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County of Santa Barbara
Board of Supervisors
511 East Lakeside Parkway, Suite 47
Santa Maria, CA 93455

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR REACQUISITION OF SUSPENDED TABLE "A"
STATE WATER AND COMMITMENT IN TIMES OF SHORTAGE**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

At a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, the Santa Maria City Council adopted Resolution 2016-113. This resolution authorized the Mayor of the City of Santa Maria ("City") to execute this letter of support to the County of Santa Barbara.

The City understands that the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors will consider an item authorizing County staff to enter into negotiations with the State of California Department of Water Resources to reacquire Suspended Table "A" State Water.

The City supports the efforts of the Board of Supervisors to evaluate and consider supplemental water opportunities, including the reacquisition of this water. On June 2, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution 2015-48 authorizing the execution of a program participation agreement with the Central Coast Water Authority ("CCWA") for suspended state water. The City intends to acquire the available Suspended Table "A" State Water, enabling water purveyors to continue providing high quality water supplies in Santa Barbara County.

As reaffirmed on August 16th, the City Council continues to support countywide needs and commits to negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with CCWA partners to provide available water from this source at a reasonable cost in times of water shortage.

The City looks forward to continuing to work with the Board of Supervisors toward reacquiring this high quality resource.

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Mayor, City of Santa Maria

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