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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for Whitsett Park North Stormwater Capture Project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) located at 111 N. Hope St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The funding would be used to improve the water quality for the 400,000 residents of the East San Fernando Valley with the installation of a 0.9-acre underground infiltration gallery to capture and infiltrate stormwater at Whitsett Park North. Funding for LADWP for Whitsett Park North Stormwater Capture Project will be used for the construction of the project's stormwater capture infrastructure, which includes infiltration galleries, diversion structures, and/or pretreatment systems.

The stormwater capture project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help replenish the San Fernando Groundwater Basin, improve water quality in the Los Angeles River, reduce local flooding, and provide environmental benefits to the community. Additionally, 400,000 residents depend on the San Fernando Groundwater Basin as a source of clean water. This project will improve water quality and sustainability, and storm water management.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. (Clean Water Projects).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luz M. Rivas". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Luz M. Rivas
Member of Congress
California's Twenty-Ninth Congressional District