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The Honorable R.D. James
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
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RE: Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I urge that sufficient sums from the fiscal year 2019 “minibus” Appropriations Act (Public Law 115-244.) be set aside to fully fund the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study (Study). This action will allow the recently reactivated Study to be completed in accordance with the *America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018*, which calls for expedited completion of the Study.

The Sacramento Valley is one of the most flood-prone areas in the country and completing this Study must be an imperative for the Corps of Engineers. The Study will analyze alternatives that advance the flood-risk objectives of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, which established 200-year protection as the minimum urban level flood protection in the Central Valley. The Study will also reduce the risk of flooding to people and property, including 60,000 residents of the City of Woodland and along Interstate 5, a major evacuation route for the Central Valley.

The Study is a high priority for California's Central Valley Flood Protection Board and the City of Woodland. Both the Board and the City have accelerated funding, providing services, and making other contributions that will facilitate the development and evaluation of the Study's recommended course of action.

Thank you for the support the Corps of Engineers has provided the Study previously. It must be fully funded this fiscal year so that it can be completed promptly. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding the importance of this Study to my district and California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Garamendi".

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