

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Energy and Water Development
2186 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Michael K. Simpson
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Energy and Water Development
2084 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson:

We write to respectfully request that the Subcommittee provide the Administration's budget proposal of \$219,591,000 for Whittier Narrows, CA (Dam Safety) in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction Account. We thank the Subcommittee for appropriating the initial funding for this project in FY21. The Administration's request in FY22 will complete this important dam safety project.

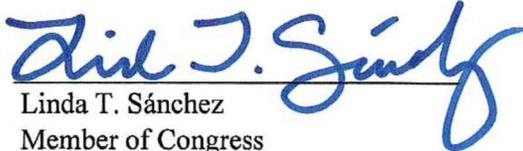
Whittier Narrows Dam, CA, has been recognized as one of the most critical dam safety projects in the nation. The Dam was downgraded five years ago to Dam Safety Action Classification-1 (DSAC-1) due to recently identified flood risk concerns and the large population of downstream residents. The human and economic impact of possible dam failure due to potential seepage and hydrologic issues is unacceptable. The FY21 appropriations are being used this year for utility relocation, environmental commitments, and the start of dam safety construction.

This funding request for FY22 will complete construction with critical repairs to provide much needed flood protection to protect human life, economic prosperity, and our natural resources. This will also allow local water agencies and cities to continue to successfully use the dam for water supply, recreation, and other important uses in our community.

We thank you again for your commitment to this project in FY21. We ask that the Subcommittee support the President's request to fully fund the dam safety project at Whittier Narrows, CA. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,


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