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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 Applied Science Grant R23AS00446

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to offer support for Tulare Irrigation District (TID) application for the WaterSMART Applied Science Grant for TID's proposed Geographical Information System Water Dashboard – Hydrologic Data Management and Forecasting Tool Project. City of Visalia is supportive of the proposed project as it will serve to bolster water reliability for the Kaweah Subbasin 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 has been a significant need for local water agencies to be able to manage and control water in both wet periods and drought. The ability to monitor, record, and manage water supplies is critical for historical records and to plan for future hydrology fluctuation. City of Visalia understands the critical need for a surface and groundwater management project such as this which will increase the reliability of groundwater for dry times.

City of Visalia recognizes the value of water management tools that can increase water management flexibility and water supply reliability. 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
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