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Director of Legislative Affairs

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The Honorable David Dreier
U.S. House of Representatives
237 Cannon Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for San Sevaine Channel Flood Protection and Water Conservation Project

Dear Representative Dreier:

The County of San Bernardino has identified the San Sevaine Flood Protection and Water Conservation project, located in the City of Rancho Cucamonga as an eligible project for submittal for possible inclusion in the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) of 2010 and thereby requests a \$30 million WRDA project authorization for the study and construction to reestablish the 100 year flood protection level for that area which will additionally provide a significant water conservation effort for the residents within the West Valley area of San Bernardino County.

The San Sevaine area flood control system was originally improved with funding from the Bureau of Reclamation. However, the original system was to have had a debris basin at the mouth of the San Sevaine canyon. This basin was never built nor was it intended to be built in the future. Consequently a study is necessary to address potential debris flows that could come out of the San Sevaine canyon and go into the San Sevaine Spreading Grounds and San Sevaine Basins 1-4. These existing facilities main purpose is for water conservation. The San Bernardino County Flood Control District wants to maintain as much water conservation function as possible in these facilities and is concerned the potential debris flows could hinder that effort. There is also concern for adjacent residences.

The project fits in with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' mission to reduce public risk from disasters and to promote an energized economy. The proposed improvements will reduce the potential for major flooding along the project site and preserve the safety and well being of both life and structures. The improvements will also provide and sustain vital infrastructure necessary to allow the community to continue to grow.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request to authorize the San Sevaine Flood Protection and Water Conservation Project in San Bernardino County. If you have any questions concerning the San Sevaine program, please do not hesitate to contact Lance Larson, the County's Director of Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821. The Board thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

GARY C. OVITT
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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