

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 26th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$10,000,000 in funding for the Pure Water Silicon Valley Demonstration Facility project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Santa Clara Valley Water District, located at 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

This funding will be used in a joint effort between Valley Water and the Cities of San José and Santa Clara as the first phase of a full-scale facility to provide purified water for direct potable reuse (DPR) in Santa Clara County, the heart of Silicon Valley. Extreme weather has placed enormous strain on existing water supplies across California, including water exported from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and groundwater contamination that places more reliance on surface water. Santa Clara County faces additional water supply challenges driven by economic pressures, including housing development and a rapid increase in water- and energy-intensive data centers. Demonstrating the feasibility of this DPR facility is a critical first step in the effort to developing a long-term, diverse, locally controlled, and reliable water supply. This project is an appropriate usage of taxpayer funds because it is being used to develop a water treatment facility consistent with federally authorized programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ro Khanna
Member of Congress