



May 15, 2024

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Water Resources and Planning Office
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RE: Letter of Support for the Mission Springs Water District's West Palm Springs Village – Palm Springs Crest Water System Intertie Project for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grants FY2024

Dear Ms. McCann,

The purpose of this letter is to express the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group's support for the Mission Springs Water District's (MSWD) grant application for the Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) FY 2024 Planning and Design Grant Program. MSWD is submitting the grant application to fund the Palm Springs Crest (PSC)/ West Palm Springs Village (WPSV) Intertie Project (the Project).

MSWD is implementing the Project to connect two portions of its water system, namely the Palm Springs Crest and West Palm Springs Village water systems. Once constructed, the Project will allow the PSC and WPSV communities to be interconnected to one another, providing much needed mutual backup capabilities. The Project will provide drought resiliency by enhancing water supply management through water resource optimization that ensures sustainability of MSWD's water resources while satisfying human and environmental demands.

The severity of California's recent droughts coupled with the extended dry period on the Colorado River and the projected long-term impacts of climate change underscore the need for continued diversification of Southern California's water resource portfolio. A major priority of MSWD is to maintain reliable and resilient water supplies within its entire service area to address potential water shortages caused by extreme weather cycles that are features of California's climate.

Given these reasons, we support MSWD's application for the BOR WaterSMART Planning and Design Grants FY 2024 and hope the application is selected to receive a grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zoe Rd". The signature is written in a cursive, fluid style.

Zoe Rodriguez del Rey
On behalf of the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group
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