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The Honorable Josh Harder

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for WRDA 2026 Language – Farmington Reservoir Project

Dear Congressman Harder,

On behalf of the Stockton East Water District (SEWD), I am writing to express our strong support for your proposed language in the 2026 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) directing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to expedite completion of the feasibility study for modifications to Farmington Dam.

The Farmington Reservoir Project is critically important to the long-term sustainability of San Joaquin County's agricultural economy, local communities, and the Nation's food supply. San Joaquin County is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the state, supporting tens of thousands of jobs and contributing billions of dollars annually to California's economy. Reliable water supplies are essential to sustaining this economic engine.

Your proposed WRDA language appropriately recognizes the urgency of advancing multi-benefit water infrastructure projects. By expediting the Corps' review and allowing the project to proceed directly to preconstruction planning and design if justified, this provision would significantly reduce delays and help move the Farmington Reservoir Project toward implementation.

The Farmington Reservoir Project would convert an existing flood-control facility into a dual-purpose reservoir, creating approximately 60,000 acre-feet of new water supply storage while maintaining the existing essential flood protection. This additional storage would provide a dependable water reserve for municipal and agricultural users, support compliance with California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, reduce groundwater overdraft and related undesirable results, and improve regional water reliability in the face of climate-driven hydrologic variability.

Beyond its local benefits, the project supports statewide and national interests by strengthening California's agricultural productivity and reinforcing domestic food production and supply chain resilience. In this way, the Farmington Reservoir Project

aligns squarely with federal priorities related to economic stability, infrastructure resilience, and national food security.

SEWD greatly appreciates your leadership and continued advocacy for practical, forward-looking water infrastructure solutions in the San Joaquin Valley. We look forward to continuing to work with your office and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to advance this important project.

Please do not hesitate to contact our General Manager, Justin Hopkins, at [jhopkins@sewd.net](mailto:jhopkins@sewd.net) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully,

**DRAFT**

Thomas McGurk, President  
Stockton East Water District

<b>Weekly Water Report</b>	As of:	As of:	
	January 13, 2026	January 20, 2026	
<b>New Hogan (NHG) TOC</b>	<b>158,651</b>	<b>165,578*</b>	<b>AF</b>
Storage:	181,120	179,605*	AF
Net Storage Change:	-465	-1,515	AF
Inflow:	268	112*	CFS
Release:	448	200*	CFS
<b>New Melones (NML) Allocation</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000*</b>	<b>AF</b>
Storage:	1,751,923	1,765,032*	AF
Net Storage change:	+18,735	+13,109	AF
Inflow:	875	963*	CFS
Release:	42	14*	CFS
<b>Source: CDEC Daily Reports</b>			

<b>Goodwin Diversion (GDW)</b>			
Inflow (Tulloch Dam):	87	60	CFS
Release to Stanislaus River (S-98):	209	303	CFS
Release to OID (JT Main):	0	0	CFS
Release to SSJID (SO Main):	0	0	CFS
Release to SEWD & CSJWCD:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	CFS
Total Release	209	303	CFS
<b>Source: Tri-Dam Operations Daily Report</b>			
<b>Farmington Dam (FRM)</b>			
Diverted to SEWD:	0	0	CFS
Diverted to CSJWCD:	0	0	CFS

<b>Surface Water Used</b>			
Irrigators on New Hogan:	0	0	
Irrigators on New Melones:	0	0	
Out-Of-District Irrigators:	0	0	
DJWWTP Production:	30	24	MGD
North Stockton:	13	5	MGD
South Stockton:	7	6	MGD
Cal Water:	10	22	MGD
City of Stockton DWSP Production:	0	9	MGD

<b>District Ground Water Extraction</b>			
74-01	0	0	GPM
74-02	0	0	GPM
North	0	0	GPM
South	0	0	GPM
Extraction Well # 1	2580	0	GPM
Extraction Well # 2	<u>3240</u>	0	GPM
Total Well Water Extraction	5820	0	GPM
Total Ground Water Production	8	0	MGD

**Note: \*The data reported here is available as of 01/19/26**  
**All other flow data reported here is preliminary, as of 9:00 a.m. on 01/20/26**