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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn,

I am requesting funding for the “Moosa Canyon Pipeline” project in fiscal year 2026, in the amount of \$1,500,000. The entity to receive the funding is the San Diego County Water Authority, located at 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123.

This project will fund the replacement of portions of Pipelines 3, 4, and 5 within Moosa Creek to ensure that a reliable water supply can continue to users, while also protecting a community from a potential failure that could lead to the flooding of a section of the I-15 freeway. This project is critical in supporting the Water Authority’s mission to provide a safe and reliable water supply to its 23 member agencies by providing a long-term solution to the significant risks identified.

The project would fund the construction of a pipeline tunnel for all three pipelines to cross beneath Moosa Creek. This project would provide both flooding and seismic resiliency by relocating the pipelines within a tunnel casing and below the 500-year scour limit, near bedrock depth—thus, mitigating the threat zones within Moosa Canyon and the I-15 freeway. Slope stabilization measures would also be constructed along the three pipeline alignments on the canyon slopes, such as rock anchor supports and vertical pile supports, to provide a robust system capable of withstanding significant ground movement.

This project is a good use of taxpayer resources because the project will ensure that the community continues to receive a reliable water supply and protects against potential failure that would impact water supply, the community, and the I-15 freeway.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

This project has received broad support from the community, including from San Diego Councilmember Stephen Whitburn and State Senator Stephen Padilla.

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

Sincerely,



Juan Vargas
Member of Congress