



April 26, 2024

Congressman Ken Calvert
41st Congressional District
Attn: Jack Lincoln
2205 Rayburn
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Project Funding - Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Drinking Water Sustainability Phase 1 Project**

Dear Congressman Calvert:

We are writing to express our full support for the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) Drinking Water Sustainability Phase 1 Project. As Mayors of the cities served by EVMWD, located within Riverside County, California, we understand the critical importance of drinking water projects to the health and prosperity of our communities. The EVMWD Corydon Well, constructed over 40 years ago, has served as a vital source of groundwater for EVMWD's service area. However, with its efficiency now reduced to mere 25% of its original pumping capacity, it is imperative that action is taken to ensure increase capacity for the continued reliability and safety of our water supply in our rapidly growing region.

The EVMWD Drinking Water Sustainability Phase 1 Project (Project) is essential for several reasons. It will provide up to 2,420 acre-feet per year (AFY) of new capacity, nearly doubling EVMWD's locally sourced potable water from the Elsinore Groundwater Basin. With multiyear drought conditions becoming increasingly common and ongoing concerns about climate change, increasing viable water sources is paramount to safeguarding the well-being of our residents and businesses.

Secondly, the Project is crucial to address water supply contaminant challenges, specifically per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) detected in other EVMWD water sources including other wells and Canyon Lake. PFAS pose significant public health and environmental risks and it is necessary to take proactive measures to ensure the safety and purity of our drinking water. Currently, until its PFAS levels are treated and reduced, EVMWD is replacing this supply with imported water from Metropolitan Water District, but this is not sustainable as imported water prices soar. By investing in projects like the Drinking Water Sustainability Phase 1 Project,

EVMWD will continue to provide safe potable water, enhance the reliability of our water supply, and ensure long-term, sustainability for future generations.

The Corydon Well site is on EVMWD property located in the northwest portion of the City of Wildomar. The site is located on the south side of Corydon Street between Mission Trail and Cereal Street.

EVMWD needs adequate funding for our cities and communities to realize the full benefits of this critical Project. The \$17 million project cost represents a significant investment, but one that is necessary to secure the future of our water supply and protect the public health and well-being of our communities. We urge you to support EVMWD's Drinking Water Sustainability Phase 1 Project with federal Community Project Funding to ensure its successful completion. By doing so, you will address immediate water supply challenges and lay the foundation for a more resilient and sustainable future for our region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we stand ready to provide any further assistance or information you may require.

Respectfully,



Mayor Bridgette Moore
City of Wildomar



Mayor Dale Welty
City of Canyon Lake



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Honorable Congressman Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
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**Re: Congressionally Directed Spending – Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Drinking Water Sustainability Project Phase 1**

Dear Congressman Calvert:

I would like to express my support for the Drinking Water Sustainability Project Phase 1 (Project) proposed by the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD). As the State Senator representing the 32nd district, I recognize the Project's significance in addressing critical water supply challenges facing our communities.

The existing Corydon Well in the City of Wildomar is nearing the end of its operational life after more than four decades of service and presents a pressing concern for EVMWD and the residents it serves. With its efficiency dwindling to just 25% of its original pumping capacity, urgent action is needed to safeguard the reliability and sustainability of our local water supply. The proposed project is poised to deliver substantial benefits to the region. By providing up to 2,420 acre-feet per year of additional capacity, it will bolster the resilience of our water infrastructure, particularly in the face of recurring droughts and uncertainties posed by climate change. Moreover, EVMWD's focus on local groundwater extraction is crucial for reducing dependence on imported water sources, thereby enhancing both water security and cost effectiveness for ratepayers.

Of equal importance is the Project's role in addressing emerging water contaminants such as per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which threatened the safety and quality of our drinking water. With PFAS already detected in neighboring water sources like Canyon Lake, the replacement of the Corydon Well will mitigate water shortages and health risks and ensure the continued well-being of our constituents.

EVMWD's proven track record in groundwater management, well replacement, and its commitment to sustainability makes me confident that it will successfully execute this Project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
State Senator, 32nd District