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April 11, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Coyote Valley Dam General Investigation/Feasibility study** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission**, located at P.O. Box 1247 Ukiah, CA 95482.

The funding would be used to complete a Feasibility Study for the raising of Coyote Valley Dam in Mendocino County, California was first initiated. The purpose of the dam raise is to provide a more reliable local water supply, increase flood damage reduction and improve water quality for listed anadromous fish in the Russian River.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1950, P.L.81-516, §204, 64 Stat. 170, 177.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the water from this reservoir to the Russian River serves 600,000 people, both domestic and agricultural interests within the 2nd Congressional District. Water from Lake Mendocino is released in the summer months to satisfy water right holders along the Russian River and to provide minimum instream flows for fish habitat. Without adequate water storage in Lake Mendocino, the volume of water that salmon and steelhead need for spawning and rearing in the upper Russian River will be diminished and cause further declines in the fisheries.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress