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H.R. 1794, AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A PARALLEL WATER SUPPLY LINE AND REHABILITATION OF EXISTING FEDERAL FACILITIES AT FOLSOM DAM

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MR. CHAIRMAN and distinguished members of the Committee, my name is Jim English and I am the general manager of the San Juan Water District located in the greater Sacramento metropolitan area. I appreciate the opportunity to testify today regarding H.R. 1794, a bill authorizing construction of a parallel water supply line and rehabilitation of existing federal facilities at Folsom Dam.

I would like to thank you and the members of the Subcommittee on Water and Power for holding this hearing this afternoon. This hearing is an important milestone in the progress of H.R. 1794 and demonstrates your dedication to a safe and secure water system in our region and throughout the United States. Ensuring a safe and reliable drinking water system is a fundamental responsibility of government, and we appreciate your efforts to effectively and efficiently carry out that responsibility.

On behalf of the San Juan Water District, I also wish to thank Congressman John Doolittle for his dedication to guaranteeing that a safe and reliable water system is provided to his constituents and our region. The San Juan Water District appreciates all of Congressman Doolittle's efforts on our behalf and we are honored to have him represent us in the United States Congress.

The San Juan Water District is a community services district created by a vote of the citizens in 1954. The district is committed to ensuring the delivery of a reliable water supply of the highest quality at reasonable and equitable costs to all of its customers. The district wholesales water to Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks water districts, Orangevale Water Company, the city of Folsom, and periodically to Sacramento Suburban Water District. Additionally, water retail services are provided to customers in Granite Bay and the northeast portion of Sacramento County.

San Juan Water District is located 30 miles east of Sacramento and serves a population of approximately 160,000 residents within an area of 28,800 acres.

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) delivers 216 million gallons of raw water per day to the City of Roseville and the San Juan Water District. The San Juan Water District receives 120 million gallons of this water each day to serve our customers. The raw water is delivered through a single pipeline that is owned and operated by the USBR. Once the City and the SJWD treat the raw water, it is delivered to over 250,000 customers each day in Sacramento County and Placer County.

The existing 84-inch, 3,500 foot long pipeline was inspected in 2000. The inspectors found cracked lining and rust when the lining was removed. The above ground exterior surfaces of the pipe are now showing indications of coating failure and rust. The interior cement caulked joints have softened and failed. There is also extensive rusting of the steel beneath the joints and significant corrosion throughout the pipeline. The coal tar lining failures are expected to accelerate over time. USBR estimates that the pipeline will most likely

fail within five to ten years of the inspection without extensive rehabilitation.

H.R. 1794 would authorize the construction of a parallel pipeline and the rehabilitation of the existing pipeline. The parallel pipeline is essential as it will allow the City of Roseville and the San Juan Water District to continue delivering water to our users while the existing pipeline is out of service during rehabilitation. Without the new pipeline, our customers would experience service outages from several weeks to months while the existing pipeline is being rehabilitated. This is unacceptable.

Once operational, the parallel pipeline will also serve as a redundant water supply line, thus significantly enhancing the security and reliability of the entire facility. Access to two water delivery systems will help us protect our water supply and infrastructure. This increased security measure is particularly important in light of current and future threats to our infrastructure.

Water supply is of great interest in our region, and new water infrastructure projects sometimes can be of concern. In this case, however, I can report that the new pipeline will have no impact on the amount of water being drawn from the American River. The two raw water supply lines will be used to deliver the approved level of water to our customers.

The project will cost a total of \$12.1 million. The City and the San Juan Water District will complete a \$100,000 pre-design study with local money. The design of the project will cost \$2.1 million. An earmark of \$500,000 received in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Bill will be used by the USBR Denver office to start the design of the parallel pipeline. We have requested an earmark of \$1.6 million in the Fiscal Year 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill to complete the design of the project. The construction phase of the parallel pipeline will require \$8 million and the rehabilitation of the existing pipeline will cost \$1.9 million. We anticipate that the project will take four years to complete.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank you and your colleagues once again for holding this hearing today on H.R. 1794. We understand that your committee is extremely busy and we truly appreciate your commitment to ensuring the safety and security of America's water supply. The San Juan Water District again wishes to thank Congressman Doolittle for all his work on this legislation.

The San Juan Water District strongly urges the Subcommittee on Water and Power to report H.R. 1794 favorably. I thank you for your assistance and I am happy to answer any questions you or committee members may have.

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