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Mr. Allen Carlisle
CEO/General Manager
Padre Dam Municipal Water District
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Re: Support Letter for Padre Dam Municipal Water District's
East County Advanced Water Purification Project (East County AWP)

Dear Mr. Carlisle:

The San Diego River Conservancy, a State agency, mission specifically includes conserving land and protecting water supply, quality and natural flood conveyance, among other goals.

The Conservancy has partnered with Padre Dam Municipal Water District to help implement various restoration projects in Sycamore Creek. Padre Dam is a great partner and asset to the local communities in San Diego County. The East County AWP project will provide safe, locally controlled, drought-proof water supply to thousands of East County residents and will enhance the San Diego Region's water supply reliability.

Currently, the Padre Dam Municipal Water District imports 100% of its drinking water supply from the Sacramento Bay Delta and the Colorado River. Conservation, water efficiency and locally controlled water supplies are increasingly necessary and critically important with prolonged and more frequent droughts due to climate change.

When the Project begins producing water in 2025, the East County AWP Project will supply approximately 30% of East County's drinking water supply, which is approximately 12 million gallons of local water supply per day. This Project will also help reduce wastewater discharge into the Pacific Ocean.

The Conservancy applauds Padre Dam and the East County AWP Joint Powers Authority's leadership and supports the East County Advanced Water Purification Project to improve long term sustainability of local water supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JL Richards".

Julia L. Richards
Executive Officer