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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20150

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. As you continue work on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, I respectfully request that the legislation require the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to provide dedicated funding for the Santa Rosa Canal Alternative Conveyance Project.

The 56-mile Santa Rosa Canal delivers Colorado River water through the Central Arizona Project (CAP) to agricultural and tribal lands in Pinal County, Arizona. SRC is federally owned, with the Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage district operating and maintaining the Canal and associated facilities under contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. With CAP deliveries being reduced to agricultural users in Pinal County, Maricopa-Stanfield has begun to work with other irrigation districts in the area to develop an alternative conveyance system to transport groundwater to be used for irrigation in Pinal County, lieu of continued use of the Santa Rosa Canal for delivery of that supply.

To support this critical project, I request that the WRDA 2022 bill provide dedicated funding for the Army Corps to partner with irrigation districts in Pinal County to support the development of the Santa Rosa Canal Alternative Conveyance Project.

Thank you again for your ongoing leadership and your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator