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RE: Cachuma Project – Water Service Contract Renewal

Dear Ms. Hartmann:

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD or District) represents the residents and landowners with the Santa Ynez and Lompoc Valleys and was formed to protect their water rights and augment water supplies. The District stores water in and makes releases from Cachuma Reservoir to recharge alluvial groundwater basins downstream of Bradbury Dam in accordance with various State Water Board directives pertaining to the Cachuma Project. These activities are essential for the region, especially during drought.

SYRWCD concurs with the Water Agency's staff report and supports staff's recommendation to authorize its Chair to sign the letter to the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation to request renewal of the Water Service Contract for the Cachuma Contract and initiate negotiations with Reclamation. The District appreciates the Water Agency's regional perspective and its acknowledgement that while not a Cachuma Project Member Unit, SYRWCD is a major water user and stakeholder for the large number of groundwater users downstream of Bradbury Dam.

Sincerely Yours,

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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