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Chairman Joseph Byrne, and Members
California Water Commission
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Re: Comments on Water Storage Investment Program Draft Regulations

Dear Chairman Byrne and Members:

The California Farm Bureau Federation (“Farm Bureau”) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the public review process related to the draft regulations now being developed by the Commission for the Water Storage Investment Program (“WSIP”), and intends to provide further specific input on the text of those regulations.

With respect to the public benefits of any project funded with Chapter 8 funds, Farm Bureau believes that the current draft Section 6007 sufficiently implements the monitoring and reporting requirements found in Water Code section 79706(a), and does not support additional restrictive language. Further, in view of possible changing hydrological and environmental circumstances within the lifetime of such projects, Farm Bureau does not believe that third-party enforcement of public benefit improvements is an efficient model for project management. As such, Farm Bureau does not support additions to the current draft Section 6007.

Farm Bureau appreciates the Commission’s consideration of the foregoing. You are welcome to direct any questions to me at (916) 561 – 5660.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christian Scheuring'.

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