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The Honorable Mike Collins
Chairman, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2351 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frederica Wilson
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2080 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Collins and Ranking Member Wilson:

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2026 LETTER OF SUPPORT

On behalf of Los Angeles County Public Works, I write in strong support of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2026 and the bipartisan congressional commitment to advancing civil works infrastructure through regular biennial authorization legislation.

For more than a decade, Congress has maintained a successful two-year cycle for WRDA legislation, providing critical certainty for communities, local governments, and project sponsors across the nation. This predictable authorization schedule has helped advance flood risk management, ecosystem restoration, navigation, water supply, and other essential infrastructure projects while fostering collaboration among federal, state, and local partners. We encourage Congress to continue this bipartisan tradition and maintain the biennial authorization process that has served the nation well.

Public Works relies on a strong partnership with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to plan, deliver, and adapt water resources projects in a safe manner. Regular WRDA enactment ensures that communities can continue working with the USACE to address evolving infrastructure needs and emerging challenges.

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We also appreciate the Committee's consideration of proposals submitted for inclusion in WRDA 2026, including a request to deauthorize portions of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area project. Your favorable consideration and inclusion of this deauthorization language will provide the Los Angeles County Flood Control District with the necessary authority to maintain its successful flood control system and to ensure safe, clean, and reliable water resources for our residents for decades to come.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to advancing this critical legislation in a bipartisan manner. We appreciate your leadership and stand ready to work with you and your staff as the committee continues development of WRDA 2026.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

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cc: The Honorable Julia Brownley
The Honorable Laura Friedman
The Honorable Robert Garcia