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Supervisor Chuck Washington Third District

March 9, 2023

Subject: Support for EMWD's Request for STAG funding, Water Booster Plant Improvements Project

Dear President Paule:

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Third District, I would like to express support for Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding for the Water Booster Plant Improvements Project in the FY 2024 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people within a 555-square mile service area in western Riverside County, and works hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

As part of EMWD's ongoing commitment to improve reliability, resiliency, and security, a series of phased improvements to water booster facilities will be implemented. The improvements include the installation of emergency standby generators and block perimeter walls at key facilities throughout EMWD's service area. In addition to maintaining site security, these improvements will also help to ensure water supply reliability to mitigate the effects of public safety emergencies and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events initiated by Southern California Edison.

Overall, the Water Booster Plant Improvements Project provides regional water supply benefits by improving water supply reliability for our community. Because of these benefits, the Third District of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors is proud to support EMWD's \$2.3 million STAG funding request.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 951-955-1030 or D3Email@rivco.org.

Sincerely,

Chuck Washington N Riverside County Third District Supervisor



March 10, 2023

Philip Paule President, Board of Directors Eastern Municipal Water District 2270 Trumble Road Perris, CA 92570

Re: Support for EMWD's Request for STAG Funding, Water Booster Plant Improvements Project

Dear President Paule,

On behalf of the City of Menifee, I would like to express support for Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding for the Water Booster Plant Improvements Project in the FY 2024 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people within a 555-square mile service area in western Riverside County, and works hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

As part of EMWD's ongoing commitment to improve reliability, resiliency, and security, a series of phased improvements to water booster facilities will be implemented. The improvements include the installation of emergency standby generators and block perimeter walls at key facilities throughout EMWD's service area. In addition to maintaining site security, these improvements will also help to ensure water supply reliability to mitigate the effects of public safety emergencies and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events initiated by Southern California Edison.

Overall, the Water Booster Plant Improvements Project provides regional water supply benefits by improving water supply reliability for our community. Because of these benefits, the City of Menifee supports EMWD's \$2.3 million STAG funding request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Philip Southard, Public Information and Legislative Affairs Officer, City Executive Office at (951) 723-3873 or psouthard@cityofmenifee.us.

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Sincerely,

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Bill Zimmerman Mayor

cc: Menifee City Council (via email)



March 9, 2023

Honorable Ken Calvert House of Representatives, 41st District 2205 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Support EMWD's Request for STAG funding, Water Booster Plant Improvements

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), I respectfully request your support for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding for the Water Booster Plant Improvements Project in the FY 2024 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people living and working within a 558-square mile service area in western Riverside County. EMWD is California's sixth-largest retail water agency with a mission to deliver value to customers and the communities we serve by providing safe, reliable, economical, and environmentally sustainable water, wastewater, and recycled water services. EMWD provides retail water service to customers located within the cities of Hemet, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, San Jacinto, and Temecula and, the adjacent unincorporated communities. EMWD works hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

EMWD is seeking assistance to fund the Water Booster Plant Improvements Project. As part of EMWD's ongoing commitment to improve reliability, resiliency, and security, a series of phased improvements to water booster facilities will be implemented. The improvements include the installation of emergency standby generators and block perimeter walls at key facilities throughout EMWD's service area. In addition to maintaining site security, these improvements will also help to ensure water supply reliability

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to mitigate the effects of public safety emergencies and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events initiated by Southern California Edison.

Thank you for your long-standing partnership and for considering requesting STAG funding for the Water Booster Plant Improvements Project. This project will provide regional water supply benefits for our mutual constituents.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at paulep@emwd.org.

Sincerely,

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Phil E. Paule President, Board of Directors