

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0513

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, located at 541 H Street, Los Banos, California 93635. The funding would be used to construct and operate the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir. The project will deliver water from the Delta-Mendota Canal into the new reservoir, where it will be stored and released on a carefully managed basis. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Reservoir will provide new, flexible water storage space to benefit farmlands, wildlife refuges, and communities. It will be located on Del Puerto Creek in the Coast Range foothills west of Patterson and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and agricultural users of the stored water will pay for the project, and are actively seeking supplemental state and federal funding.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Central Valley Projects: West San Joaquin Division (The Emergency Relief Appropriations Act ,Chapter 48, April 8, 1935; 49 Stat. 115 and Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act(WIIN), December 16, 2016; 130 Stat. 1863- Sec.4007 (b)

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

Sincerely,



John S. Duarte
Member of Congress