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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515-0520

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Redbank and Fancher Creeks Reservoir Reoperation Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific Division, Sacramento District located at 1325 J Street, Room 1640, Sacramento, California 95814.

This will fund the Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study on the reoperation of the Redbank and Fancher Creek Reservoirs, including Big Dry Creek Reservoir, to examine the added benefits including flood risk management, water supply, and environmental preservation. This project proposes the capture, redirection, and recharge of rural flood flows, which will greatly enhance water supply and flood protection for Fresno County. In a region that suffers from a boom-and-bust cycle of hydrology, harnessing additional water storage capacity will restore certainty to the downstream communities and agricultural regions that rely on this water.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it reduces the risk of future flooding for downstream communities while enhancing water conservation and surface storage for both agricultural and municipal use.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Sec. 202(a)(16) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (Pub. L. No. 116-260). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince Fong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vince" and last name "Fong" clearly distinguishable.

VINCE FONG
Member of Congress