



April 13, 2022

Attention: Uyen Trinh-Le
California State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
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Subject: SUPPORT OF COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

Dear Ms. Trinh-Le:

On behalf of the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group (CVRWMG) we are pleased to submit this letter of support for Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD's) funding request for the Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park (MHP) Water Consolidation Project located along Avenue 66 in the eastern Coachella Valley. We also support CVWD's ongoing efforts related to pursuing future water consolidation projects within this area in order to bring safe, reliable water to these Disadvantaged Communities (DACs).

CVWD is in the process of seeking funding to consolidate small water systems (SWSs) located in DACs that rely on individual, private groundwater wells. These SWSs often have poor water quality with maximum contaminant level (MCL) exceedances for arsenic and fluoride, as well as poor water supply reliability. These water consolidation projects are critical to providing families with a safe, reliable, high quality potable water supply.

CVWD has made significant progress in identifying SWSs that could benefit from consolidating their system with CVWD's water system. CVWD has already completed construction of pipeline infrastructure to consolidate its Improvement District 11 water system, Thermal Mutual Water Company MHP, Oasis Gardens MHP, and Westside School into its water system.

CVWD plans to consolidate three additional DAC SWSs with the construction of the Saint Anthony MHP Water Consolidation Project if its funding request is approved by the SWRCB. The Saint Anthony Project will construct approximately five miles of water main, water service piping, and fire service pipelines to consolidate the Saint Anthony, Seferino Huerta, and Manuela Garcia

MHPs. The water main along Avenue 66 will also allow for the consolidation of additional SWSs and tribal SWSs within this area.

We strongly support CVWD's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant application for its Saint Anthony Mobile Home Park Water Consolidation Project and encourage SWRCB to approve its grant request to fund the construction of this important pipeline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Metzger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Metzger
On behalf of the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group
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cc: Honorable State Senator Melissa Melendez
Honorable Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia
Honorable Assemblyman Chad Mayes

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