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The Honorable Alex Padilla

U.S. Senator for California
B03 Russell Senate Office Building
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Mr. Padilla:

We are aware that the Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD) is submitting a FY 24 Energy and Water funding request for the Eagle Ditch Raw Water Main Replacement project.

The Eagle Ditch raw water pipeline is the source water supply for the entire community of Grizzly Flats and is one of Grizzly Flats Community Services District's most critical facilities. The pipeline needs to be hardened and replaced in the aftermath of the Caldor Fire to ensure reliable and continued water supply to its customers.

The proposed project would replace the existing 3-mile plastic pipeline with a more robust Ductile Iron Pipe material to both of GFCSD's diversions. This project would benefit the entire community of Grizzly Flats and would protect the water supply's 2 sources against future fire related impacts such as erosion or damage from fallen trees. The District has had significant number of breaks and leaks in the existing pipeline since the fire in August 2021. These breaks have interrupted water flow and allowed debris to divert into the raw water reservoir, impacting the water quality. Disruption during the winter months makes it especially difficult to repair the pipeline due to heavy snow load on the ground where the pipeline is located deep in the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service lands. Hardening this critical pipeline will ensure more reliable and continuous service to the District's customers, and better allow the community to recover and rebuild from the Caldor Fire's devastation.

The El Dorado County District 2 Supervisor very much supports this proposed project as it will help protect the residents of the Grizzly Flats community and surrounding areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

George Turnboo
District 2 Supervisor
County of El Dorado