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Dear Chairman Byrne,

I am writing to ask the Water Commission, the Brown Administration, and the State of California to ensure the \$2.7 billion in continuously appropriated, Chapter 7 Proposition 1 monies goes to meaningful new water infrastructure, as the California electorate intended.

Such public investment in California's statewide water system is necessary to deal with major, 21-century challenges we and our children will face. It also very important that the Commission's final quantification regulations carry out the clear intent that Chapter 7 Water Storage Investment Program monies be available, without restriction, for net improvements over existing conditions, in the public benefit categories specifically enumerated in Proposition 1.

Proposition 1 provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity to finally invest in our statewide water system. New storage is necessary to help bridge extended droughts, to cope with variable weather and precipitation, to sustain growing urban populations and our state's important agricultural economy, and to adequately balance reasonable environment water needs at the same time. Investment in local projects, water conservation, groundwater banking, water recycling and the like will be a necessary, on-going, and locally achievable piece of California's evolving water portfolio. However, another opportunity to invest meaningfully in our statewide system may not come again for many a year, if ever.

I thank the Commission in advance for its attention to this critically important priority for all Californians.

Sincerely,

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