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The Honorable Doug Burgum
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Mr. David Palumbo
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Dear Secretary Burgum and Acting Commissioner Palumbo:

The undersigned public water agencies are writing to express support for the staff at California's Bureau of Reclamation's Great Basin region. Without them, the functionality of the entire State's water system will be in jeopardy, creating risks to water supply availability, flood control, energy, the Nation's food supply and its economy.

Our agencies receive a significant portion of our water supply from the California State Water Project (SWP) for delivery to Northern, Central and Southern California regions. Our relationship with the Central Valley Project (CVP) cannot be overstated. What happens to either project greatly affects the other. The SWP and CVP coordinate operations formally through the Coordinated Operations Agreement (COA) and informally as two of the largest water users with significant storage, pumping and flood control infrastructure throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed.

We are supportive of the Administration's efforts to improve water management for all Californians, our farms, and businesses. We are also appreciative of the President's attention to California water. It is a topic of utmost importance to our state and Nation, and we look forward to working with the state and federal administrations to address longstanding issues in the system. Reclamation's dedicated regional workforce is important to effectively and efficiently operate and maintain California's complex water system. We stand ready to offer any assistance we can provide in identifying areas for improved efficiency, opportunities for collaboration, and pathways to

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finally advance California's well-documented infrastructure solutions to our water management restrictions.

Sincerely,



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