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March 12, 2026

The Honorable Alex Padilla
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331 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Ken Calvert
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Adam Schiff
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112 Hart Senate Office Building
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RE: Letter of Support for Coachella Valley Water District's PFAS Regulatory Compliance Project

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Representative Calvert:

I write in strong support of the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) application for Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) / Community Project Funding (CPF) to establish in-house PFAS testing capabilities. Currently, CVWD lacks the specialized equipment needed to analyze Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) internally and must subcontract all analyses to commercial laboratories. In the past year alone, CVWD tested approximately 900 drinking water, wastewater, and recycled water samples at a total cost of \$450,000.

As federal and state PFAS regulations continue to evolve, additional compounds are expected to be regulated at increasingly lower detection levels. Bringing PFAS analysis in-house will enable CVWD to meet both current compliance requirements and future regulatory obligations without relying on external laboratories. In-house testing will also improve turnaround times, increase operational efficiency, and strengthen quality control, providing greater confidence in the accuracy and usability of results.

This investment would cover the procurement, installation, validation, staff training, and certification of advanced PFAS testing equipment. Importantly, in-house PFAS testing will benefit the entire Coachella

Valley. Local testing capacity will allow CVWD to identify emerging contamination risks, protect public health, support regulatory compliance, and provide actionable data for regional water management planning.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your office to support CVWD's request for Fiscal Year 2027 CDS / CPF funding to establish in-house PFAS testing. This investment represents a critical step in protecting public health, ensuring environmental justice, and safeguarding water quality in the Coachella Valley. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at (909) 335-0271.

Sincerely,



ROSILICIE OCHOA BOGH
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March 2, 2026

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RE: Coachella Valley Water District Community Project Funding Request – PFAS Regulatory Compliance Project

Dear Senators Padilla and Schiff, and Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Palm Desert, I write in strong support of the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending request to establish in-house PFAS testing capabilities.

CVWD currently lacks the specialized equipment necessary to analyze per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) internally and must subcontract testing to commercial laboratories. In the past year alone, approximately 900 drinking water, wastewater, and recycled water samples were analyzed at a cost of roughly \$450,000.

As federal and state PFAS regulations evolve, additional compounds are expected to be regulated at lower detection levels. Establishing in-house testing will enable CVWD to meet current and future compliance requirements, improve turnaround times, enhance quality control, and reduce long-term reliance on outside laboratories.

This investment will support the procurement, installation, validation, staff training, and certification of advanced laboratory equipment. Developing local PFAS testing capacity will strengthen regional water quality monitoring, protect public health, and support informed water management decisions throughout the Coachella Valley.

For these reasons, the City of Palm Desert respectfully urges your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Evan Trubee
Mayor, City of Palm Desert

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March 3, 2026

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Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff & Representative Calvert:

I write in support of the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) in its application for Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending/Community Project Funding for the district's PFAS Regulatory Compliance Project, which would establish in-house PFAS testing capabilities.

Currently, CVWD lacks the specialized equipment needed to analyze Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) internally and must subcontract all analyses to commercial laboratories. In the past year alone, CVWD tested approximately 900 drinking water, wastewater and recycled water samples at a total cost of \$450,000.

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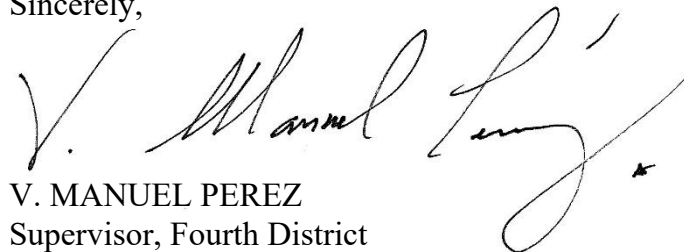
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This investment would cover the procurement, installation, validation, staff training and certification of advanced PFAS testing equipment. Importantly, in-house PFAS testing would benefit the entire Coachella Valley. Local testing capacity would allow CVWD to identify emerging contamination risks, protect public health, support regulatory compliance and provide actionable data for regional water management planning.

For these reasons, as supervisor for Riverside County's Fourth District, representing eastern Riverside County and the mountain communities, I support the Coachella Valley Water District's request for this funding, a critical step in protecting public health, ensuring environmental justice and safeguarding water quality in the Coachella Valley.

If you have any questions about my support for this funding request, please don't hesitate to contact me at (760) 863-8211. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Supervisor, Fourth District

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RE: Coachella Valley Water District's PFAS Regulatory Compliance Project – Support

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert:

The Coachella Valley Water District's application for Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending / Community Project Funding to establish in-house PFAS testing capabilities warrants strong support.

Currently, the District does not have the specialized equipment necessary to analyze per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) internally and must subcontract all testing to commercial laboratories. Over the past year alone, approximately 900 drinking water, wastewater, and recycled water samples were analyzed at a cost of roughly \$450,000. As federal and state PFAS regulations continue to evolve, additional compounds are expected to be regulated at lower detection thresholds, increasing both testing volume and associated costs.

Bringing PFAS analysis in-house will allow the District to meet current compliance requirements and prepare for future regulatory standards without relying exclusively on outside laboratories. Establishing local testing capacity will improve turnaround times, strengthen quality control, and enhance operational efficiency. Faster access to reliable data will also support informed water management decisions throughout the Coachella Valley.

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Funding would support the procurement, installation, validation, staff training, and certification of advanced PFAS testing equipment. This investment will provide long-term cost stability, improve responsiveness to emerging contamination concerns, and help ensure continued confidence in the region's water supply.

Protecting water quality in the Coachella Valley remains essential to public health and the long-term sustainability of our desert communities. This is why I strongly support this request.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting critical infrastructure investments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 760-346-6342 or at Assemblymember.Wallis@assembly.ca.gov

Sincerely,



GREG WALLIS
Assemblymember, 47th District

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