



Via Electronic Mail

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David Houston
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California State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Coachella Valley Water District's Non-Potable Water Pipeline Projects

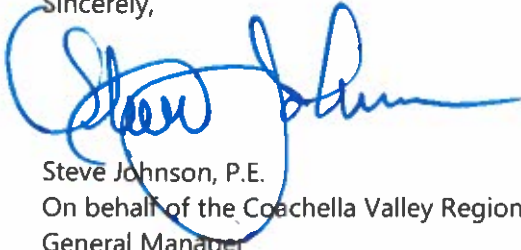
Dear Mr. Houston:

On behalf of the Coachella Valley Water Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), Desert Water Agency is pleased to submit this letter in support of the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) pursuit of a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan from the State Water Resources Control Board for its Non-Potable Water (NPW) pipeline projects for FY 2024-2025 (FY24-25 NPW Pipeline Projects). Funding for these projects will allow CVWD to expand its non-potable water service in the region and help protect groundwater resources.

CVWD's FY24-25 NPW Pipeline Projects will install approximately 32,000 linear feet of NPW distribution pipeline ranging from 12-inch to 36-inch in diameter within the city of Indio, city of Rancho Mirage, and the city of Palm Desert. The Projects will deliver approximately 2,964 acre-feet per year of NPW to six new NPW users within the CVWD's service areas and will reduce groundwater pumping by allowing golf courses and other irrigators to stop pumping from the groundwater basin as their primary source of supply. In lieu of this pumping, the FY24-25 NPW Pipeline Projects will deliver non-potable water produced from treating wastewater from CVWD's Water Reclamation Plant No. 7 (WRP- 7) and WRP-10 to these customers. The FY24-25 NPW Pipeline Projects are critical to the region's collaborative effort to sustainably manage groundwater resources and comply with California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

In conclusion, the Coachella Valley RWMG supports CVWD's loan application and respectfully requests the SWRCB provide funding in support of the FY24-25 NPW Pipeline Projects. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please contact me at SJohnson@dwa.org or via telephone at (760) 323-4971 ext. 140.

Sincerely,



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