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August 7, 2014

Mark Cowin, Director  
California Department of Water Resources  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for the East Stanislaus 2014 Drought Grant Application**

Dear Director Cowin:

I write in support of the East Stanislaus 2014 Drought Grant Application for \$17,989,855 in funding from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) as part of the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program. This proposal would fund a set of projects in the area covered by the East Stanislaus Regional Water Management Partnership (ESRWMP).

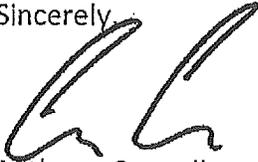
On January 17, 2014, Governor Brown proclaimed a Drought State of Emergency and on March 1, 2014, he signed legislation to assist drought-affected communities and provide funding to better use local water supplies. The Legislature and Governor have directed DWR to expedite the award of \$200 million in IRWM funding to support projects and programs that provide immediate actions to address this current situation.

The projects contained in the ESRWMP grant application are perfectly suited to address the goals of the Legislature in directing the use of IRWM funding. These projects will provide for additional wells, water efficiency improvements, and increased availability and use of recycled water, among other benefits.

Above all, these projects are located in an area of the State that is perhaps most acutely impacted by the current drought. Not only are several of the projects located in disadvantaged communities with income levels significantly below other parts of California, but they represent leadership by local agencies to address both the immediate impacts of the drought, as well as preparing for the long-term sustainable use of water resources.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request for funding. I believe the ESRWMP proposal fulfills the goals of the Legislature and Governor to move quickly with concrete actions to address the impacts of the State's historic drought.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Cannella', written in a cursive style.

Anthony Cannella  
Senator, 12<sup>th</sup> District