



February 20, 2020

The Honorable Jared Huffman  
United State House of Representatives  
1527 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act – SUPPORT

Dear Congressman Huffman,

On February 19, 2020, the Contra Costa Water District (District) Board of Directors adopted a position of support for the draft Furthering Underutilized Technologies and Unleashing Responsible Expenditures for Drought Resiliency Act (FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act).

The District has supported prior federal funding authorizations for water storage, desalination, water recycling, infrastructure, water-use efficiency, and capital projects for disadvantaged communities lacking access to safe drinking water. Of keen importance to the District is the inclusion of water storage projects as California has a growing need to improve and advance our storage capabilities to address emergency and long-term water needs.

We specifically support Section 104 of the FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act which includes extending the existing storage project approval process for specified storage projects that are currently underway. For us locally, this is important for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Phase 2. The District and local partner agencies are working diligently to move this project forward, and we appreciate your support for water storage projects.

We look forward to the future discussions between the House and Senate regarding your FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act and other proposals with the hope that compromise legislation can be approved in 2020. Please contact our General Manager, Steve Welch at (925) 688-8060 or [swelch@ccwater.com](mailto:swelch@ccwater.com), if you need additional information or have any questions. We look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Borba".

Lisa M. Borba  
President

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