

April 9, 2025

Congressman Ken Calvert
California's 41st Congressional District
400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Suite 125
Corona, CA 92882

RE: Community Project Fund Request Fiscal Year 2026

Dear Congressman,

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The WWRSC is the major flood conveyance system for the entire Coachella Valley, with a total drainage area of 743 square miles. However, the WWRSC is currently unlined making it highly erosive, and already has visible vertical erosion on its north and south banks that threatens the stability of the channel and safety of adjacent land. Therefore, the City is proposing to remediate bank erosion by installing approximately 7,400 linear feet of Concrete Slope Project ("CSP") along the north and south slopes of the WWRSC that will reduce chronic sedimentation transport and large hydraulic jumps. This bank stabilization will restore the stability of the channel and protect the surrounding land from floods caused by structural failure or intense storm surges influenced by climate change.

As the recent impacts of climate and its adverse effects to the severity, occurrence, and volume of storms are realized throughout the State and nation, it is imperative that the City has sufficient infrastructure to properly handle stormwater. Therefore, the City is prioritizing projects, including the proposed Project, that offer innovative solutions to support stormwater and flood risk management.

The proposed Project will support the goals of the City's Capital Improvement by rehabilitating critical storm infrastructure that stores and diverts stormwater for efficient use and to protect land and life from floods.

As a neighboring city to Indian Wells, the City of La Quinta recognizes the regional importance of this project. The Whitewater River Stormwater Channel plays a vital role in protecting La Quinta's residents, infrastructure, and environment from flood impacts. Strengthening this system in adjacent jurisdictions is essential to preventing erosion, sediment transport, and flood risk that could directly affect our community.

We strongly support the City's proposed Whitewater Channel Lining Project and ask that Congress recognize the benefits it will offer to the community. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (760) 777-7030 or at levans@LaQuintaCA.Gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" and last name "Evans" clearly distinguishable.

Linda Evans, Mayor



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April 10, 2025

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for the City of Indian Wells – Community Project Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2026

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Palm Desert, I am writing to express our strong support for the City of Indian Wells' request for Fiscal Year 2026 Community Project Funding for the Whitewater Channel Lining Project ("Project").

This critical project will restore the structural integrity of the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel ("WWRSC"), which serves as the primary flood conveyance system for the entire Coachella Valley. With a drainage area of approximately 743 square miles, the WWRSC plays a vital role in protecting our region from flooding. However, the channel is currently unlined and highly susceptible to erosion—posing risks not only to the channel's stability but also to the safety of adjacent properties and communities.

The proposed Project includes the installation of approximately 7,400 linear feet of concrete slope protection along the north and south banks of the channel. This essential work will stabilize the embankments, reduce sediment transport, and mitigate risks from intense storm surges—especially those exacerbated by the growing impacts of climate change.

As neighboring communities, we understand the shared importance of regional infrastructure that supports stormwater management, flood mitigation, and climate resilience. The City of Indian Wells' proposed improvements will strengthen our collective ability to respond to increasingly severe weather events and protect public safety across the valley.

We respectfully urge your support for this important project and encourage consideration of the long-term benefits it will provide to communities throughout the region.

Sincerely,

Jan C. Harnik
Mayor, City of Palm Desert



March 28, 2025

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce B. Whitman".

Bruce Whitman
Mayor
City of Indian Wells

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April 7, 2025

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me and my office at Assemblymember.Wallis@assembly.ca.gov or (760) 346-6342.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Wallis", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

GREG WALLIS
Assemblymember, 47th District

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