



## CITY OF GLENDORA

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April 11, 2022

Congresswoman Grace Napolitano  
United States House of Representatives  
1610 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**

Dear Congresswoman Napolitano:

On behalf of the City of Glendora, I write to express the City's support for the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) appropriations request for the Groundwater Reliability Partnership (Project). TVMWD, as one of 26 member agencies of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), delivers wholesale water supplies from the State Water Project (SWP) and the Colorado River to Pomona, Walnut and the East San Gabriel Valley. The region served by TVMWD spans over 133 square miles and serves thirteen retail member agencies that in turn serve a population of over 515,000.

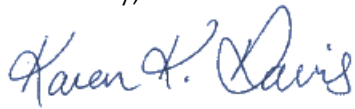
The State of California is entering a third year of drought with a significantly below-average snowpack combined with already low reservoir levels. The Western United States for the past two water years have been characterized by record breaking temperatures and extremely dry soils, which has led to large and unexpected reductions in runoff from the State's snowpack, exacerbating the impacts of climate change. On the Colorado Basin, similar prolonged drought conditions have pushed water levels in Lake Mead to historic lows. The California Department of Water Resources' allocation for SWP water has been reduced to 5 percent, only being diverted to Southern California to meet Human Health and Safety standards. Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-7-22 proclaiming a State of Emergency that directed local water suppliers to execute their Water Shortage Contingency Plans and initiate programs that would support short- and long-term drought conditions.

Glendora supports the Project because it will help support the local region's ability to improve long-term resiliency to drought and climate change impacts. The Project will provide water quality treatment for groundwater that cannot be currently utilized due to contamination, at levels that exceed safe drinking water standards. The Project includes the development of up to 6,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of stranded groundwater and represents approximately 10 percent of all the

imported supplies served by TVMWD. The Project provides benefit to all the residents in the TVMWD service area, particularly the Cities of Covina and Glendora, as well as the Covina Irrigating Company, Rowland Water District and Walnut Valley Water District. Without this funding, water rates are likely to increase substantially as the region would have to increase its reliance on water imported from the SWP and the Lower Colorado Basin, each of which continue to face the extreme challenge of providing consistent water supply due to extended drought conditions.

The City of Glendora strongly supports the TVMWD FY23 appropriations request to help bolster the development of reliable local supplies that provide flexibility in the face of an uncertain future created by climate change. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen K. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Karen K. Davis  
Mayor

cc: Glendora City Council  
Matthew Litchfield, Three Valleys Municipal Water District