



# County of Tulare

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State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Drinking Water  
PO Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Annexation of East Orsi Community Services District into the Orsi Public Utilities District

To Whom it May Concern:

**Kuyler Crocker**  
District One

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors supports the consolidation and annexation of East Orsi Community Services District into the Orsi Public Utilities District in order to provide the most viable consolidated governance structure for the residents of East Orsi. While the Districts are working on a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), we are concerned a JPA will not provide enough stability and resiliency for East Orsi. The community of East Orsi desires a full annexation into the Orsi Public Utilities District and doing so will provide East Orsi with a stronger governance structure, which can deliver clean, safe, and affordable drinking water well into the future. Furthermore, the East Orsi Community Services District receives wastewater treatment services from the Cutler-Orsi JPA. Thus, consolidation and annexation will provide a more linear governance structure for wastewater, as well.

**Pete Vander Poel**  
District Two

Substantial investment in recent years and in current projects by the State Water Resources Control Board have addressed many of the infrastructure and maintenance challenges faced by East Orsi. This investment should be protected by a strong organization that is able to provide efficient operation, ongoing maintenance, and oversight of the water system. Perpetuating multiple small districts in close proximity is not in the best interest of our communities from both a fiscal and practical approach. It is our recommendation and request that the Orsi Public Utility District pursue an annexation of East Orsi. An annexation will provide the best solution for governance of the consolidated water system. Tulare County is committed to working towards an annexation to provide the best solution possible. Therefore, we urge the State Water Resources Control Board to issue a consolidation order without further delay.

**Amy Shuklian**  
District Three

**Eddie Valero**  
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Sincerely,  
  
Pete Vander Poel, Chair  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

  
Amy Shuklian, Vice Chair  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

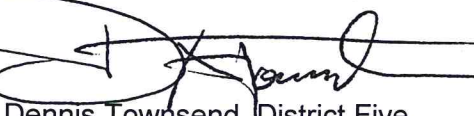
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