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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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1036 Longworth HOB
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March 20, 2026

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the County of San Luis Obispo Lopez Integrated Water System Resilience Program Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 1055 Monterey Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

The requested federal funding will be used to provide upgrades to existing drinking water systems to ensure safe and reliable water supplies to the communities of Arroyo Grande, Avila Beach, Grover Beach, Oceano, Port San Luis, and Pismo Beach. The Lopez Water Project is over 50 years old and includes two dams, a water treatment plant, a water transmission system and distribution system. The Lopez Water Project provides drinking water to a wholesale population of approximately 47,708 people in the following Zone 3 communities: Arroyo Grande, Avila Beach, Grover Beach, Oceano, Port San Luis and Pismo Beach. This project focuses on improving the safety, reliability, and security of the Lopez water system.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it proactively protects public health and extends the life of critical water infrastructure—saving money over the long term while ensuring a safe and reliable water supply.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.O. Carbajal".

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress