

February 7, 2020

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Chairman – Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Authorization to restore the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal in the FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act Discussion Draft

Dear Chairman Huffman:

On behalf of the Friant Water Authority (FWA), I want to thank you for your efforts to help highlight the need for repairs on the Friant-Kern Canal. As we have discussed, subsidence on the Friant-Kern Canal is due to many factors that are outside of the control of FWA and restoring the capacity of the canal is an integral part of the overall conjunctive management of water supplies in the San Joaquin Valley. Consequently, restoring the capacity of the canal not only benefits Friant Division Contractors but the surrounding communities of the Valley our growers call home. We support those provisions in the FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act that directly address an increased authorization for canal repairs.

Once again, thank you for your leadership and interest in helping the communities of the San Joaquin Valley. I look forward to continuing working with you on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



Jason Phillips
Chief Executive Officer
Friant Water Authority