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Senator Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Hurtado-One-Time District Request Prioritization Letter

Dear Chair Skinner:

I respectfully request your consideration for the following budget requests for Senate District 14. They are listed below in priority order with pricing, contact information and a brief summary.

- 1. Olson/Kings River Sewer Main Replacement: City of Reedley (\$2.8 Million):** The underground sewer line that conveys all of the raw sewage from City of Reedley to the treatment plant is in danger of failing. 200 feet of the line has collapsed already and it is expected the remaining line could collapse imminently. If the line collapses, thousands, if not millions, of gallons of raw sewage will flow into the Kings River, causing significant environmental damage. The sewer line replacement project has been in the planning phase for several years. All engineering and environmental reviews have been completed and plan sets are ready to go out to bid, but the City does not have the \$2.8 million in funding necessary to actually complete the project. *(Staff Contact: Elizabeth Hess)*
- 2. Fire Engine: City of Farmersville (\$750,000):** The City of Farmersville Fire Department is a small combination staff/volunteer company that is the only fire response for the community. The main engine is a 2001 Freightliner that has reached beyond its recommended first out response life by 10 years and does not meet current safety standards. The Fire Department has sought to purchase a Spartan Fire Engine as part of the Capital Improvement Plan. This model would best suit the Department's needs and would improve "out of county" mutual aid response capabilities. The City has recently been exploring lease to own options to pay for the engine. *(Staff Contact: Elizabeth Hess)*

- 3. Community Center (Cooling Center): City of Avenal (\$2 Million):** This funding allocation would be dedicated to securing already identified land for a community center and recreation complex that includes a soccer field, a weight room and offices and to building out the complex. The project is expected to take 2-3 years. In the summer months, the Central Valley has exceedingly dry and hot weather. Average temperatures hover around 100 degrees, while heat waves can bring in temperatures of as high as 115 degrees. There are not many places for Valley residents to go to cool off, if their home does not have or they cannot afford to use air conditioning. Providing funding for a community center in Avenal has the potential to save lives. (*Staff Contact: Elizabeth Hess*)

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions about any of these requests, please do not hesitate to contact me at 916-651-4014 or email my Legislative Director at Elizabeth.Hess@sen.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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