

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 12, 2016

The Honorable Jim Hilliard  
Mayor  
City of Woodland  
300 First Street  
Woodland, CA 95695

The Honorable Robb Davis  
Mayor  
City of Davis  
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Davis, CA 95616

Mr. Robert Thomas  
President  
Board of Trustees  
Reclamation District 2035  
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Woodland, CA 95776

Dear Mayors Hilliard and Davis and Mr. Thomas:

We congratulate you on the dedication of the Joint Surface Water Intake and Fish Screen Facility, which includes a state-of-the-art fish screen on what was the largest remaining unscreened diversion on the Sacramento River. This project reflects an exceptional and strong partnership between the water districts, land owners, and federal and state agencies, and provides a model for future water resources projects. We applaud your effective management of this crucial project and join you in celebrating its completion.

As you know, the Joint Surface Water Intake and Fish Screen Facility is unique. It provides essential protection to the threatened and endangered fish in the Sacramento River, while also serving as the cornerstone of the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency's ambitious Regional Surface Water Supply Project. Taken together, these two projects are providing essential protection to threatened and endangered salmon while simultaneously improving the quality and availability of water supplies for the Cities of Woodland and Davis, including the University of California at Davis. The combined projects will also enhance the reliability of water supplies for all uses, including farms, waterfowl and birds along the Pacific Flyway, Yolo County's groundwater supplies and it will allow RD 2035 to creatively manage its water resources, such as its contributions this year to nourishment and habitat under the Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy, which seeks to improve the survival of endangered Delta smelt in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

This dedication today showcases the extraordinary efforts that are underway in the Sacramento Valley to innovatively manage our precious water resources—both surface and groundwater—for multiple benefits, including the wonderful cities and rural communities, farms, birds, fish and recreation that grace this region. We laud the tremendous partnerships and collaboration that we are seeing throughout the region and hope that this will serve as a model for similar endeavors.

In this light, we would like to recognize the extraordinary work of the federal and state partners, including those in the State Legislature, to provide financial and other support that has enabled this project to move forward in record time. Over the last several years, we have worked hard in Congress to ensure that sufficient federal dollars were appropriated to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to complete this vital project, and we will continue to work hard with Reclamation and others to ensure that the two remaining high priority fish screen projects (Meridian Farms and Natomas Mutual Water Companies) are completed on the heels of this project. Reclamation has been a sound partner in this effort, helping to expedite the funding and work on the project, and for that we are very grateful. Likewise, we recognize that the State has dedicated considerable funding to this and other fish screen projects, and done so during periods of time in which the State was confronted with many competing interests and limited financial resources. We appreciate the State's financial commitments. And, we would like to recognize the contribution of the Conaway Preservation Group, which dedicated the land for the intake facility as well as the easements from the intake to the new treatment plant.

The Joint Surface Water Intake and Fish Screen Facility represents the best efforts of local communities working with state and federal agencies to provide state-of-the-art fishery protection in conjunction with efficient and reliable water delivery. On behalf of those you serve and represent, and all of the project partners, you are leading the way towards a more sustainable water future for California. Again, we congratulate you on the dedication of this important new facility.

Sincerely,



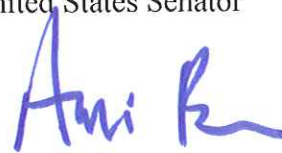
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