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The Honorable Doris Matsui
United States House of Representatives
2311 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Alex Padilla
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ami Bera
United States House of Representatives
172 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Sacramento County FY26 Appropriations – Community Project Requests

Dear Representatives Matsui and Bera and Senators Padilla and Schiff:

I write in strong support of Sacramento County’s FY26 Community Project Funding and Congressionally Directed Spending requests for the following critical projects:

- 1. Cosumnes River Multi-Benefit Project (\$2 million - Corps of Engineers, Construction, Environmental Infrastructure):** These funds will support technical assistance, planning, and design to identify and implement critical flood risk reduction measures along the Cosumnes River. The project also aims to enhance habitat quality and water supply reliability. The catastrophic flooding events in January 2023, recording historically high flows exceeding 60,000 cubic feet per second, highlight the urgent need for this infrastructure investment to prevent future loss of life, protect essential infrastructure including Highway 99 and Dillard Road, and preserve significant agricultural productivity.
- 2. Sacramento County Cosumnes River Watershed Feasibility Study (\$700,000 - Corps of Engineers, General Investigations):** This comprehensive feasibility study is essential for evaluating long-term solutions to flood risks, ecological restoration, and improved water reliability across the Cosumnes River watershed. Without action, increased flood risks threaten regional infrastructure, including transportation corridors and critical water supply systems, potentially compromising \$2.5 billion in annual agricultural production and 15% of California’s water supply.
- 3. Arden Way Well Project (\$2 million - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency):** This project will equip the Arden Way Well with state-of-the-art infrastructure, including a high-efficiency pump, chemical injection system, and operational controls. Once operational, the well will supply an estimated 2,000 gallons per minute of potable water, significantly enhancing water reliability and addressing ongoing pressure challenges during peak usage periods in the Arden Park Vista area. This project is particularly critical in light of recent devastating fires in Los Angeles, as it will provide Sacramento



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County with a crucial new water source to meet fire-fighting demands. Additionally, the new well will create necessary redundancy, supplementing the 60-year-old wells currently serving the area.

These three projects collectively represent vital investments to safeguard public safety, strengthen local economies, protect critical infrastructure, and ensure water supply reliability in Sacramento County.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these requests. Your support will significantly benefit our communities and the greater Sacramento region.

Sincerely,

Heather Fargo
President of the Board of Directors
Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS)