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Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration, 4th Floor
800 S. Victoria Avenue, L#1920
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RE: Letter in Support of Supervisor Long's Recommendation for the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to Endorse Proposition 1, the 2014 Water Bond (Item 40, 10-7-14)

Ventura County CoLAB is in support of Supervisor Kathy Long's recommendation that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors endorse the 2014 Water Bond, Proposition 1, on the November ballot entitled the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. This Proposition is a bipartisan effort to fund critical water projects statewide. We hope this is the beginning of a new era in California where we commit to renew the investment in our aging and inadequate water infrastructure.

VC CoLAB particularly supports the \$2.7 billion for "Statewide Water Storage" included in the proposition. While we understand that the storage projects being studied currently will be unlikely to provide a substantial amount of new water supply, if built they will provide more storage volume in the system, lowering the risk of local water emergencies.

As we reported in our July, August and September newsletters, Ventura County is heavily dependent on water supply from the Sacramento Delta through Calleguas and Metropolitan Water Districts. On a normal year, 73% of our water comes from Northern California through the California Aqueduct. As the Sacramento Delta area is only 30 miles from the San Andreas Fault, protection of our water supply is in the best interest of Ventura County residents.

In fact, the Napa earthquake on August 24th, only 14 miles from the Delta, is a precursor to the damage a larger magnitude earthquake could cause. The risk of a major seismic event near the Delta is an imminent threat to the water supply. The current water delivery system depends on 1,100 miles of levees to protect Delta waters against large-scale seawater flooding. These levees are subject to failure due to liquefaction in a major earthquake which would render Delta water undrinkable. Proposition 1 also appropriates \$295 million for levee maintenance and improvements.

For these reasons, VC CoLAB urges the Board of Supervisors and Ventura County residents to support the passage of Proposition 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Gray Jensen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lynn Gray Jensen
Executive Director