



**THE SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Developing and Conserving the Waters of the  
SAN JUAN AND DOLORES RIVERS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES  
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October 29, 2021

The Honorable Joe Neguse  
United States House of Representatives  
Longworth House Office Building 1419  
Washington, D. C. 20515

cc: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives

*Subject: **Support for H. R. 5001** -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.*

Dear Representative Neguse:

I am writing to express my support for H.R. 5001 on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Water Conservation District, which has supported the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Programs since their inception.

H.R. 5001 provides necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed to assure continuity in recovery program operations. The ongoing success and stability of the Upper Colorado and San Juan Recovery Programs is a priority for our District and water users throughout the San Juan and Dolores River basins as the San Juan Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

We are grateful for your leadership in introducing H.R. 5001 and look forward to its passage by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Steve Wolff, General Manager  
Southwestern Water Conservation District