 1800 acres at a cost of \$180 million that will provide 250,000 acre-feet of recharge in wet years. Phase 2 will consist of 1,500 acres of basins at a cost of \$150 million providing an additional 200,000 acre-feet of recharge in wet years. The Upper River Units have started to acquire property to construct basins.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because with the changing climate, wet years are coming less and less frequently so having adequate locations throughout the district for placement of the water in the wet years is critical to achieve the goals identified in the groundwater sustainability plans while minimizing impacts to the local communities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

JIM COSTA
Member of Congress