KAWEAH DELTA
Water Conservation
DISTRICT

November 25, 2014

Mario Krstic
Interim City Manager
City of Farmersville
909 W. Visalia Rd.
Farmersville, CA 93223

RE: Farmersville Application to the Water Energy Grant Program

Dear Mr. Krstic:

I was pleased to learn that the City of Farmersville is applying for a Water Energy Grant from the California Department of Water Resources. The Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD) is keenly aware of the need to conserve water in our region's overdrafted groundwater basin. Conservation efforts are critically needed to ensure that we have adequate groundwater for future generations. Your application, which includes converting from a flat rate water distribution system to a metered/volumetric system, is well aligned with our Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

The KDWCD encompasses 337,000 acres within Tulare and Kings Counties. The District's focus is to maintain channels and ditches for flood control and seepage purposes, enhance local water supplies, and protect the water resources within our hydrologic boundaries. Our groundwater reserves are vulnerable to cycles of dryness and drought. As you know, the District is historically "overdrafted" in which residents, farms and businesses are using 18,000-40,000 more acre feet of water annually than we have stored. KDWCD also co-owns and manages a hydroelectric generation plant at Terminus Dam. The power plant currently generates at a rate of 20 megawatts and provides electricity to Southern California Edison for distribution.

We understand that water conservation and energy conservation go hand-in hand. Farmersville is in a unique position to protect water and energy resources with strategic planning and conservation measures which are proposed in your application. We wish you success in securing this critical funding from the Department of Water Resource to expedite your water and energy savings plans.

Yours Truly,

Mark Larsen
General Manager

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December 2, 2014

Mario Krstic, Interim City Manager
City of Farmersville
909 W. Visalia Rd.
Farmersville, CA 93223

Dear Mr. Krstic:

I write today to convey my support of your application to the Department of Water Resources, Water Energy Grant Program. In light of current drought conditions in our state our communities must identify ways to conserve valuable water resources and reduce the energy use associated with the water pumping, distribution and treatment. Farmersville is in a unique position to protect water resources with strategic planning and water energy conservation measures proposed in your application.

The proposed Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) installations at all of the City's 2,315 residential connections will lead to valuable water savings. Studies have shown that when systems are converted from a flat-rate, unlimited water billing system to a metered and tiered billing system the resulting water savings is significant. Raising awareness is the first step to improving water use behavior.

Conservation projects like this are important for communities such as Farmersville where many residents are disadvantaged and already face economic burdens. I hope that your city will be successful in winning this important grant funding to expedite your water and energy savings plans. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance at (916) 651-4014.

Sincerely,

ANDY VIDAK
Senator, 14th District

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November 24, 2014

Mr. Mario Krstic, Interim City Manager
City of Farmersville
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Farmersville, CA 93223

Dear Mr. Krstic,

Please accept my letter of support for your application to the Department of Water Resources, Water Energy Grant Program. In the midst of an historic drought, our communities must identify ways to conserve valuable water resources and reduce energy use associated with the distribution, treatment, and pumping of water. The community of Farmersville is in a unique position to protect water resources with strategic planning and water energy conservation measures proposed in your application.

Specifically, the proposed Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) installations at all of the City's 2,315 residential connections will lead to water savings. Customarily, when water billing systems convert from a flat-rate, unlimited water billing system to a metered and tiered billing system the resulting water savings has been significant. We agree that raising awareness is the first step toward changing water use behavior. We also know that proposed turf-removal and more efficient lighting at City-owned properties will add to your long-term water and energy savings.

I understand the elements proposed in the City's application are part of an overall strategy to meet the State's mandate for reducing water use by 20% by 2020. This type of conservation project is important for disadvantaged communities like Farmersville whose residents are underserved and already face many challenges. I wish you success in your pursuit of important grant funding to expedite your water and energy savings plans. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best Regards,

Jean Fuller

JEAN FULLER
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November 24, 2014

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Dear Mr. Krstic:

I am writing to express my full support for the City of Farmersville's application to the Department of Water Resources, Water Energy Grant Program. The drought conditions in California are forcing all of us to find ways to reduce water use and protect this valuable and limited natural resource. California municipalities must do everything possible to conserve water and reduce the energy use associated with the water pumping, distribution and treatment.

I understand that the City of Farmersville has installed Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) meters on approximately half of the City's 2,315 residential connections. However, the installations have stalled due a lack of funds. Grant funding will allow for the completion of the residential metering and will allow the metered system to come on-line. As the City converts from a flat-rate, unlimited water billing system to a metered and tiered billing system the resulting water savings will be significant. Customers become keenly aware of their water use when it appears on the monthly statement and when "overwatering" causes their billing rate to extend into a higher rate tier. As a result, residents find ways to use less water in their own households.

I also applaud your efforts to replace high-water landscaping (turf) at City properties with "water-wise" and drought tolerant alternatives. I hope this will provide a useful model and serve as an example for others to consider. Thank you for working to ensure that Farmersville is able to meet the State's mandate for reducing water use by 20% by 2020. I hope you will be successful in obtaining this important grant funding to advance your water and energy savings plans.

Sincerely,

Connie Conway

Connie Conway
Assemblywoman, 26th District

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