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DISTRICT ENGINEER

September 6, 2018

The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed Water Supply Contract Extension and Amendments (Support)

Dear Senator Dodd and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), we are requesting your support for the continued advancement of the proposed Water Supply Contract Extension (Extension). The District is one of twenty nine parties to the Water Supply Contract with the Department of Water Resources (Department) representing the interests of the Cities of American Canyon, Napa and Calistoga. A delay in consummating the Extension will result in unnecessary and avoidable cost increases for our cities.

On September 11, 2018 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee will conduct an informational hearing on the Extension. Due to scheduling conflicts we cannot attend the hearing and so wish to convey the Napa County perspective on this important activity. For perspective, the District is among the smaller contractors, obtains its water supply north of the Delta and will not benefit from or participate in the California Water Fix project (which is the subject of a completely separate process). Given our somewhat unique circumstances, we are still in full agreement with the other twenty eight contractors that the Extension must be approved in a timely manner.

Extensive and knowledgeable testimony will be provided at the hearing by the Department and contractor representatives so we will not belabor the details of the Extension here. Suffice it to say the District has been actively involved in the development and negotiation of the Extension since 2012 and the Board of Directors approved an agreement-in-principal in October 2014. Since then, formal contract
language and an Environmental Impact Report have been prepared bringing us to Tuesday’s mandatory hearing.

It’s taken six years for a highly technical, transparent and openly public process to get us to this point. The District would appreciate your support for a timely conclusion.

As always, sincere thanks for all you’ve done for the District and Napa County.

Sincerely,

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District Engineer

CC: State Water Contractors, Jennifer Pierre