

November 1, 2017



Mr. Grant Davis, Director  
Department of Water Resources  
P. O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Re: Letter of Appreciation for Extraordinary Staff Effort

Dear Mr. Davis:

The State Water Contractors and all its member agencies would like to extend our deep appreciation and recognition for the extraordinary effort of the Department of Water Resources staff, who have worked tirelessly to repair the main Oroville Dam spillway and successfully met the November 1 deadline for securing the Dam in advance of the winter storm season.

The staff's emergency response to the February 7, 2017 failure of the Oroville Dam reduced the risk to the downstream community and the Department's staff and prevented more extensive damage to the Hyatt powerhouse. For nearly nine months, the team has endured onerous work schedules and corresponding personal sacrifices to ensure the 24/7 response and recovery effort was properly executed and completed on time. Your team has set the bar for public service commitment and personal selflessness. The rapid design, contracting and execution of the spillway repair is a historic civil engineering accomplishment that undoubtedly will be documented and studied throughout the world.

We feel it's important to recognize the sacrifice, dedication and determination of the Department of Water Resources employees, who addressed this emergency and expeditiously worked to restore the State's critical State Water Project infrastructure for the benefit of its citizens.

We have no doubt you're extremely proud to recently have been assigned leadership of such a committed staff. Please extend our most sincere appreciation for all your team has done to ensure the safety of the Oroville community and to secure our vital infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Mark Gilkey  
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