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Ms. Taryn Ravazzini
Acting Executive Officer
California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
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Dear Ms. Ravazzini,

We the undersigned, writing on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority, Friant Water Authority, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, are collaborating to develop the Temperance Flat Reservoir project. In partnership with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, each of our organizations have agreed to contribute equally, to our ability, staff, funding, support, and other resources, as necessary, in pursuit of our collaboration.

Millions of Californians south of the Delta are dependent upon Central Valley Project water to serve their agricultural, municipal, industrial, and environmental needs. Increasing regulatory burden has diminished the capability of the Central Valley Project to consistently meet its authorized project purposes. The reduction in surface water deliveries has resulted in greater dependence upon groundwater, overdraft of our aquifers, subsidence that has harmed our infrastructure, and additional hardships, especially for our rural disadvantaged communities. Full implementation of the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act will create an untenable water supply situation for many water users. Recognizing that Temperance Flat Reservoir can provide relief from these challenges, we are collaborating to develop equitable, mutually beneficial solutions to help address the diminishing water supplies and regulatory burdens facing our water users, and potentially others Statewide.

In the coming months, our organizations will be working with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to develop an operations plan and Proposition 1 Chapter 8 storage grant application. It is our expectation that this operations plan would build upon previous Reclamation studies, and provide clarity to how partners – including the State of California – will benefit from new investments in storage on the San Joaquin River. We are available to meet with you to discuss our endeavor. Please feel free to contact any of us should you have questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
San Joaquin Valley
Water Infrastructure Authority



Jason Phillips
Chief Executive Officer
Friant Water Authority



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