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The Honorable John Hoeven
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Subcommittee on Water and Power
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6160

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RE: Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Reauthorization Act of 2025

Dear Chair Hoeven and Ranking Member Wyden,

On behalf of the Western Urban Water Coalition (WUWC)¹ I write to express our support for the bipartisan Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Reauthorization Act of 2025.

It is critical for western water utilities to have access to accurate water supply measurements, and this bill's emphasis on using advanced measurement technology to support interstate water management in the Colorado River Basin is vital to helping manage our water resources effectively.

The Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program helps promote and fund technology such as airborne laser altimetry, imaging spectroscopy, and integrated physics based snowpack and hydrologic modeling, all of which help provide more accurate and reliable snowpack and runoff forecasts. Moreover, as we continue to adapt to changes in snowpack—especially during this extraordinarily

¹ WUWC consists of the following urban water utilities serving 22 major metropolitan areas across eight states in the West: **Arizona** (Central Arizona Project, City of Phoenix and Salt River Project); **California** (East Bay Municipal Utility District, Eastern Municipal Water District, City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Diego County Water Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and City and County of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); **Colorado** (Aurora Water, Colorado Springs Utilities, and Denver Water); **Idaho** (City of Boise); **Nevada** (Las Vegas Valley Water District, Southern Nevada Water Authority, and Truckee Meadows Water Authority); **New Mexico** (Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority and Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District); **Utah** (Salt Lake City Public Utilities and Washington County Water Conservancy District); and **Washington** (Seattle Public Utilities).

dry winter season—it is important to make decisions based on reliable data and by using the best technology available.

For these reasons, we sincerely urge you to support the Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Reauthorization Act of 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (951) 203-2804 or Walshj@emwd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jolene Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jolene Walsh
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