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Colonel Julie A. Balten
Commander, Los Angeles District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
915 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Col. Balten,

As the Mayor of Flagstaff, I am writing to express my strong support for the Arizona Environmental Infrastructure program established through Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA 2020) that became Public Law 116-260 on December 27, 2020. This law will bring critically needed infrastructure to Arizona's aging and dilapidated water systems across the state.

As you continue to formulate your work plan requests, the City of Flagstaff has a critical project that we ask for immediate consideration as you develop the plan:

Shadow Mountain Regional Flood Detention Structure

- Cost: \$3.3M requested; \$600,000 local match available through the City's Stormwater Utility Fund
- The Shadow Mountain neighborhood has experienced repetitive flood and debris flow damage from the south side of Mount Elden (most recently in 2003, 2010, 2015, 2021). These flood events are likely partly due to the continued watershed damage from the 1977 Radio Fire, a fire on extremely steep slopes of Mount Elden. The proposed regional flood detention project would provide flood and debris-flow mitigation for nearly 100 homes, two churches, a middle school, and numerous businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical environmental infrastructure project for the City of Flagstaff. We look forward to partnering with you and the Los Angeles District to improve our critical infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Becky Daggett
City of Flagstaff Mayor