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The Honorable Vince Fong
U.S. House of Representatives
243 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Alex Padilla
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area pavement restoration funding request

Dear Representative Fong, Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express strong support for the Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area Pavement Restoration Project and respectfully request your consideration of \$3,000,000 in federal community project funding and congressionally directed spending to advance this important, shovel ready investment in public access, safety, and community well-being.

Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area, located within a disadvantaged community in Kern County, encompasses more than 900 acres and serves as a vital recreational and environmental resource for residents and visitors alike. The park's internal roadway network connects the public to two recreational lakes and supports access to facilities used for swimming, boating, camping, fishing, and water skiing. Over time, these roads have deteriorated and now require restoration to ensure safe and reliable access throughout the park.

This project would provide pavement restoration for park roads across the recreational area, improving safety for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and emergency responders. Reliable road access is essential for families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities who rely on these roads to enjoy the park's amenities. Improved pavement conditions will also support routine maintenance and emergency response activities within the park.

Facilities such as Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area play an important role in supporting physical and mental health through outdoor recreation. They also contribute to environmental stewardship by supporting local ecosystems and wildlife habitat, enhancing biodiversity, and preserving open space in the region. Investing in the basic infrastructure that allows the public to safely access these resources helps ensure their continued use and long-term sustainability.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to improving infrastructure and quality of life for communities throughout California. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", with a stylized, flowing script.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Kern County General Services Division
Townsend Public Affairs