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**SUBJECT: LETTER OF INTENT FOR CONSOLIDATION BETWEEN CITY OF
SANTA MARIA AND SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In July 2021, the City of Santa Maria (City) was contacted regarding a feasibility study related to the water system serving Bonita School, which is owned and operated by the Santa Maria-Bonita School District (School District). The feasibility study concluded that consolidation with the City's water system is the preferred option for the School District. It has been noted that Bonita School's current water system serves approximately 575 individuals through a single service point. The City is capable of accommodating this service through a potential connection at 601 Black Road.

At its regular meeting of June 4, 2024, the Santa Maria City Council approved a request to apply to Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission for an out-of-agency domestic water service agreement with the School District to provide water to Bonita School.

This letter serves to confirm this previous action by the City Council, which demonstrates the City's intent to supply drinking water to the School District through the proposed consolidation.

The City requests to stay informed about the progress of determining funding eligibility and any other developments related to this consolidation process.

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