



April 20, 2026

Tulare Irrigation District
Attn: Aaron Fukuda, CEO
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Re: Letter of Support for Tulare Irrigation District's Application for the USBR
WaterSMART Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Grant
R25AS00270

To Whom It May Concern,

Brett Taylor
Mayor

Liz Wynn
Vice Mayor

Steven A. Nelsen
Councilmember

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Hernandez Soto*
Councilmember

Brian Poochigian
Councilmember

This letter is to offer support for Tulare Irrigation District (TID) application for the WaterSMART Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Program Grant for TID's proposed Seaborn Reservoir Project. Our Agency, the City of Visalia, is supportive of the proposed project as it will serve to bolster water storage and reliability for agricultural production in large portions of the Kaweah Subbasin, a region that is heavily dependent on a thriving agriculture industry. 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 wet periods to provide more resiliency for periods of drought. The City of Visalia understands the critical need for new water storage projects such as this which will increase operational flexibility within the Kaweah River and Central Valley Project (CVP) systems to bolster the water supply reliability.

The City of Visalia recognizes the value of water infrastructure projects that can increase water management flexibility and water supply reliability. This Project aligns with the 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,

Brett Taylor, Mayor
City of Visalia