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March 6, 2017

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Re: Letter of Support – Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the Shasta, Scott, and Butte Valley's

Ms. Nielsen,

The Scott River aquifer is a critical component to our area's economy and natural resources, and for the past several years Siskiyou County (County) has played an intricate role in advancing groundwater education and research in Scott Valley. The County's leadership has provided many opportunities for our community to be at the forefront of groundwater advancements in California, and the inclusion of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FCWCD) as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will further our collective ability to manage groundwater in Scott Valley.

The County has either supported, developed, or been directly involved with the following groundwater activities in the Scott River Watershed since 2005:

- The Scott Valley Community Static Groundwater Monitoring Program – 2005
- The Scott Valley Community Groundwater Study Plan – 2006 to present
- Development (and participation) in the Scott Valley Groundwater Advisory Committee to Siskiyou County – 2010 to present
- Voluntary Groundwater Management & Enhancement Plan for Scott Valley – 2012
- SGMA outreach and education – 2015 to present

Given the County's detailed involvement in Scott Valley groundwater, the Scott River Water Trust supports the FCWCD as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Scott Valley, and we feel the FCWCD will also benefit SGMA development for the Shasta Valley and Butte Valley groundwater basins.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the above information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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RE: Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Scott Valley Basin

Ms. Nielsen,

The Siskiyou Resource Conservation District has been serving the community and natural resources of Scott Valley since 1949. Over that time, we have worked with landowners, private organizations and government agencies on water-related issues including flood control, irrigation efficiency and fisheries protection. In the last decade, with increasing awareness of the importance of the interrelationship between surface flow, groundwater and the cold-water fisheries, we assisted the static well monitoring effort which led to the Scott Valley Groundwater Study Plan developed by Dr. Thomas Harter of the University of California, Davis.

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors has been supportive and involved through this process and we look forward to their continued leadership. In their role as the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Board of Supervisors is ideally positioned for the task of managing a Groundwater Sustainability Agency as mandated under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. We appreciate and endorse their decision to assume this critical role on behalf of our community and intend to remain involved in developing the knowledge and infrastructure to support sound, sustainable use of groundwater resources.

Sincerely,

Ric Costales
Siskiyou RCD Board Member

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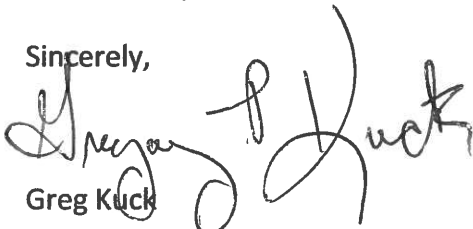
The Siskiyou County Cattlemen (SCCA) would like to express our support of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Shasta, Scott, and Butte Valley Basins, which are subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

We approve the District's proposed governance structure, the plans for advisory board formation and solicitation of public input, and we plan on staying involved and active throughout the SGMA and Groundwater Sustainability Planning process. We have attended some of the outreach meetings hosted by Siskiyou County, which has helped the community and water users become more informed of the requirements of SGMA, and the District's approach to sustainability planning and management.

The SCCA is very interested and invested in the groundwater management within the County, and specifically the SGMA eligible groundwater basins. We understand the need and importance of managing these resources from a local perspective, and believe that the District will be able to meet all the requirements of SGMA, and the needs of the water users and citizens of Siskiyou County.

We look forward to working with you and the District throughout the Groundwater Sustainability Planning process. If you have any questions, you may call (insert contact information)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Kuck", written over a horizontal line.

Greg Kuck
Siskiyou County Cattlemen President



March 14, 2017

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The Nature Conservancy would like to express our support of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Shasta, Scott, and Butte Valley Basins, which are subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

We approve the District's proposed governance structure, the plans for advisory board formation and solicitation of public input, and are interested in being involved and active throughout the SGMA and Groundwater Sustainability Planning process. We have attended some of the outreach meetings hosted by Siskiyou County, which has helped the community and water users become more informed of the requirements of SGMA, and the District's approach to sustainability planning and management.

The Nature Conservancy is very interested and invested in the groundwater management within the County. We understand the need and importance of managing these resources from a local perspective, and believe that the District will be able to meet all the requirements of SGMA, and the needs of the water users and citizens of Siskiyou County. We feel that one of the first actions that the District should take is to seek a boundary modification in the Shasta Valley, which would include the fractured rock aquifers in the eastern portion of the valley. Ground water springs that rise in this area contribute more than 80% of surface water flows in the Shasta River during the April-October irrigation season. Therefore, protections on groundwater use in this area also protect the water rights of ranchers and farmers that divert agricultural water from the Shasta River, and additionally safeguards the river ecosystem.

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We look forward to working with you and the District throughout the Groundwater Sustainability Planning process. If you have any questions, you may call Chris Babcock of The Nature Conservancy at 926-4386 or write to cbabcock@tnc.org

Sincerely,

Amy Campbell, Shasta River Project Director

The Nature Conservancy