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**RE: Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Master Water Plan**

Dear Karen,

Thank you to you and your associates for meeting with Dr. Fuchs and I on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at our office to discuss the LRGPWWA Master Water Plan and the numerous needed infrastructure improvements you are pursuing for the system. EBID is certainly sensitive to and understanding of the complexities and expenses of operating a water system. We also recognize LRGPWWA is unique in that it serves essential drinking and sanitary needs for several of our more rural, disadvantaged communities in the area, including a number of EBID members. I am happy to report that our Board has been very generally briefed on the high points of your plan and has authorized this letter of support.

We appreciate your recognition that the Lower Rio Grande stream system is fully appropriated and that the senior surface water rights of the Rio Grande Project must be protected. Accordingly, we look forward to continuing to work with you to identify proper means of offsetting, in time and space, the impacts of groundwater pumping from the exercise of LRGPWWA's groundwater rights as you continue to serve your critical mission. We believe that LRGPWWA and EBID share a common vision and goal to unite as a water use community in the interests of a secure water future. We look forward to working with you toward a future that benefits both entities and ensures a more water secure future for all.

Please accept this letter of support as you pursue funding sources to assist in the necessary improvements to the LRGPWWA system, and do not hesitate to reach out to us should you find the need during that process.

Sincerely,

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