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The Grassland Water District board directors, staff and the 2500 landowners strongly support the approval of the MOU with the city of Los Banos regarding the collaborative efforts and furtherance of the first of hopefully many storm water capture projects around the city. This project will construct 160 acres of recharge and recovery storage basins east of town between the grassland water district's San Luis and Santa Fe canals which will hold up to 500 acre feet of water. The basins will be filled by storm water leaving the city and excess flow in the grasslands canals providing flood control, groundwater recharge for the city of los banos and additional water supply to the Grassland Water District. The project also has the potential to improve drinking water quality for residents near the basins by mounding fresh water proximal to city domestic wells. The grassland District applauds the city of Los Banos for the work done to date and looks forward to the construction and implementation of this project to safe guard residents and the neighboring wetlands.

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