



June 29, 2026

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Collins
Chairman, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frederica S. Wilson
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for the Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA 2026)

Dear Chairman Graves, Chairman Collins, Ranking Member Larsen, and Ranking Member Wilson:

On behalf of Valley Water (Santa Clara Valley Water District), I am writing to express support for the timely enactment of the Water Resources Development Act of 2026 (WRDA 2026). For decades, WRDA has served as a bipartisan vehicle for advancing critical water resources infrastructure, strengthening flood risk reduction, enhancing ecosystem restoration, and supporting local communities throughout the nation.

Valley Water appreciates the Committee's longstanding commitment to maintaining the biennial WRDA authorization cycle. The predictable two-year schedule has provided local agencies, project sponsors, and federal partners with a reliable framework for advancing important water resources priorities. Preserving the bipartisan tradition helps ensure continued investment in infrastructure that protects public safety, promotes environmental stewardship, and strengthens regional resilience. Valley Water knows firsthand the importance of this legislation. WRDA 2016 provided the construction authorization for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, the first project in the nation where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers factored in sea level rise and changed conditions as a part of its rigorous feasibility process. Last fall the project celebrated an exciting milestone with the completion of the Reaches 1 through 3 levees. Valley Water would be honored to host the Committee at any time to show you the difference that legislation has made for our community.

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As Congress considers WRDA 2026, we respectfully encourage the Committee to advance legislation, which will provide flood risk reduction to the underserved community of Alviso, that continue this successful bipartisan approach and maintain the regular authorization schedule that community partners across the country have come to depend on. Thank you for your leadership and continued support of the nation's water resources infrastructure needs. If you have any questions, please contact Marta Lugo, Deputy Administrative Officer for External Affairs, at mlugo@valleywater.org or (408) 630-2237.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Tony Estremera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tony" being more prominent and the last name "Estremera" following in a similar style.

Tony Estremera
Chair, Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors (7), M. Richardson, R. Gibson, M. Lugo

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