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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
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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 Groundwater Basin Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Visalia located at 707 West Acequia Avenue Visalia, CA 93291-6100. The funding would be used to construct Basin F, which at 33 acres will be the city's largest and most important basin. This basin is urgently needed to increase groundwater recharge capacity while improving drought resiliency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because during the recent extreme drought, our groundwater table has dropped every year; this project will help replenish the receding water table whenever water becomes available during times of unprecedented storm events, the creation of these basins will also decrease stormwater flows before they reach the City's center, decreasing the potential for flooding in the downtown core, one of many areas of high flood risk in Visalia.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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