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Camille Calimlim Touton
Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation 1849 C Street NW
Washington DC 20240-0001

Dear Commissioner Touton,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the El Dorado Irrigation District's application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects grant opportunity. The District is requesting \$100,000 in funding for its Wholesale Meter Replacement Project.

The District provides retail potable, irrigation, and recycled water services to municipal and agricultural customers throughout a large area of El Dorado County, California and delivers wholesale treated water to the City of Placerville (City). The City and the region served by the District have experienced periods of drought for decades, and drought conditions have worsened and lengthened in recent years with the effects of climate change. Water conservation and management have been long-term goals of the District even in years without drought, and the District continues to implement water savings measures in anticipation of future droughts and other climate-related events to preserve the vital resource for the benefit of our community.

Replacement of its old and inaccurate wholesale meters with new automated read meters will allow the District and ultimately the City to more accurately track water loss in their systems, identify leaks for repair at a faster rate, and better account for water within the system. With more timely and precise readings of water use through automated meters, the District and City will be able to better assess system's losses and ensure its water conservation efforts are fully achieved.

Water is one of our most precious resources. Through conservation of our existing supplies, the District's Wholesale Meter Replacement Project will help position our County and region to become more resilient to drought and better ensure that clean, healthy drinking water is available to our community for generations.

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors supports EID's application for the Wholesale Meter Replacement Project as it preserves vital resources for the benefit of our county. We believe that EID's project is consistent with ours and the county's long-term goals to provide safe, healthy and vibrant communities, while respecting our natural resources and historical heritage.

Sincerely,

Wendy Thomas
Chair, Board of Supervisors