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President Donald J. Trump
The Office of Donald J. Trump
The White House
Washington, DC

Re: Executive Order 13956, “Modernizing America’s Water Resource Management and Water Infrastructure” and Interagency Committee on Water Management and Infrastructure

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the organizations listed below, I want to thank you for your leadership in establishing the Interagency Water Subcabinet during your first term. By Executive Order 13956, “Modernizing America’s Water Resource Management and Water Infrastructure,” your administration created a much-needed structure that brought together the federal agencies responsible for managing and protecting America’s water resources. Congress also expressed its support for cross-agency coordination when it established the Interagency Committee on Water Management and Infrastructure under the FLOODS Act (*Flood Level Observation, Operations, and Decision Support Act*, P.L. 117-316 (Dec. 27, 2022)). These efforts were a meaningful step forward in facilitating the efficient and effective management and modernization of our water supplies and systems while also eliminating duplication between agencies. They acknowledge that water issues rarely fall within a single agency’s jurisdiction and that coordination across programs is essential. These efforts also helped elevate water infrastructure as a national priority and lay the groundwork for more integrated and effective governance.

Each of these business lines intersects with an array of federal agencies. For example, U.S. Geological Survey data is foundational to decision-making across multiple sectors, from flood forecasting to drought management. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency collaborate closely on flood management and the National Levee Safety Program. The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Department of Commerce, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and others all play critical roles in permitting, environmental reviews,

emergency response, and funding water resources programs. Our members work directly with these agencies and know that coordinated federal action is essential to project success.

We respectfully encourage you to implement the Interagency Committee on Water Management, following the stated goals envisioned for the Water Subcabinet, in your second term. The Committee would reduce duplication, align agency priorities, and strengthen federal partnerships that help communities meet growing water infrastructure needs. We understand that some informal discussions between future Water Subcabinet Members may have begun, and hope that the Administration formally follows through with convening the Subcabinet soon. Our members see the difference when agencies work together – and the consequences when they do not.

We would welcome the opportunity to support this effort and share lessons learned from the ground. Please let us know how we can be helpful. For more information, please feel free to reach out to the representatives identified below.

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ABOUT THE SIGNATORIES

The **NATIONAL WATERWAYS CONFERENCE (NWC)** is a national trade organization representing public and private entities that rely on and support America's water and waterways resource infrastructure. Our members include ports, flood control and levee districts, water supply providers, hydropower producers, navigation interests, engineering and consulting firms, and national and regional authorities across the country. While we are proud to represent all of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works mission areas – including navigation, flood risk management, water supply, hydropower, ecosystem restoration, and recreation on the water – our work is not limited to the Corps. We focus broadly on the full range of federal agencies and the federal policies, programs, and partnerships that impact water infrastructure delivery and long-term resilience.

The **NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY ALLIANCE (NWSA)** is a national organization formed to advance the interests of water supply providers before the United States Congress and federal agencies whose actions impact water supply storage and projects. Our members include state, regional, and local governments, as well as wholesale water providers and utilities who rely on water supply stored in federal facilities maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. NWSA was formed to give water supply providers across the nation a unified voice to advocate for the preservation and enhancement of the nation's water supply, protection of traditional State authorities, and to ensure that water supply interests share equitably in the benefits provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The **NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (NWRA)** is a non-profit federation of state associations, agricultural and municipal water providers, and individuals dedicated to the management, conservation of water in the western United States. NWRA specifically focuses on

addressing water supply challenges caused by population growth and continuous water drought in the western United States.

The **NATIONAL HYDROPOWER ASSOCIATION** (NHA) is a nonprofit organization representing over 300 companies in North American hydropower industry, with members ranging from independent power producers, developers, equipment providers, environmental and engineering consultants, attorneys, and public policy, outreach, and education professionals. NHA is dedicated to preserving and expanding reliable, affordable hydropower and marine energy throughout North America. NHA focuses on advocacy efforts to promote the development and continued utilization of new and existing water power resources.

The **INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON WATER POLICY** (ICWP) is a national organization that provides a voice for state, regional, and local water resources agencies and entities on diverse water policy issues. Founded in 1959, ICWP focuses on national water policy development, integrated water planning for sustainable resource development and management, and water data and water science resource tools for policy and planning measures.

The **FAMILY FARM ALLIANCE** (Alliance) is a grassroots organization of family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts, and allied industries in 17 Western states. The Alliance is focused on one mission: To ensure the availability of reliable, affordable irrigation water supplies to Western farmers and ranchers.

The **AMERICAN SHORE & BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION** (ASBPA) was formed nearly 100 years ago to protect the nation's sandy shorelines and the critical infrastructure they support. ASBPA members represent state and local governments and expert coastal practitioners living and working along all four coasts (East, Gulf, West, and Great Lakes).

The **TEXAS WATER ASSOCIATION** (TWA) is a statewide water policy association focusing on water supply and management. TWA's members include river authorities, municipalities, all types of water districts, including flood, irrigation, water supply, and drainage, as well as water users and those that support the water industry. Collectively, TWA members provide water or wastewater services to the vast majority of Texans.

The **ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES** (ACWA) is the largest statewide coalition of public water agencies in the United States. ACWA's mission is to serve California public water agencies infrastructure and other water management needs for high quality, sustainable, water supplies to meet current and future needs in the state of California that are environmentally, social, and fiscally responsible.