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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 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 Consolidated Irrigation District located at 2255 Chandler St, Selma, CA 93662. The funding would be used to assist Consolidated Irrigation District (CID) in completing the construction of storage basins. The sites for the future basins are strategically located to allow for multiple benefits to be achieved through the construction of the basin. Those benefiting from the recharge projects include local disadvantaged communities, small rural schools, domestic well users and small and medium-sized growers.

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

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