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Re: Support for Regional Block Grant to Department of Conservation Multi-benefit Land Repurposing Program for "Recharging and Rewilding the Sacramento Valley"

The Solano County Board of Supervisors supports the request by the Dixon and Solano Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) and the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for funds from the Department of Conservation for *Recharging and Rewilding the Sacramento Valley*. The RCDs and the GSA are coordinating with the Regional California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) to apply for the Regional Block Grant to further Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) efforts in the Sacramento Valley. The proposal will support the Solano Subbasin GSA members' efforts to implement the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), which includes targeted management actions in the northern portion of the Solano Subbasin, in order to help achieve sustainability goals.

Funding through this proposal will initiate piloting an integrated watershed approach in the northwestern Solano Subbasin area to refine and evaluate groundwater use, as identified in the Solano Subbasin GSP. Proposed actions include: coordinating with local agencies, landowners, and agricultural producers to identify priority actions to aid drainage and groundwater recharge in the area; conduct focused well and groundwater evaluations to help refine local groundwater use; and to assess other potential GSA member-supported pilot projects for implementation.

The proposed program will allow the RCDs, the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA), and Solano Subbasin GSA member agencies to further refine GSP implementation efforts and to meaningfully involve landowners and growers in the planning and project management selection process.

The local RCDs, including Dixon and Solano RCD, are coordinating with the Solano Subbasin GSA member agencies, SCWA, and private landowners on the proposed project with the goal to increase water resource resiliency in our region. In addition, the Project is consistent with Solano County's Legislative Platform priorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez", written over a blue circular stamp or seal.

John M. Vasquez, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

cc: Kelly Huff, District Manager, Dixon Resource Conservation District
Chris Rose, Executive Director, Solano Resource Conservation District
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