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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, Chair The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives

RE: CPF Member Certification for Reclamation District 108 Project

Dear Chairman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I respectfully request funding (\$10,000,000) for the Sacramento River Basin Floodplain Reactivation for Salmon Habitat, Fish Food, and Fish Passage Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project, Sacramento River Division. The non-federal sponsor (Reclamation District 108) is located at 975 Wilson Bend Road, P.O. Box 50, Grimes, CA 95950.

The Community Project Funding requested will support work by a broad coalition of landowners, water suppliers, local governments, academic institutions, environmental non-governmental organizations, and the State of California to implement cost-shared, nature-based solutions to reactivate floodplains, provide fish rearing habitat, generate fish food, improve fish passage, and enhance overall ecosystem function while maintaining farming, flood protection, and managed wetland operations.

Decades of established science have now proven that increasing the duration of continuously flooded acres increases high-quality habitat, rich in food resources, that support the development, growth, and survival of salmon. Shallow, inundated floodplains produce high densities of zooplankton and invertebrates, which are important food sources for salmon and other federally protected fish and bird species. It is a responsible use of taxpayer funds for the aforementioned reasons.

Pursuant to Clause 17 of Rule XXIII of the U.S. House of Representatives, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project or request. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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JOHN GARAMENDI Member of Congress