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Dear Chair Quintero and Vice-Chair Baker,

Thank you for your testimony today at the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee Hearing on the California Water Commission's Water Storage Investment Program process. Your testimony helped clear up a number of issues Legislators have had regarding the Public Benefits Ration determination, the timelines within which the Commission must make decisions, and the efforts the Commission has made to reach out to project applicants.

As discussed in the hearing, Legislators are concerned about the ability of applicants to have specific meetings with Commission staff regarding their projects. We would like to specifically request that the Commission staff schedule the following additional meetings with each applicant to facilitate two-way communication with reviewers. This is in addition to the open meetings you have already afforded the project applicants after the initial scores were released.

1. Prior to April 20 (late March/early April) when revised scores will be available—One meeting to clarify information contained in applicant appeal letters and/or attachments.
2. Prior to May 25 Hearing when initial Return on Investment scores are posted—One meeting to consider the remaining component scores (relative environmental values, resilience to climate change, implementation risk).
3. Week of June 4—One meeting to debrief on the return on investment scores.

As you have done with other open meetings, we trust that you are able to conduct these meetings without hindering the competitive nature of the funding.



We hope you will take this request into serious consideration at your next Commission meeting.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Garcia, Chair (AD-56)

James Gallagher, Vice-Chair (AD-3)



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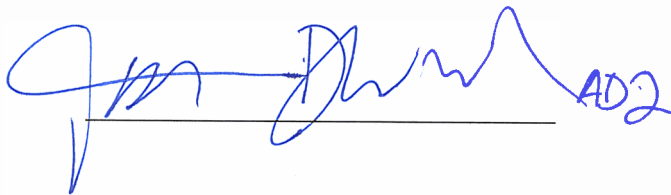
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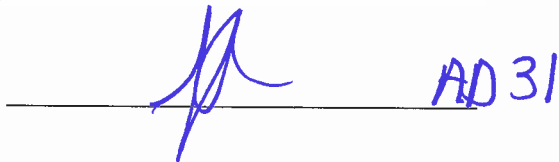
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