



February 13, 2025

The Honorable Doug Burgum  
Secretary of the Interior  
1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20240

**Subject: Tri-Counties Support for Jason Phillips as Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation**

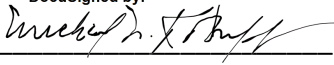
Dear Secretary Burgum:

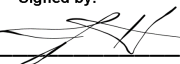
The Tri-Counties (Siskiyou and Modoc, California and Klamath, Oregon) are writing to express our support for the appointment of Jason Phillips as the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation. Reclamation urgently requires a strong and decisive leader to guide the agency in fulfilling its mission and goals, and Mr. Phillips is just that person.

Mr. Phillips currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Friant Water Authority, which supplies water to more than 15,000 farms in California's Central Valley Project. Prior to this, Mr. Phillips worked for the Bureau of Reclamation for 15 years, serving as the Area Manager for the Klamath Basin Area Office, and the Deputy Regional Director for the Mid-Pacific Region. His tenure at Reclamation was marked by his effective decision-making and understanding and direction to his staff that Reclamation's primary goal is to deliver water to the farms and ranches that feed America.

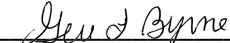
Mr. Phillips has demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout his career, consistently prioritizing practical solutions and the needs of stakeholders. His leadership is resolute, and he is committed to ensuring that the Bureau of Reclamation be focused on its fundamental purpose, rather than being mired in unnecessary bureaucracy.


Sincerely,

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Klamath County Commissioner

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Congressman Cliff Bentz