

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Eastman Lake and Buchanan Dam Enlargement in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Chowchilla Water District, located at 327 Chowchilla Blvd., Chowchilla, CA 93610. The funding would be used for raising of Buchanan Dam to enlarge the size of Eastman Lake by 50,000 acre feet. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Project including the raise, increase and reoperation of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Eastman Lake/Buchanan Dam contains three elements aimed at creation of a regional water supply, increased capacity in the existing Eastman Lake, improved recharge potential through the Chowchilla River, improved recreation access via trails for residents in the project area, and overall creation of more resilient water conditions for the residents in the disadvantaged communities in Merced and Madera Counties.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Resolution adopted 26 June 1958 by the Committee on Public Works of the United States Senate. PL 87-874: "The Buchanan Reservoir, Chowchilla River, California, is hereby Authorized substantially in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers in Senate Document Numbered 98, Eighty-seventh Congress, at an estimated cost of \$13,585,000."

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress