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California State Water Resources Control Board Attention SAFER Program 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS ON BEHALF OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT REGION FOR ASSISTING SMALL WATER SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles County Public Works, on behalf of the Antelope Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Region (AV-IRWM), is writing regarding the importance of assisting small water systems. AV-IRWM acknowledges there are numerous small water systems across Los Angeles County and Southern California that could benefit from the services and resources that the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program offers.

The AV-IRWM mission is to "address the water resources needs of the region in an integrated and collaborative manner." We recognize the value of the SAFER Program in strategically addressing the specific water resources needs of small water systems and appreciate the State's continued efforts to support small water systems. Our region would like to invite a representative of the SAFER Program to share more information at one of our upcoming meetings.

If willing and able to present on the program and discuss future opportunities, support, or further alignment, please have staff contact Mr. Daniel Bradbury, Waterworks Division, at (626) 300-3334 or dbradbury@pw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

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