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Tulare Irrigation District
Attn: Aaron Fukuda, District Manager
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Re: Letter of Support for Tulare Irrigation District's Application for the USBR Water SMART Drought Resiliency Project Grant R23AS0007

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to offer support for Tulare Irrigation District (TID) application for the WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Project Grant for TID's proposed Okieville Groundwater Well and Recharge Basin Project. City of Visalia is supportive of the proposed project as it will serve to bolster water reliability for a local disadvantaged community (DAC) as well as provide better water resource management within the local region in the Central Valley in California. Since the passing of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), there is significant need for local water agencies to be able to manage and control water in both wet periods and drought. City of Visalia understands the critical need for a drought resiliency project such as this which will increase the reliability of groundwater for the community of Okieville.

City of Visalia recognizes the value of water infrastructure projects that can increase water management flexibility and water supply reliability in rural communities. This Project aligns with local water management goals to achieve long-term sustainability and the City of Visalia is therefore supportive of the Project and TID's application for funding.

Sincerely,

Brian Poochigian, Mayor
City of Visalia