

March 29, 2022

Board of Directors
Contra Costa Water District
1331 Concord Avenue
Concord, CA 94520

RE: Support for the Shortcut Pipeline Phase 3 Improvements Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors supports the construction and pursuit of grant funding for the Shortcut Pipeline Phase 3 Improvements Project (Project) proposed by the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD). The Project is a significant investment that is critically important for the region as it improves reliable delivery of water for public health (drinking water), public safety (fire protection), and economic vitality (industrial users) to the City of Martinez and Contra Costa County.

CCWD is actively pursuing federal funding through the Senate Energy and Water Development Bill (Fiscal Year 2023) for construction, and they are also seeking outside funding for portions of the project through state and federal implementation, infrastructure, and hazard mitigation grant programs.

The Project improves water delivery reliability by replacing a compromised section of the pipeline under the Walnut Creek Channel and in the vicinity of the Concord Fault. The Shortcut Pipeline is vulnerable, and a substantial earthquake event could render the existing pipeline unusable and water deliveries would be interrupted. As such, this priority Project requires prompt completion by CCWD to increase seismic resiliency of critical water infrastructure for the region. We appreciate consideration of this important Project and encourage its funding.

If you have any questions regarding Contra Costa County's comments, please contact Ryan Hernandez at (925) 655-2919.

Sincerely,

Karen Mitchoff
Chair of the County Board of Supervisors