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Mr. Josh German

Bureau of Reclamation Water Resources and Planning Division

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RE: Support: California Water Service, WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant FY23 Application – Advanced Metering Infrastructure [AMI] Installation, Northern California

To Mr Josh German:

I am writing in strong support of the California Water Service's Advanced Metering Infrastructure [AMI] Installation, Northern California Project for the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Application FY23 cycle.

This project will fund the installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) through California Water Services Northern California districts of Chico, Stockton, Oroville, Marysville, Redwood Valley, Selma, Visalia, and Willows. These communities are some of those most deeply impacted by the ongoing severe drought conditions, and are in dire need of increased water conservation efforts. The Lucerne Water System is where the California Water provides water service for one of our most disadvantaged communities in Lake County.

This infrastructure will allow for system optimization for Cal Water to heighten their data collection and water preservation efforts across these districts, improve leak detection, enhance system resilience, and optimize data analysis, resulting in more accurate and effective response to customer's water access and usage needs. This will also result in substantial water and energy savings, which are critical given the continuing severe drought conditions. These are all reflective of the California Water Service's commitment to deliver quality, service, and value.

We are very appreciative that the California Water Service is seeking remedies to help the vulnerable communities in their service areas. This gives indigent communities like Lucerne a fighting chance for survival and with that said we are proud to support the application to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Eddie J. Crandell

Chairman

Lake County Board of Supervisors