



Dec 14, 2021

Teresa Alvarado
Chair, California Water Commission
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Chairwoman Alvarado,

We continue to support the Sites Reservoir Project (Sites Project) and the invaluable benefits it would bring to California's farms and cities, providing much needed flexibility in our statewide water management system, providing water for environmental purposes, and providing much needed regional flood control benefits. Named as one of the projects to "expand smart surface water storage where it can benefit water supply and the environment" in the Governor's 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio, Sites Reservoir is vital to California's long-term success.

As you know, the Sites Project is a 1.5 million acre-foot off-stream reservoir that will divert and store excessive Sacramento River flows. The diversion levels will be dependent upon hydrologic conditions and will ensure that water taken from the Sacramento River is truly in excess of downstream needs. If Sites Reservoir had been operational at the beginning of 2021, nearly 1 million acre feet of additional water would have been available to support California's environment, farms and cities during this critically dry year.

What makes this project most unique and valuable is the operational flexibility it provides the State's entire water system. The reservoir will have many uses, including but not limited to, dedicated water for fishery and flow purposes, a reliable water supply for California agriculture, increased Pacific Flyway habitat for migratory birds, and greater water security for urban areas. As we continue to see more extreme shifts in weather of punishing droughts and excessive rainfall the development of smart storage, like the Sites Project and flexibility it provides, is critical.

Thank you for the continued work that you and the Water Commission are doing to increase water supply reliability in the state. We look forward to the continued partnership with exciting and valuable projects like Sites Reservoir. Please call (916) 319-2003 should you need any additional information regarding our support of this vital project.

Sincerely,



James Gallagher
Assembly member, 3rd District



Bill Dodd
Senator, 3rd District



Kevin Kiley
Assembly member, 6th District



Vince Fong
Assembly member, 34th District



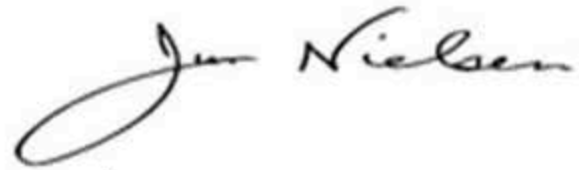
Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh
Senator, 23rd District



Thurston "Smitty" Smith
Assembly member, 33rd District



Brian Dahle
Senator, 1st District



Jim Nielsen
Senator, 4th District



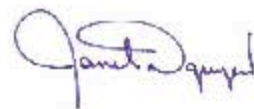
Blanca Rubio
Assembly member, 34th District



Kelly Seyarto
Assembly member, 67th District



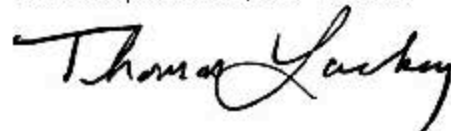
Heath Flora
Assembly member, 12th District



Janet Nguyen
Assembly member, 72nd District



Devon Mathis
Assembly member, 26th District



Tom Lackey
Assembly member, 36th District





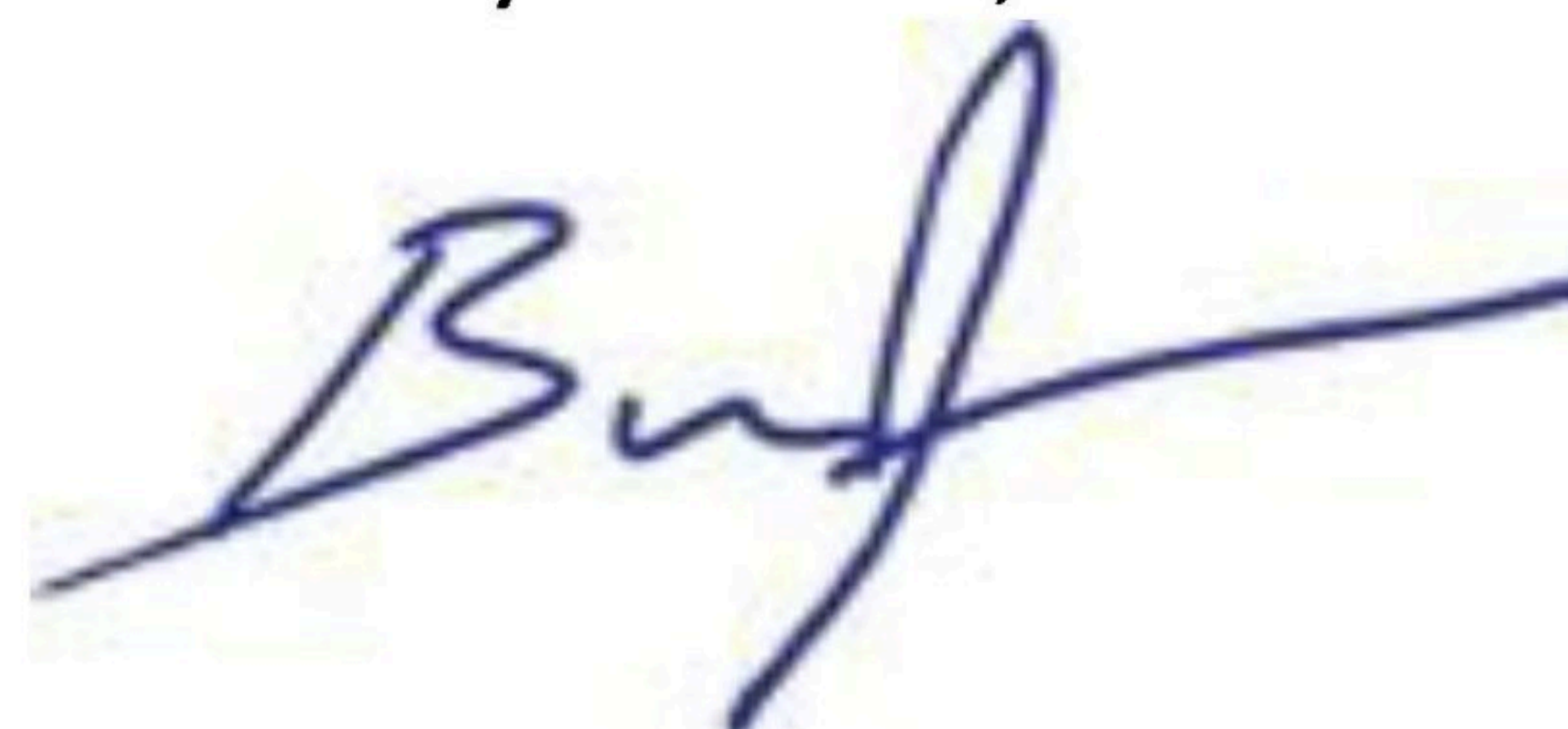
Chad Mayes
Assemblymember 42nd District



Freddie Rodriguez
Assemblymember, 52nd District



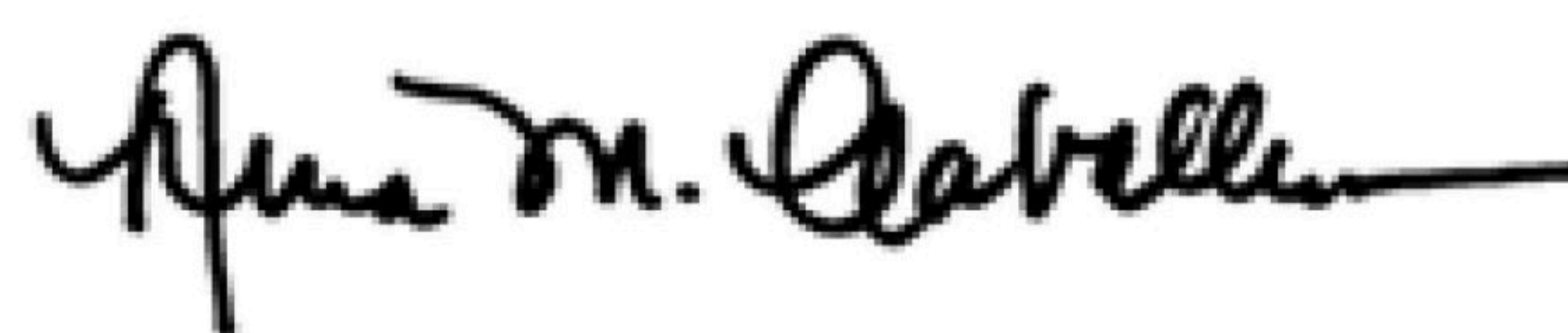
Shannon Grove
Senate, 16th District



Brian Jones
Senator, 38th District



Carlos Villapudua
Assemblymember, 13th District



Anna Caballero
Senator, 12th District



Megan Dahle
Assemblymember, 1st District