

# California State Senate

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FORTIETH SENATE DISTRICT



May 16, 2023

Cleveland National Forest  
C/O Supervisor Scott Tangenberg  
10845 Rancho Bernardo Rd. Suite 200  
San Diego CA. 92127

RE: Letter of Support for the Recreational Use of the Loveland Reservoir

Dear Supervisor Tangenberg,

I am writing today in support of restoring public access as well as recreational access to the Loveland Reservoir, especially as it relates to the fishing opportunities that this reservoir provides.

I have learned that residents from Alpine, Jamul, and the other surrounding neighborhoods are enthusiastic about having this reservoir in their backyard, and are eager to be able to use it as they have in the past. I would like to encourage the Cleveland National Forest to partner with the Sweetwater Authority to develop solutions to allow for the public to be able to access the reservoir as I understand that there are challenges with easement agreements. I want to offer my office as a means to help facilitate those conversations or work toward additional solutions that ensure our mutual constituents can continue to have access to the lake for the recreational activity that fits their needs.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that there are numerous benefits to keeping the reservoir open. While the residents of Alpine and Jamul are much closer to the Reservoir, I have heard that there are residents from as far as 32nd Street Naval Base who visit the lake on a regular basis. In some instances I have learned these are father son teams who enjoy spending time together, and there are veterans with PTSD who find the hiking and fishing opportunities therapeutic.

As the Senator for California's 40th District and an avid outdoorsman, I am grateful for our expansive back country and the unique beauty we have in our County. It is my hope that the residents of San Diego County will be able to access this reservoir and the benefits it provides for many years to come and I want to assist in helping ensure my constituents have the access to public lands as I do believe public lands should open to public use.

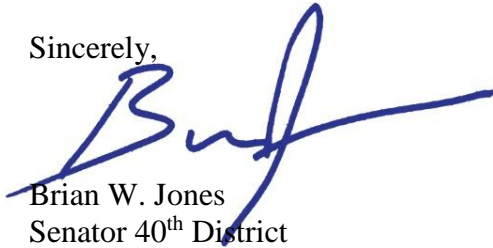
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Again, if I can be of service to you in identifying solutions and facilitating communication with stakeholders to ensure continued access to cherished recreational activities, do not hesitate to reach out to my District office and 619-596-3136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian W. Jones". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Senator 40<sup>th</sup> District

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