

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 10th, 2024

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 \$3,000,000 in funding for the Silicon Valley Regional Purified Water Facility project in fiscal year 2025. 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 to begin the development process of a full-scale facility to provide purified water for direct potable reuse in Santa Clara County, the heart of Silicon Valley. This project will help ensure the long-term water supply reliability for Silicon Valley, which powers much of our local, state, national, and international economy. Dry conditions have placed enormous strain on existing sources, such as imported water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and stored local water supplies. Developing a locally controlled, reliable, and drought resilient water supply is critical to long-term water supply reliability for the region. 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