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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Seaborn Reservoir Feasibility Study Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tulare Irrigation District located at 6826 Ave 240, Tulare, CA 93274. The funding would be used to construct a multi-benefit reservoir and Habitat Restoration Zone on property owned by the District and who are the local cost-share participants on the Project. Located just west of Woodlake, the Project site was once utilized for an aggregate mining operation and is now idle. The aggregate mining operation excavated material from the site over approximately 200 acres leaving an excavation approximately 60-feet deep.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project's objective is to remove 250 CFS of capacity from the Kaweah River during flood flows and reduce the downstream flooding hazard to local infrastructure. An analysis done by the District estimates that the reduction in flood flows would save approximately 1,222 structures (homes, business, buildings) from flood damage. Reductions in flood flows would also reduce impacts to major transportation corridors such as Highway 198.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

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