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Arvin-Edison Water Storage District
Attn: Jeevan Muhar, Engineer-Manager
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Re: Letter of Support for Arvin-Edison Water Storage District's
Application for the USBR WaterSMART Drought Response Program, No.
R24AS00007

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to offer support for Arvin-Edison Water Storage District's (AEWSD) application for the WaterSMART Drought Response Program. AEWSD and Arvin Community Services District (ACSD) are wanting to partner to develop the North Canal Spreading Works Expansion Project (Project). ACSD provides drinking water for the City of Arvin, which is recognized as a Disadvantaged Community by the State of California and an overburdened and underserved census tract by the Federal Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool. The Project will potentially create a dedicated groundwater supply for ACSD, create opportunities for ACSD to increase its water supply sustainability with access to groundwater recharge facilities, and improve regional sustainable water management. Furthermore, the Project will support the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) compliance, which AEWSD and ACSD are committed to as the two agencies that comprise the Arvin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

This project aligns with the AEWSD's and ACSD's water management goals to achieve long-term sustainability. Arvin Community Services District recognizes the value of water infrastructure projects that increase water management sustainability and water supply reliability in rural communities, such as the City of Arvin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raul Barraza, Jr." in a cursive script.