



On the record statement attributable to Anthea Hansen, General Manager of the Del Puerto Water District and Chris White, Executive Director of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority

"The Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project is critical to our water resource planning efforts. It will not only increase water supply reliability and promote environmental sustainability, but also solve the issue of flooding along Del Puerto Creek and the surrounding community of Patterson. Our agencies collectively serve more than 2,600 landowners whose farmland produces several billions of dollars-worth of economic activity for the local economy. We know that we are going to face more dry years in the future, which is why our region needs storage projects that allow us to retain water during years when it is plentiful for use during droughts.

We have spent a great amount of time and resources carefully designing and planning the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project to mitigate potential environmental impacts both during and after construction. We are pleased that the court has largely dismissed this CEQA challenge and upheld our ability to move forward with minor changes, and we will continue to work with our agency partners and other stakeholders to ensure the success of the project."