



October 16, 2020

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**Re: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Funding  
for the Hobart Creek Reservoir Dam Resilient Infrastructure Project**

Dear Ms. Woodward,

On behalf of Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD), it is my pleasure to write a letter of support for this grant application submitted by the State Public Works Division (SPWD) of the Department of Administration to the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) mitigation grant program. The SPWD is seeking funds to enable critical improvements to the Marlette Lake Water System, which will ensure ongoing operations of the System. The funding will support the SPWD's efforts to transition away from reactive disaster spending and move toward research supported, proactive investment in community resilience for the safety of the public.

The Hobart Creek Reservoir Dam is part of the Marlette Lake Water System, which is a historically significant system; it dates back to the 1870s and was purchased by the State of Nevada in 1963. Today, the System is comprised of two reservoirs—Marlette Lake and Hobart Reservoir (both supported by earthen dams)—a concrete diversion dam, water storage tanks, water catchments, approximately 7 miles of high pressure inverted siphon, and 36 miles of water transmission lines. This System is considered to be critical infrastructure as it provides water to both Storey County and Carson City residents and is the only water source for Virginia City, Gold Hill, and Silver City residents. Additionally, Hobart Reservoir is within Nevada's state park system and functions as a fish hatchery and recreational fishery for Nevada's Department of Wildlife.

The improvements provided by these funds will provide pre-disaster mitigation to promote improved resiliency for those who rely on the System for their water supply, safety for those who live downstream of the earthen dam, and an ongoing source of recreational opportunities for Nevada's residents and visitors. CWSD fully supports the efforts of the SPWD as it seeks funding to improve the System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin D. James".

Edwin James  
General Manager

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Via email