



March 3rd, 2026

The Honorable Alex Padilla

U.S. Senate

331 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit our Fiscal Year 2027 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) request for rehabilitation of the Regional Llano Trunk sewer line (Llano Trunk) project, a critical wastewater infrastructure project. This project supports the City Council's 2026 Federal platform objectives to strategically enhance municipal infrastructure, improve water supply reliability, and safeguard both the local homeowners and the environment.

The City of Santa Rosa's Water Department (Santa Rosa Water) delivers approximately six billion gallons of drinking water annually to over 54,000 customer accounts. It operates the sanitary sewer system, serving over 49,000 customer accounts for a population of over 178,000. The system includes roughly 1,200 miles of water and sewer pipelines.

In addition, Santa Rosa Water owns and operates the Santa Rosa Regional Water Reuse System, which serves approximately 230,000 residents in Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sebastopol, and unincorporated Sonoma County. The hub of the reuse system is the Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant, which receives an average of 14 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater from the region during dry weather, and has seen flows peak at over 92 MGD during significant storm events. The Llano Trunk conveys roughly 70% of the region's wastewater to the Treatment Plant. The Llano Trunk is located in disadvantaged communities and environmentally sensitive areas.

With your support, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022 (Public Law 117-263) allocated \$19.4 million for Santa Rosa's water and wastewater infrastructure. The City has secured FY26 Community Project Funding and is partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on design and environmental review. Additional FY27 CDS funding would launch the first construction phase.



We appreciate your ongoing support of the City of Santa Rosa's federal priorities, as well as your consideration for the rehabilitation of our Regional Llano Trunk sewer line. This project will bolster the City's long-term water supply resilience, safeguard homeowners and the environment, and ensure that we can continue providing reliable service to customers in Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Sebastopol, and unincorporated areas of Sonoma County for many years to come.

If any questions arise, please contact Santa Rosa's Assistant City Manager Jason Nutt at:

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Regards,

Mark Stapp - City of Santa Rosa Mayor

*Thank you for making
our proposal possible!*