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The Honorable Tom Vilsack  
U.S Department of Agriculture  
1400 Jefferson Drive SW  
Washington, D.C. 20024

RE: Seaborn Reservoir Project – Letter of Support

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

The Visalia City Council fully supports the Seaborn Reservoir Project (Project), a multi-benefit community water resiliency project that provides an excellent water management tool to help our community provide groundwater recharge, create environmental habitat, and provide education facilities. Extreme weather systems are causing uncertainty and destructive scenarios in the Central Valley, where it experiences flood events one year and droughts the following year. Funding this critical multi-benefit Project to address community water resiliency, environmental enhancement, and flood control is essential and timely.

Central Valley communities predominantly rely upon groundwater to meet their water needs. As droughts continue to plague our area regularly, groundwater levels continue to decline and put added pressure on our communities. Increased ability to capture surface water for groundwater recharge in wet years when flooding is a risk is critical to building water resiliency for the Central Valley and many of the neighboring underserved communities.

The Visalia City Council urges your support for this vital multi-benefit project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Poochigian".

Brian Poochigian, Mayor  
City of Visalia