



October 23, 2017

Yuba County Water Agency
POD Committee
1220 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Dear YCWA Chairman & POD Committee Chairman, Mr. Brent Hastey,

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for support. The North Yuba Water District (NYWD) respectfully requests support to provide a reliable, safe source of drinking water for the approximately 3,100 customers of the District. We are requesting a grant to cover an income survey of the District, and an MOU to grant the remainder of funding needed, if any, after State and Federal grants are awarded, for the construction phase of Forbestown Ditch Pipeline project.

Founded in 1952, NYWD is the sole provider of domestic drinking water for the residents of Brownsville, Challenge, Rackerby and Forbestown. For over 150 years, since Abraham Lincoln was President, the Forbestown Ditch has served as our main domestic water conveyance system. Over this time, the Ditch has endured many breaches, including several epic blowouts.

Just this year we experienced two such breaches. Each time they occur, thousands of Yuba County residents wait on pins and needles, praying we get it repaired before their drinking water runs out.

Moving to a piped Ditch would significantly lower the possibility of breaches. In addition, as water moves through the unpiped Ditch we lose up to 60% due to seepage and evaporation, and contamination occurs from dirt, trash and chemicals from illegal marijuana grows. Unacceptable levels of aluminum are now present in the untreated water. Piping the Ditch would vastly improve, if not completely solve, these issues.

Since swearing-in three new NYWD Board of Directors last December, we have already accomplished great things, including accepting a \$500,000 Prop 1 grant for the engineering phase of the Forbestown Ditch Pipeline project, repairing two Ditch breaches, receiving reimbursement from OES for both breaches, and implementing a new community outreach program including automated calls to our customers for emergency notifications.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact myself, or NYWD General Manager, Jeff Maupin, (530) 675-2567, to answer any questions, or to discuss further the merits of our request.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Ferguson
NYWD Chairman, Board of Directors

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